OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO:

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

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FROM:

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DATE:

February 18, 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 addressing several issues.
- iv. Filed several liens against retailers on behalf of the AFO Division.
- v. Assisted Staff in ongoing procurement issues.
- vi. Assisted Staff with responding to a Public Information Act request from an individual seeking information about contracts awarded for the VLT central monitoring system.
- vii. Assisted Staff with reviewing legislation proposed during the 2020 session of the General Assembly that may impact the Agency.

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

- i. Continue to assist Staff with matters related to contracts and personnel.
- ii. Assist Staff with responding to two subpoenas issued by the District Court of Maryland, for records pertaining to a lottery retailer.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff with reviewing proposed legislation that may impact the Agency.

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. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers that the Agency intends to revoke their retailer licenses.

- vi. Worked with staff on preparing documentation for sole source for James Bond 007 instant ticket lottery game.
- vii. Worked with Staff on matters related to implementation of Fast Play, including reviewing the website.
- viii. Worked with Staff on updating My Lottery Rewards Terms of Use and the Official Rules and Conditions of Eligibility to permit merchandise rewards, clarify state obligations being paid by cash awarded in Trip Prizes, and for Fast Play inclusion.

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. Work with Staff as needed concerning new promotions, tickets, games, and licenses.

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.
- Received a favorable decision upholding the revocation of a gaming video lottery employee license in the hearing held at OAH on November 19, 2020.
- iii. Stipulated to the dismissal of a case in the Circuit Court for Howard County pertaining to the petition for judicial review of the termination of a temporary license, which ended the case.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. In a case pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County pertaining to the termination of a temporary license, file a motion to dismiss based on the petitioner's failure to timely file a required memorandum.
- iii. Assist Staff with preparing for a hearing scheduled for March 11, 2020, at OAH concerning the recommended revocation of a gaming video lottery employee license.
- iv. Assist Staff with preparing for four hearings that were referred to OAH arising out of the same investigation and concerning the recommended revocation of four gaming video lottery employees.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

Key accomplishments last period:

i. N/A

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

i. Work with Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. Identified to Staff an establishment that was not properly registered, so that it could be registered.
- b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:
 - 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