

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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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 Marketing and Corporate Sales Divisions, and a contract for IT-related services.
- ii. Assisted the Human Resources Division in addressing several employment issues.
- iii. Assisted Staff in ongoing procurement issues.
- iv. Assisted Staff with responding to Public Information Act requests for: (1) information concerning recommended video lottery employee license revocations that were referred for hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings; and (2) a request for the Agency's plans for reopening the State's casinos.
- v. Reviewed new laws passed during the abbreviated 2020 session of the General Assembly for impact on the Agency.
- vi. Assisted Staff with issues related to operational impacts on the Agency and Commission caused by the advance of COVID-19.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with matters related to contracts and personnel.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with reviewing new laws that may impact the Agency.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff with issues related to operational impacts on the Agency caused by the advance of COVID-19.

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 promotions from Product Development.

- iii. Reviewed several contracts for Lottery sponsorship and advertising campaigns.
- iv. Worked with Staff on temporary changes to My Lottery Rewards individual Procedures to accommodate changes due to COVID-19 stay-at-home restrictions.
- v. Worked with Staff on drafting proposed regulation amendments that would clarify that a player may redeem a Lottery prize at a player-activated terminal, and that retailers must activate a ticket pack before selling tickets from it. The Chief Operating Officer will present the proposed amendments.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Assist Staff as needed with Lottery-related issues that may arise as the State reopens.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Work with Staff as needed concerning new promotions, tickets, games, and licenses.
- iv. Continue to assist Staff on a contract for research services related to responsible gambling.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

III. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Awaiting a decision in the hearing held at OAH on March 11, 2020, concerning the recommended revocation of a video lottery employee license.
- iii. Assisted Staff with reviewing the casinos' annual proposed amendments to the gaming regulations.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Assist Staff with casino-related issues associated with reopening the State's casinos, and continue to assist Staff with enforcement and licensing issues.
- ii. Assist Staff with preparing for six video lottery employee license revocation hearings that were referred to OAH. The OAH rescheduled all six hearings to June and July due to its schedule changes in the wake of the pandemic.
- iii. Assist Staff with drafting proposed regulations to clarify the Licensing Division's processing of employment changes for video lottery employee licensees employed by casinos.
- iv. Continue to assist Staff with reviewing and drafting proposed amendments to the gaming regulations.
- v. Assist Staff with changes to the Voluntary Exclusion Program application.

- c. **Issues:**
 - i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

- 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 electronic gaming devices.
- c. **Issues:**
 - i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

- a. **Key accomplishments last period:**
 - i. Assisted Staff in drafting a proposed corrective amendment to the amusement gaming license regulations, which the Managing Director of Gaming will present at the June Commission meeting.
- 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. **Issues:**
 - i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competition

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