OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

- TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission John Martin, Director, MLGCA
- FROM: Holly K. Citko, Assistant Attorney General KC Principal Counsel
- DATE: December 7, 2021

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. <u>Key accomplishments last period:</u>

- i. Assisted Staff with human resources, procurement and contractual issues.
- ii. Resolved two personnel matters without the need for an administrative hearing, which were originally scheduled for November 18 and 19.
- Prepared and presented the Agency's position at an OAH hearing on December 6 regarding an employee disciplinary matter. The hearing will continue in January.
- iv. Assisted Staff with the Agency's response to one Public Information Act request.
- v. Assisted Staff in amending an MOU delegating certain contested cases to the Office of Administrative Hearings, which will be presented for Commission approval on December 16.

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

- i. For the federal suit alleging race and gender discrimination, prepare the Agency's Reply to a former employee's Response to the Agency's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment, which is currently due December 17.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff as described above, as needed.
- iii. Assist Staff with voluntary exclusion issues, as needed.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several promotions and requests from Product Development relating to new scratch-off and Fast Play games.
- ii. Assisted Staff with sponsorship agreements for Communications.
- iii. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers of potential license revocations, reviewing liens and other issues related to retailers' outstanding Central Collections Unit debts.
- iv. Assisted Staff with reviewing new XCAP agreements and renewal applications.

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

- i. Continue to assist Staff on issues described above, as needed.
- ii. Continue to work with Staff on reissuing new checks to retailers whose previous State issued checks were unpresented and have expired, as needed.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

III. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Assisted Staff in preparing a proposed amendment to a table game regulation, which the Commission approved on December 6.

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

- i. Assist Staff with responding to subpoenas for records pertaining to an individual on the mandatory exclusion list.
- ii. In a case pending in the Circuit Court for Allegany County related to the termination of a temporary license, prepare necessary pleadings and represent the Commission.
- iii. In a case pending in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County related to the denial of a license, prepare necessary pleadings and represent the Commission.
- iv. Continue to assist Staff updating license applications for use in both gaming and sports wagering, and assist Staff with enforcement, licensing, and voluntary exclusion issues, as needed.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. N/A

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

i. Continue to assist Staff as needed in regulating 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. N/A
- b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>
 - i. N/A
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competitions

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. N/A
- b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>
 - i. Continue to assist Staff with implementing requirements for operators to submit taxes and forms.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

VII. Sports Wagering

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Assisted Staff in implementing the sports wagering law, including responding to questions and preparing documents related to license applications.
- ii. Assisted Staff in reviewing public comments on the proposed regulations, and preparing non-substantive changes to the regulations, which the Commission approved on December 2.
- iii. Assisted Staff in preparing for the qualification hearings of two applicants for sports wagering facility licenses and one applicant for a sports wagering facility operator license. The Commission qualified all three applicants on December 2.
- iv. Assisted Staff in preparing amendments to the proposed regulations, to be presented by the Deputy Director on December 16.

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

- i. Continue to assist Staff reviewing license application forms, and with licensing and qualification matters, as needed.
- ii. Provide assistance to Staff in their work with SWARC, if needed.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A.