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SUBJECT: Report for the December 2021 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (“SWARC”) held a meeting on December 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., to discuss the qualified application materials from Riverboat on the Potomac located in Colonial Beach, VA, and Long Shot’s located in Frederick, and to consider awarding sports wagering facility licenses to these two locations. The SWARC voted to award the licenses to Riverboat and Long Shot’s and will transmit its decision statements to the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (MLGCC) for its issuance of the licenses to these two locations.

On December 2, MLGCC approved the non-substantive changes to the proposed sports wagering regulations that were published in the August 27 edition of the *Maryland Register*. These non-substantive changes should be published in the January 3 edition of the *Maryland Register*, and become effective on January 13, which will allow the current emergency regulations expire by operation of law. On December 16, the Agency will present to the MLGCC its substantive changes to the proposed sports wagering regulations. These substantive changes will be submitted to the *Maryland Register* as both emergency and proposed actions.

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 arranged for the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to conduct the Agency’s mandatory sexual harassment training, with the first session scheduled for January 6, 2022.

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.