

**Maryland General Assembly
Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight
2017 Interim
Membership Roster**

Nancy J. King, Senate Chairman

Frank S. Turner, House Chairman

Senators

James E. DeGrange, Sr,

George C. Edwards

Nathaniel J. McFadden

Delegates

Pamela Beidle

Kevin B. Hornberger

Jay Walker

Committee Staff

Matthew J. Bennett

Charity L. Scott



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

JOINT COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT

December 12, 2017

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., Co-Chair
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chair
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentleman:

The Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight is charged with examining the status of the State's gaming program and the implementation of new laws relating to gaming. The committee met once during the 2017 interim and is pleased to present this summary of its activities.

At its October 10, 2017 meeting, the committee received testimony on the topics of gaming revenues, sports betting, skill-based games, and problem gambling services as summarized below:

- The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency discussed the evolution of gaming in the region and also presented information on the amount of revenue received from lottery game sales and video lottery terminals and the distribution of that revenue.
- Ms. Sara Slane, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the American Gaming Association, provided testimony on the efforts to legalize sports betting in the United States and the pending Supreme Court case on the issue, *Christie v. NCAA*.
- Mr. Joseph Weinberg, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Cordish Global Gaming, gave remarks on behalf of Live! Casino in favor of legislative action to legalize sports betting in Maryland.
- Mr. Blaine Graboyes, CEO of GameCo, presented information on skill-based video game gambling machines and e-sports and his company's efforts to bring in a new generation of casino customers.
- The Maryland Center for Excellence on Problem Gambling provided updates on its treatment services reimbursement program and discussed the possible impact on problem gambling rates if sports betting is legalized.

December 12, 2017
Page 2

We wish to thank the committee members for their participation, the representatives of the public and private organizations who kept us informed, and our committee staff for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Nancy J. King
Senate Chair

Delegate Frank S. Turner
House Chair

cc: Ms. Carol Swan
Mr. J. Ryan Bishop