

# **Sports Wagering Application Review Commission**

*Tom Brandt, Chairman*

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 9:00 am  
Virtual Meeting**

## **Agenda**

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**I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

**III. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Relocation Request**

Canton Gaming LLC d/b/a Finest Flag Gaming (Towson) – Class B Sports Wagering Facility Licensee

**IV. SWARC's Prior Decision Statement Concerning Applicant No. SW-2022-42 (Licensee)**

- On November 18, 2021, this Commission determined that for applicants for competitive sports wagering facility licenses, Sections E–1 through E–6 of the Maryland Lottery Gaming Control Commission (MLGCC) sports wagering facility application shall serve as the sports wagering facility license application for the commission.
- On February 15, 2023, SWARC awarded a Class B–2 sports wagering facility license to the Licensee, Canton Gaming LLC d/b/a Finest Flag Gaming, to conduct and operate sports wagering at 319 York Road, Towson, MD 21204.
- This Commission has reviewed the Licensee's request to relocate its sportsbook to a proposed new location in accordance with §9-1E–07(j) of the State Government Article.

**V. Consideration of Public Interest Factors for the Previously Approved Licensee; Incorporation by Reference**

- Section 9–1E–15(o) of the State Government Article prohibits SWARC from awarding a sports wagering license under Title 9, Subtitle 1E of the State Government Article unless the Commission determines and declares that an award of the license to the applicant is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes of Title 9, Subtitle 1E of the State Government Article.
- During the November 18, 2021 SWARC meeting, the Commission discussed three public interest factors: (1) enhanced State fiscal resources (money for education); (2) economic development opportunities; and (3) regulating an otherwise unregulated black market; several additional public interest factor considerations were announced at its November 16, 2022 meeting.
- The Commission determined that it will incorporate by reference SWARC's prior Decision Statement issued February 15, 2023; the Memorandum of Understanding between SWARC and

the Licensee dated February 15, 2023; and the Diversity Plan for Canton Gaming, LLC dated March 15, 2023.

- The Commission's Staff has verified that Canton Gaming LLC's proposed new location is not within the geographic radius of an existing Class A or Class B Licensee pursuant to §9 1E-06(a)(3)(i)(3)E. of the State Government Article.

**ACTION ITEM:** 1. Motion to determine and declare that Canton Gaming LLC's request to relocate an existing sports wagering facility license to a new proposed location is in public interest and consistent with the purposes of Title 9, Subtitle 1E of the State Government Article.

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

**VI. Incorporation by Reference the Previously Approved License, MOU, and Diversity Plan**

**ACTION ITEM:** 2. Motion to approve the award of a sports wagering facility license to Canton Gaming at its new business location at 1008 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Maryland, 21208, and incorporating by reference SWARC's prior Decision Statement, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Diversity Plan concerning Canton Gaming LLC.

APPROVE/DEFER

**VII. Closed Session, if necessary, in accordance with § 3-305 of the General Provisions Article.**

**VIII. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

*The next virtual Commission meeting - TBD*

**IX. Adjournment**