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SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION (SWARC)

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1800 Washington Boulevard  
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11:00 a.m. - 11:35

PRESENT FROM SWARC:

JAMES BUTLER, Managing Director, Organizational  
Compliance

JAMES NEILSON, Deputy Director, COO

THOMAS BRANDT, JR., SWARC Chairman

ERIC DELFOSSE, Assistant Attorney General

ALSO PRESENT:

GERALD STINNETT, GOSBA  
MARUTHI PRASAD, Riverboat  
CHARLES HOPKINS, Hamilton Hall  
BILL ORDINE, GDC Group  
IRA RAINNESS, STSW  
DEREK Lee U Balt Law  
ARTHUR ROBINSON, FCS, Inc.  
LIA ANDERSON, FCS, Inc.  
KERRY WATSON, MGM,  
LESLY FELIZ,  
ANTONIO JONES, Riverboat  
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6 podium to speak that you speak slowly and clearly so  
7 that the court reporter can capture your name for the  
8 record.

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10 doors. And as soon as you go through you will make a  
11 sharp right and you will see the bathrooms there.  
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13 Montgomery Park. If you have to smoke, you must do so  
14 outside the building.

15 With me at the table are various members of  
16 the Maryland Lottery Gaming Control Agency and the  
17 SWARC. So I would like those individuals to please  
18 introduce themselves for the record.

19 MR. NIELSON: Hi. I'm Jim Nielson. I'm the  
20 deputy director, chief operating officer of the Lottery  
21 Gaming Agency.

1           MR. BRANDT: I'm Tom Brandt. I'm the  
2 volunteer chairman of the Sports Wagering Application  
3 Review Commission.

4           MR. DELFOSSE: Eric Delfosse, assistant  
5 attorney general assigned to the Maryland Lottery  
6 Gaming Control Agency.

7           MR. BUTLER: Thank you, gentlemen. In my  
8 capacity as facilitator for today's meeting, I'm acting  
9 on behalf of the SWARC with respect to gathering  
10 comments from the public on the proposed sports  
11 wagering regulations. Staff will be reporting comments  
12 back to the full SWARC, and those comments will be  
13 synthesized and published, again, on the SWARC website.  
14 Anyone who is submitting comments could do those orally  
15 today or in writing, or through the SWARC portal, or  
16 through the United States mail.

17           The purpose of this public meeting is to  
18 provide you, the members of the public, with an  
19 opportunity to comment on SWARC's proposed sports  
20 wagering regulations, which SWARC ultimately seeks to  
21 promulgate in the Code of Maryland Regulations. The

1 proposed regulations are located in Title 36, Subtitle  
2 11, Chapters 01 through 02. And they were published in  
3 the *Maryland Register* on August 26, 2022, in Volume 49,  
4 Issue 18, pages 846-854.

5 On Friday, September 2, the Maryland General  
6 Assembly's joint committee on Administrative Executive  
7 and Legislative Review, better known as AELR, approved  
8 the SWARC's request for an emergency adoption of these  
9 proposed sports wagering regulations. Which means now  
10 that the emergency regulations are now in effect,  
11 starting September 2nd and ending March 3rd, 2023.  
12 Until the proposed regulations had been fully  
13 promulgated, which means submitted for final action and  
14 published in the *Maryland Register*, the SWARC emergency  
15 regulations will remain in effect until March 3, 2023,  
16 or until superceded by adoption of the SWARC's final  
17 action on these prposed regulations.

18 As of today SWARC has received a few comments  
19 to its regulations. If you have already submitted or  
20 will submit written comments today, please refrain from  
21 providing oral testimony on what has been or what will

1 be submitted in writing, as you will only be repeating  
2 what has already been written. And this will eliminate  
3 the duplication of comments that we will synthesize for  
4 the SWARC members. Also if someone has provided a  
5 comment addressing one of your concerns, please refrain  
6 from repeating the same comment over and over again. I  
7 leave that to your judgment to decide.

8 Please note that neither I, nor Chairman  
9 Brandt, or any of the staff here will be responding  
10 orally or in writing to any comments made today.  
11 Again, our role is to gather comments received and  
12 present those comments to the full SWARC so it can take  
13 the comments under advisement and decide if an  
14 amendment is needed to a regulation before the proposed  
15 regulations are submitted for final action.

16 Also, please be advised that this public  
17 meeting is subject to the Open Meetings Act, which is  
18 found in COMAR 36.01.02.03, which means they'll be no  
19 disruptive conduct or activity. Your comments will be  
20 limited to three minutes on each regulation. So if you  
21 look in front, there is a timer here. It will count

1 down once you introduce yourselves for the record. And  
2 at the end it will flash red, your time is up.

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11 considered part of the official public record of this  
12 meeting. The audio recording from today's meeting is  
13 the official recording of today's meeting. And, again,  
14 that will be posted after we conclude today.

15 To make sure that we're all on the same page,  
16 we provided copies of the *Maryland Register*. I'm going  
17 to be starting on page 848 of the *Maryland Register*  
18 with 36.11.01, the general provisions. And we're going  
19 to proceed in this fashion. There are seven pages of  
20 proposed SWARC regulations. I will start with the  
21 first regulation that I mentioned in the *Maryland*

1     *Register*, Chapter 01. And then I'll ask if there are  
2     any comments on Regulation 01. If there are no further  
3     comments on Regulation 01, then I'll move to Regulation  
4     02. And then we'll proceed in that same fashion with  
5     Chapter 2 and the 19 regulations that fall under  
6     Chapter 2.

7             After receiving all comments on all these  
8     regulations, I will ask one further time if there are  
9     any additional comments for the record. Proceeding in  
10    this fashion will help SWARC understand the specific  
11    public comments pertaining to each regulation in a  
12    logical and organized format. So if you note in the  
13    regulation there is the regulation itself, it's bolded,  
14    like in Regulation 01, Scope. And then under that you  
15    have the different sections A and B, C, D, and you have  
16    subsections under that. So just guide us to your  
17    particular comment in the regulation.

18            Again, thank you in advance for understanding  
19    and acknowledging today's meeting procedures. We  
20    appreciate everyone's attendance. And with that, let's  
21    go ahead and begin.



1 Regulation 36.11.01, General Provisions,  
2 Regulation 01, Scope. Are there any comments on  
3 Regulation 01, Scope?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
6 are no comments on Regulation 01, Scope.

7 Moving to Regulation 02, Definitions.

8 MR. ROBINSON: Should I --

9 MR. BUTLER: Yes. Please come to the podium,  
10 state your name for the record. If you have a business  
11 card, you can give the court reporter your business  
12 card after your comments.

13 MR. ROBINSON: Good morning. First of all, I  
14 would like to say thank you very much to SWARC as well  
15 as the MLGCA and GCC for all the hard work you guys  
16 have put in. We definitely appreciate it.

17 My first comment is under 02, Definitions. I  
18 guess this would be Subsection 15, where it says SWARC  
19 application fee means the nonrefundable, blah, blah,  
20 blah. In this provision we have the fees for Class 1,  
21 I'm sorry, Class B-1, we have the fees for Class B-2,

1 and we have the fees for the mobile licensing. My  
2 issue that I want to bring to your attention is that  
3 the \$500,000 fee for mobile license is nonrefundable.  
4 And the \$500,000 fee for mobile license cuts across all  
5 mobile licenses no matter the size. So my comment to  
6 that would be fees should be refunded if a license is  
7 not granted. And if Class B-2 fees are one-fifth of  
8 Class B-1, the same should be true for mobile  
9 licensing. And this seems unfair. So by my  
10 suggestion, I believe that mobile should be broken up  
11 into different classes also, where a Class 1 should be  
12 businesses with 50 or more full-time equivalents, and  
13 six million or more in annual gross. Anything under  
14 that should be -- that level should be at the 500,000  
15 Class B-2. Anything less than 50 employees or six  
16 million dollars annual gross receipts should be fees of  
17 \$100,000. That's my comment on that section.

18 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

19 Are there any additional comments on  
20 Regulation 02, Definitions?

21 (No response.)

1 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
2 are no additional comments on Regulation 02,  
3 Definitions.

4 Moving to 36.11.02, All Applicants and  
5 Awardees. Regulation 01, Scope. Are there any  
6 comments on Regulation 01, Scope?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
9 are no comments on Regulation 01, Scope.  
10 Regulation 02, General?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
13 are no comments on Regulation 02, General.

14 Regulation 03, Separate Applications and  
15 Fees. Mr. Robinson?

16 MR. ROBINSON: Yes. Arthur Robinson. Same  
17 comment as before. The \$500,000 should be refundable  
18 if the license is not granted.

19 MR. BUTLER: Any additional comments on  
20 Regulation 03, Separate Applications and Fees?

21 (No response.)

1 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
2 are no further comments on Regulation 03.

3 Regulation 04, Process for the Submission of  
4 Applications and Fees.

5 MR. ROBINSON: Same comment as before,  
6 \$500,000 should be refundable, and the fees should be  
7 refunded if the license is not granted.

8 MR. BUTLER: Are there any additional  
9 comments on Regulation 04?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. BUTLER: Moving to Regulation 05,  
12 Submission of Commission Application.

13 (No response.)

14 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
15 are no comments on Regulation 05, Submission of  
16 Commission Application.

17 Moving to page 850, Regulation 06, Submission  
18 of SWARC Application. Mr. Robinson?

19 MR. ROBINSON: Five hundred thousand dollars  
20 should be refundable if the license is not granted.  
21 And I have the same comment on the next section, which

1 is Section 7.

2 MR. BUTLER: That's fine. We'll note it for  
3 the record.

4 Are there any additional comments on  
5 Regulation 06, Submission of SWARC Application?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
8 are no additional comments on Regulation 06.

9 Regulation 07, SWARC Application --  
10 Determination of Ineligibility?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
13 are no additional comments on Regulation 07.

14 Regulation 08, Requirements for a Completed  
15 SWARC Application. Mr. Robinson?

16 MR. ROBINSON: Subsection 3, it says, if  
17 applicable, contain information pertaining to the  
18 applicant's efforts to solicit and interview minority  
19 and women investors as set forth in this regulation.  
20 The issue is that this should be a requirement, and the  
21 language of "if applicable" and "efforts" doesn't seem

1 to make it a requirement. It makes it if, you know,  
2 you can get around to it.

3 The other issue I have is I guess Subsection  
4 "A" where you talk about experience and operation of  
5 sports wagering. We believe that --

6 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Robinson, which --

7 MR. ROBINSON: Oh, we're still on 8.

8 MR. BUTLER: You're still under 8. But are  
9 you

10 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, 8.14(a).

11 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

12 MR. ROBINSON: Sorry about that.

13 MR. BUTLER: No problem.

14 MR. ROBINSON: And this says experience in  
15 operation of sports wagering. We believe that this  
16 should not be a criteria for rejection. No one in  
17 Maryland has experience in Maryland. Once you get a  
18 license, then you can recruit out-of-state talent with  
19 experience. This -- so that's our comment on that.

20 We also have a comment on Subsection 15,  
21 where you talk about business plans for five years. We

1 also believe that this should not be a criteria for  
2 rejection, because a business plan can be highly  
3 subjective and may be fiscally skewed.

4 Subsection F, under Requirements --

5 MR. BUTLER: Hold on one second, Mr.  
6 Robinson.

7 MR. ROBINSON: I'm sorry.

8 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Continue.

9 MR. ROBINSON: Subsection F, Requirements for  
10 Applicants Seeking Investors. I guess Subsection 1 of  
11 Subsection F, says as required by State Government  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland, if the applicant sought  
13 investors. Once again, the language seems not very  
14 requirement-oriented with the language that says "if  
15 applicant sought investors in good faith efforts." We  
16 believe that it should be a requirement.

17 Also, Subsection C, under -- I guess it's  
18 same thing "F," -- it would be -- I'm sorry. I'm  
19 sorry. It would be G2(c).

20 MR. BUTLER: Your time is up. I'm sorry.

21 MR. ROBINSON: Okay. But this is a separate

1 --

2 MR. BUTLER: You're still on Regulation 8.  
3 You can submit those in writing, the remainder.

4 MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

5 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Are there any additional  
6 comments on Regulation 08?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
9 are no additional comments on Regulation 08.

10 Regulation 09, Required Submission of  
11 Additional Documents.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
14 are no comments on Regulation 09.

15 Regulation 10, Limitation on Changing a SWARC  
16 Application -- Change Circumstance.

17 (No response.)

18 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
19 are no comments on Regulation 10.

20 Regulation 11, Limitation on Changing a SWARC  
21 Application -- Omission or Mistake. Mr. Robinson?



1 MR. ROBINSON: I was waiting for number 12.

2 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Are there any additional  
3 comments on Regulation 11?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
6 are no additional comments on Regulation 11.

7 Regulation 12, Withdrawal of Application.

8 MR. ROBINSON: Five hundred thousand dollar  
9 fee should be refundable if application is withdrawn  
10 prior to being granted.

11 MR. BUTLER: Is that it, Mr. Robinson?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Oh, yeah. Yeah, I'm waiting  
13 for 13.

14 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Are there any additional  
15 comments on Regulation 12?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
18 are no additional comments on Regulation 12.

19 Regulation 13, Evaluation of Applications.

20 MR. ROBINSON: Regulation 13, we have an  
21 issue with not the criteria itself, but the regulation

1 says that --

2 MR. BUTLER: Can you direct us to where you  
3 want -- which portion of 13, which section, A, B, C --

4 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah. Well, right now I'm  
5 just in the first part, where it says " based upon the  
6 following criteria, in no particular order and with no  
7 particular weight assigned."

8 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

9 MR. ROBINSON: We believe that there should  
10 be a definitive point system with detailed  
11 explanations, kind of like RFPs, escorting the  
12 criteria.

13 Section E, under that, under 13, once again,  
14 it speaks to if applicant sought investors in good  
15 faith efforts. We believe it should be a requirement.  
16 And the "if" language in good-faith efforts isn't  
17 strong enough language for requirements.

18 MR. BUTLER: Any additional comments on  
19 regulation 13?

20 MR. ROBINSON: No, sir.

21 MR. BUTLER: Are there any additional

1 comments on Regulation 13, Evaluation of Applications?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. BUTLER: Moving to page 853. Regulation  
4 14, License Award Decision. Mr. Robinson?

5 MR. ROBINSON: Yes. Under "F," Subsection 3,  
6 it says "the awardee may not transfer the award to  
7 another person." We were just wondering, does that  
8 mean that the license are not -- I'm sorry. Does that  
9 mean that the license are not transferrable? And is  
10 this forever, or is there a time period that they will  
11 be transferrable?

12 And we also have a comment on Section J,  
13 Subsection J, to 14. And the comment there is, it says  
14 "If SWARC does not award all available licenses, SWARC  
15 may, in its sole discretion, offer unawarded, available  
16 licenses through a subsequent competitive process as  
17 outlined in the sports wagering law." I -- we believe  
18 that this may be a win/win for everybody, including the  
19 small minority women-owned businesses. Because if we  
20 are successful in getting you guys to make two  
21 different categories, no one is trying to slow up those

1 people who are willing to pay the \$500,000. But if all  
2 60 licenses aren't granted at that time, I don't see  
3 why there can't be another competitive licensing for a  
4 smaller price, for a smaller minority and women-owned  
5 businesses for the mobile licensing at the less than 50  
6 employees and six million dollar annual revenue, I  
7 guess mark that I mentioned before.

8 MR. BUTLER: Okay. Are there any additional  
9 comments on Regulation 14, License Award Decision?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
12 are no additional comments on Regulation 14.

13 Regulation 15, Surrender of License Award.

14 (No response.)

15 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
16 are no comments on Regulation 15.

17 Regulation 16, Licence Awards -- Surrendered,  
18 Lapsed, or Revoked Licenses.

19 (No response.)

20 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
21 are no comments on Regulation 16.

1 Regulation 17, Continuing Obligations?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
4 are no comments on Regulation 17.

5 Moving to page 454. Regulation 18, Burden of  
6 Proof.

7 (No response.)

8 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
9 are no comments on Regulation 18.

10 Regulation 19, Ownership Criteria. Mr.  
11 Robinson?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah. Under Subsection A, it  
13 says "SWARC may not award a license to an applicant..."  
14 Once again, we feel that the language "may not award,"  
15 if this is a requirement, it should be a requirement.  
16 And maybe stronger language, such as shall not award  
17 versus the word "may."

18 MR. BUTLER: Any additional comments, Mr.  
19 Robinson, on 19?

20 MR. ROBINSON: No, sir.

21 MR. BUTLER: Thank you. Please state your

1 name for the record.

2 MR. HOPKINS: My name is Charles Hopkins.  
3 I'm the founder and managing partner of Hamilton Hall  
4 Real Estate Partners, LLC, a Maryland DOT certified  
5 MBE. I submit today the supplemental filing, building  
6 upon my previous filing correspondence with the  
7 Commission.

8 As this Commission is aware, from it's review  
9 and approval of the Maryland Class A-1 sports wagering  
10 facility license application, a Maryland Stadium Sub,  
11 LLC, Hamilton Hall has entered into an agreement with  
12 MSS pursuant to which Hamilton Hall will participate  
13 meaningfully in 25 percent of all revenue realized by  
14 MSS from the facility license. I believe this  
15 arrangement fully delivers upon the intent of the  
16 Maryland Legislature in encouraging meaningful,  
17 economic participation by Maryland MBEs in the  
18 activities of sports wagering licensees.

19 Pursuant to the recently posted mobile  
20 application and the accompanying FAQs, I'm happy to  
21 share that Hamilton Hall's agreement with MSS meets

1 SWARC's intent in developing its ownership criteria  
2 provision. Specifically, SWARC makes clear that there  
3 are three ways to show evidence that this criteria has  
4 been met. The third critiera states an interest -- and  
5 I should say Subtitle C, an interest that entitles a  
6 person to benefit substantially, and is equivalent to  
7 ownership by an agreement, relationship or other  
8 arrangement. Hamilton Hall's agreement in which it  
9 realizes 25 percent revenue share in perpetuity clearly  
10 meets Provision C. In the interest of further  
11 clarifying sports intended purpose for the ownership  
12 criteria provision for the permanent regulations, I  
13 respectfully submit the following nonsubstantive  
14 clarifying language to COMAR 36.11.19, Subsection A.  
15 SWARC may not award a license to an applicant that has  
16 not demonstrated direct or indirect ownership or  
17 similar economic interest of not less than five percent  
18 by individuals personal net worth of less than 1.847  
19 million each.

20 I look forward to responding to any questions  
21 that members of the Commission may have regarding this

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1 comment during forthcoming SWARC hearings. Thank you  
2 again for your time. And thank you so much for your  
3 effort in ensuring minorities have a seat at the sports  
4 wagering table.

5 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.

6 Mr. Robinson, did you have an additional  
7 comment on Regulation 19?

8 MR. ROBINSON: No, sir. Just overall.

9 MR. BUTLER: Are there any additional  
10 comments on Regulation 19, Ownership Criteria?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. BUTLER: Let the record reflect, there  
13 are no additional comments on Regulation 19.

14 Before I conclude today's meeting, are there  
15 any outstanding comments on the SWARC proposed SWARC  
16 waging regulations? Mr. Robinson?

17 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir. Okay. Starting  
18 with the statement of purpose. Our issue here is that  
19 there's no way for mobile applicants to fix issues and  
20 establish procedures when they fall short. We believe  
21 that mobile applicants should have time to fix issues



1 and establish procedures. Just as a general note, you  
2 know, we -- like I said, I definitely appreciate the  
3 hard work everybody has done. And we look forward to  
4 participating in this, you know. And we look at it as  
5 it should be an opportunity for Marylanders, by  
6 Marylanders. And this gives Maryland an opportunity to  
7 have home-grown innovation where Maryland can be the  
8 home to the new FanDuel or DraftKings. We understand  
9 that there's already a FanDuel and DraftKings, but  
10 we're looking for the opportunity to build something  
11 here in Maryland.

12 The next comment is on estimate of economic  
13 impact. The same thing, there's no way for the mobile  
14 applicants to fix issues and establish procedures when  
15 they fail. We should have time to fix the issues.

16 And then the economic impact on small  
17 businesses. Here's where we have a real concern.  
18 Nowhere in this language does it say small minority  
19 women-owned businesses in the mobile sports book, as a  
20 sports book operator. It only talks about being an  
21 investor and/or support services, which are good, but

1 why was being a mobile sports book operator not  
2 specifically mentioned. Small minority women-owned  
3 businesses are the backbone of the Maryland economy.  
4 And this reaches the, we are an afterthought to the  
5 mobile sports book or operators. We are willing to  
6 partner and work with anyone, but the State should not  
7 make it hard for us to try to do it on our own. The  
8 choice should not be taken away from small or minority  
9 women-owned businesses to be a sports book operator or  
10 to own a mobile sports book.

11 And like I said, once again, thank you for  
12 all your hard work. We definitely appreciate it. We  
13 look forward to this. We just want to make sure that,  
14 you know, the opportunities are given. Like I said,  
15 you know, the small and minority women-owned businesses  
16 are the backbone of Maryland's economy. And we just  
17 want to participate. We understand, you know, the big  
18 guys are out there. You know, but I think that there's  
19 room for innovation for smaller, like I said, local  
20 company. Thank you very much.

21 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

1           Are there any additional comments to the  
2 SWARC proposed sports wagering regulations?

3           (No response.)

4           MR. BUTLER: I would also like to remind  
5 everyone to keep checking the SWARC website, at  
6 SWARC.org for important updates and information to the  
7 sports wagering program. For example, we received a  
8 number of questions concerning whether there is a  
9 possibility of SWARC having additional application  
10 windows in the future. On Thursday we posted a  
11 response in the frequently asked section of the web  
12 page. And I'll just read it to you. "At this time,  
13 October 21, 2022, is the only deadline to submit  
14 applications. Under the sports wagering law, SWARC is  
15 authorized to award up to 60 mobile licenses and up to  
16 30 Class B facility licenses. If SWARC does not award  
17 the maximum number of licenses, SWARC may, but is not  
18 required to, create additional application windows for  
19 a portion of the remaining mobile licenses or Class B  
20 facility licenses. The establishment of any additional  
21 application window is at SWARC's discretion, and will

1 require approval, a majority, of the SWARC members.”  
2 So if you have comments to -- excuse me -- questions  
3 like that, continue to submit those. And we will post  
4 them, as we can, to the frequently asked questions  
5 section of the SWARC website.

6           Again, on behalf of Chairman Brandt and the  
7 other members of the Sports Wagering Application Review  
8 Commission, as well as the staff from the Maryland  
9 Lottery Gaming Control Agency, the Department of  
10 Legislative Services, and the Office of the Attorney  
11 General, who serve as staff to SWARC, I thank you for  
12 attending today's public meeting on the SWARC proposed  
13 sports wagering regulations. Please remember that the  
14 public comment period closes on Monday, September 26.  
15 This concludes today's public hearing. Thank you.

16                           (Whereupon, at 11:35 a.m., the hearing  
17 was adjourned.)

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