

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

Larry Hogan, Governor • John Martin, Director



Montgomery Park Business Center
1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 330
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Tel: 410-230-8800
TTY users call Maryland Relay
www.mdlottery.com

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
John Martin, Director

FROM: James Butler, Assistant Deputy Director, Chief of Staff

DEPARTMENTS: Government Relations and Human Resources

DATE: October 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Report for the October 2021 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing topics in Government Relations and Human Resources for October.

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (“SWARC”) has decided to postpone its scheduled meeting on October 14. The SWARC would have acknowledged receipt of Director Martin’s October 7 transmittal of the three qualified applicants for sports wagering licenses: Horseshoe Casino, Baltimore; Live! Casino & Hotel, Hanover; and MGM National Harbor, Oxon Hill. At the SWARC’s September 21 virtual meeting, SWARC members were introduced to representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Office of Minority Business Enterprise, and the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs who will be assisting and coordinating with them on small, minority and women-owned business matters. In addition, SWARC received presentations from the Maryland Department of Commerce, the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, and the SWARC consultant advisor, Taft Stettinius & Hollister.

On September 22, the Agency hosted a public meeting in the auditorium at the Montgomery Park Business Center to receive comments on the proposed sports wagering regulations that were published in the August 27 edition of the *Maryland Register*. The public comment period on these proposed regulations ran from August 27 to September 27, and the Agency plans to complete its review of the public comments, make changes as necessary, and submit its final action on the proposed regulations for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

II. HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS

The Human Resources (HR) Department continues to notify Agency employees and third-parties of individuals testing positive for COVID-19, and arranging for the appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of the work areas.

HR continues to work with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on the posting of vacancy announcements for various positions within the Agency. These recruitments are at different stages of the application and hiring process. In addition, HR is working with DBM to begin the process of solidifying the various sports wagering related positions within the Agency.