OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO:

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

Gordon Medenica, Director

FROM:

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Principal Counsel

DATE:

January 14, 2020

SUBJECT:

Report for the Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in the Office of the Attorney General.

I. Contracts, Human Resources, and Administrative

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public events.
- ii. Reviewed several contracts for the Marketing Division.
- iii. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and assisted Staff in resolving several issues.
- iv. Filed several liens against retailers on behalf of the AFO Division.
- v. Assisted Staff in ongoing procurement issues.

b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>

- i. Assist Staff with matters related to contracts and personnel.
- ii. Assist Staff with responding to subpoenas issued by the District Court of Maryland, for records pertaining to a lottery retailer.
- iii. Assisted Staff with responding to Public Information Act requests from:
 (1) an individual seeking information pertaining to scratch-off winners;
 (2) an individual seeking information pertaining to prices and numerical identifiers of scratch-off tickets; (3) a State agency seeking information about lottery sales by county or zip code; and (4) an individual seeking information about contracts awarded for the lottery and gaming central monitoring systems.

c. Issues:

i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several requests from Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games.
- ii. Reviewed several new XCAP Agreements.
- iii. Reviewed several promotions from Product Development.
- iv. Reviewed several contracts for Lottery sponsorship and advertising campaigns.

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- v. Continued to assist Creative Services and Communications Divisions in developing and implementing the My Lottery Rewards Program with ongoing reviews and revisions of license agreements.
- vi. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers that the Agency intends to revoke their retailer licenses.
- vii. Worked with staff on preparing documentation for sole source for James Bond 007 instant ticket lottery game.
- viii. Worked with Staff on matters related to implementing coupons.
 - ix. Worked with Staff on matters related to implementation of Fast Play.
 - x. Assisted Staff in revising affidavit templates for promotions.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff as needed on working with the Mega Millions Consortium on issues related to exploring use of the Mega Million trademark in international sales.
- ii. Continue to work with Staff on reviewing the website and other documentation for implementing Fast Play.
- iii. Continue to work with Staff on implementing coupons.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

III. Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Assisted Staff with reviewing gaming-related legislation that may be proposed during the 2020 session of the General Assembly.
- iii. In the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, filed the administrative record for an individual's petition for judicial review of the termination of a temporary license.
- iv. Awaiting a decision in the hearing held at OAH on November 19, concerning the recommended revocation of a gaming video lottery employee license.
- v. In the Circuit Court for Howard County, filed the Commission's response to a petition for judicial review of the termination of a temporary license.

b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**

- i. Continue to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with reviewing gaming-related legislation that may be proposed during the 2020 session of the General Assembly.
- iii. In the case pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, file an appropriate pleading in response to the individual's memorandum, or her failure to file the required memorandum.
- iv. Assist Staff with reviewing specific recommended revocations where individuals have requested hearings.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

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IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. N/A
- b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:
 - i. Work with Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.
- c. Issues:
 - i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. N/A
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:
 - i. Work with Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of skills-based amusement devices and amusement gaming licenses.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competition

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. N/A
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:
 - i. N/A
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A