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STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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PRESENTER: John J. Mooney, Managing Director, Regulatory Oversight

DATE OF MEETING: August 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: **Renewal of Sports Wagering Facility Operator License
American Wagering, Inc.: Horseshoe Casino's Sportsbook Operator**

ISSUE SUMMARY: Hearing on the proposed renewal of American Wagering, Inc.'s (American Wagering) Sports Wagering Facility Operator License. American Wagering is the sports wagering facility operator for Horseshoe Casino's sportsbook.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED: Following the hearing on the renewal of American Wagering's sports wagering facility operator license, and upon any review and discussion, Staff recommends the Commission entertains motions to:

- 1) Find that American Wagering has established by clear and convincing evidence its qualifications for renewal of its Sports Wagering Facility Operator License for a 5-year term in accordance with SG § 9-1E-07(c), COMAR 36.10.03.06, and COMAR 36.10.06.03;
- 2) As provided in COMAR 36.10.03.06B, "the Commission shall renew the license if the licensee:
 - a. Establishes, by clear and convincing evidence, that the licensee meets applicable license qualification requirements;
 - b. Submits to a background investigation as required by the Commission;
 - c. Reimburses the Commission for all costs associated with the background investigation; and
 - d. Pays the required license renewal fee"; and
- 3) Direct Staff to draft a Decision Statement on the qualification of American Wagering, Inc. for the renewal of its Sports Wagering Facility Operator License and Order for the license renewal term to commence upon the expiration of its current license and to begin on November 4, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that the Commission grant each motion sought after the hearing.