

Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC)

Tom Brandt, Chairman

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting**

Agenda

I. Opening Remarks

II. Introductions – Consultant and Consulting State Agencies

- Taft Stettinius & Hollister, consulting advisor (see attached memo)
 - Kimberly M. Copp, co-chair of Taft’s Gaming Industry Group
 - Cezar (“Cid”) M. Froelich, chair of Taft’s Chicago office
- Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) Office of Minority Business Enterprise:
 - R. Earl Lewis, Jr. – Deputy Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services
 - Tracie Watkins Rhodes – Director, Small Minority Business Policy
 - Sabrina Bass – Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise
 - Cheryl Brown-Whitfield, Principal Counsel for MDOT
- Maryland Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs
 - Chantal B. Kai-Lewis, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs
 - Gerald A. Stinnett, Video Lottery Terminal Compliance Manager
- Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (MLGCA)
 - John A. Martin, Director of MLGCA
- Maryland Office of Attorney General (OAG)
 - Zenita Wickham Hurley, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights in OAG

III. Sports Wagering eLicensing Platform Launch Update – MLGCA

- John A. Martin, Director of MLGCA

IV. Highlights of Sports Wagering Operation Compliance Obligations

- Matthew Bennett, Department of Legislative Services

V. Proposed Uses of the Small, Minority-Owned Business Sports Wagering Assistance Fund – Department of Commerce

- Darla M. Garrett, Director, Finance Programs Accounting & Administration

VI. Legal Standards for Race- and Gender-conscious Government Programs

- Zenita Wickham Hurley, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights in OAG
- Cheryl Brown-Whitfield, Principal Counsel for MDOT

In Closed Session: Question and Answers

ACTION ITEM:

Motion of SWARC to meet in Closed Session for the purposes of obtaining legal counsel regarding legal standards for race- and gender-conscious government programs, pursuant to General Provisions Art., § 3-305(b)(7).

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

VII. Next Steps for Taft

- Discussion regarding information SWARC would like the consultant to provide at the next meeting

VIII. Closing Remarks, Next Meeting/Action Schedule, and Future Commission Activities

IX. Adjourn