

MARYLAND LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION JULY 20, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 20, 2023

TIME: 9:15 a.m.

PLACE: Maryland Lottery and Gaming
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Chair E. Randolph Marriner
Vice Chair George L. Doetsch, Jr.
Commissioner Diane M. Croghan
Commissioner Harold E. Hodges
Commissioner James J. Stakem
Commissioner Jerry Williams

John Martin, Director
James Nielsen, Deputy Director, Chief Operating Officer
James Butler, Assistant Deputy Director, Chief of Staff
John Mooney, Managing Director, Regulatory Oversight
Seth Elkin, Managing Director, Communications
Holly Citko, Principal Counsel, Attorney General's Office
Jennifer Tosky, Deputy Counsel, Attorney General's Office

OTHERS: Representatives for Maryland Stadium Sub

RECORDER'S NOTE

Technical difficulties were experienced at the start of the meeting unbeknownst to the Commissioners until about 9:08 a.m. The technical issue was resolved and at 9:15 a.m. the meeting started anew.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Chair Marriner announced that there was a quorum present for the meeting. Also present by roll call via video conference were: Vice Chair George Doetsch, and Commissioners Diane Croghan, Harold Hodges, James Stakem, and Jerry Williams. Commissioner Vernon Boozer was not present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marriner thanked everyone for attending on such short notice so that they could share important information. Chair Marriner called the meeting of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. noting that they had some technical difficulties.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Marriner reported that the Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Vice Chair Doetsch motioned to approve, Commissioner Stakem seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Marriner announced there was just one item to be presented. Mr. John Mooney thanked the Commission for joining the meeting on short notice. Mr. Mooney then proceeded with his informational item for the Commission.

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

Managing Director, Regulatory Oversight – John Mooney

Commission Informational Item – Sale of Commanders Football Team – Continuity of Retail and Mobile Sports Wagering Operations

Mr. Mooney reported the Commission agenda item was in regard to the two licenses issued to Maryland Stadium Sub (MSS). MLGCA wanted to advise the Commission regarding licensee MSS and the sale of the Washington Commanders NFL Team to the Harris Group. The NFL owners are expected to approve the sale on July 20, which is today. The transaction is expected to close July 21. MLGCA is providing this information in advance of the transaction for transparency purposes. The Commission has issued a Class A-1 sports wagering facility license and a mobile sports wagering facility license to the outgoing owner of the Commanders and the stadium at which they play. The Sports Wagering Law requires that the facility (retail) license be held by the owner of the Prince George's County Stadium or its designee. The designee is Maryland Stadium Sub, which holds both licenses. The Commanders owner, Dan Snyder, is the sole principal of MSS. After the transaction closes, Mr. Snyder will no longer be associated with the Commanders or MSS. Joshua Harris, who is currently qualified by the Commission, will take control of MSS. Two other individuals will also own greater than 5% interest in MSS, but will not have any control of MSS and will not take any sports wagering profits until such time that each is qualified by the Commission. NFL prohibits the disclosure of documents related to the sale of the Commanders until after the transaction closes. There is a desire to ensure continuity of sports wagering operations under both

licenses after the transaction closes. MSS holds the two sports wagering licenses. It will continue to conduct sports wagering under Mr. Harris' control. Mr. Harris has been found qualified by the Commission. Agency staff will investigate the transaction and present its findings to the Commission for approval as soon as possible, in accordance with State Government Article § 9-1A-19, Annotated Code of Md.

Chair Marriner asked Commissioner Hodges for the question he had for Mr. Mooney before the technical difficulties were discovered. Commissioner Hodges said that he assumed this informational session was occurring to inform the Commission that the sale is taking place. He then asked if the Commission was to assume that the licenses currently with the property owner, Dan Snyder, will automatically go to Joshua Harris, if he becomes the owner of those licenses or is he transferring what he had from Philadelphia to Washington.

Mr. Mooney said MSS is the licensee. Mr. Harris will own MSS, and he is qualified by the Commission. In the future, MLGCA will do a complete investigation of the two owners and the transaction, but since MSS is the license holder and that will stay whole, the transaction can happen.

Commissioner Hodges asked if after MLGCA has done its due diligence, the Commission would have a chance to review, discuss and consider the transaction or will it be parallel.

Mr. Mooney replied that a complete background investigation of the transaction will occur and will be provided to the Commission. As MSS remains the licensee, the transaction itself will happen tomorrow. Once the investigation is complete, it is only the sale of MSS that is being investigated, as the sale of the Washington Commanders is not in MLGCA's jurisdiction.

Chair Marriner noted that it was important that the Commission got together today for this informational meeting so they would be aware of the transaction before the fact as opposed to after the fact. He then thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting today.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for the Commission to go into a closed session.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marriner adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John Martin
Director