

# Governor Announces Nominees to Board of Corrections

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AUGUSTA – Governor John E. Baldacci today announced appointments to the nine-member State Board of Corrections. The Board was created by LD 2080, An Act To Better Coordinate and Reduce the Cost of the Delivery of State and County Correctional Services, which was passed this year and signed by the Governor.

“The new system created under this law will be more efficient, will serve inmates better and will control rising property taxes,” said Governor Baldacci. “I am pleased to have a list of distinguished experts in law and corrections to put forward for the membership of this important Board.”

The State Board of Corrections will determine the best use for county facilities, approve budgets and develop uniform policy and procedures for consistent system-wide pre-trial, revocation and re-entry practices. The Board will also establish a “Certificate of Need” process to consider future State and county corrections capital construction projects, develop a plan for a system-wide information network and implement bulk purchasing of commodities, medicine and services.

The following seven nominations must be reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and confirmed by the Senate. A confirmation session of the Senate has been scheduled for Aug. 20.

Tom Brown, of Bangor, is an attorney at Eaton Peabody. Brown’s professional experience includes financial management and financial restructuring through bankruptcy work. He also brings an extensive background of civic service. Brown has experience in bringing together many municipalities in a collaborative solution to address the common problem of waste management. He fills the Public Member slot selected from names submitted by a membership organization of county commissioners.

Kimm Collins, of Falmouth, is a consulting clinician and would serve in a Public Member slot. Collins currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Maine Women’s Lobby and Maine Women’s Policy Center. She served 11 years as a law enforcement officer and investigator for the Auburn Police Department. She served as a clinician for a year at Tri-County Mental Health Care and worked with county jail inmates. She has experience with systems change and improvement, victim services and trauma victims. Collins previously served on the Governor’s Advisory Council for the consolidation of the departments of Human Services and Behavioral and Developmental Services.

Neale Duffett, of Portland, would also serve as a Public Member. Duffett is an attorney at Cloutier, Barrett, Cloutier & Conley. He is a member of the Parole Board and past member of sentencing commissions. He has experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. He was extensively involved at the state level in past initiatives to improve sentencing practices and policy, and correctional practices and services.

Tim King, of Ellsworth, is the Executive Director of Washington Hancock Community Action. He has management experience delivering community based services, both in his current position and

his past service as a former city manager. He also serves as a member of the Washington County prisoner reentry coordinating committee, the Downeast Correctional Facility Board of Visitors, President of the Board of Directors of Downeast Horizons, and Member of the board of Habitat for Humanity of Hancock County. King would serve as a Public Member on the Board.

Irving Faunce, of Wilton, is a Selectman for the Town of Wilton and Director of Program Operations at Western Maine Community Action. Faunce is a former member of the Board of Environmental Protection (2000-2005) and the Maine Human Rights Commission (1976-1981). He has experience in the health care field as a consultant to the Jackson Brook Hospital (now Spring Harbor). Faunce would fill the slot reserved for a member submitted by a membership organization of municipal officials.

George Jabar, of Waterville, is an attorney at Jabar, Batten & Ringer. He has served as a Kennebec County Commissioner for 16 years. Jabar is a member of the negotiating team that designed the new corrections system and proposed the creation of the Board of Corrections. Jabar would serve as a member selected from names submitted by a membership organization of county commissioners.

Scott Story, of Monroe, is the Sheriff of Waldo County. He has served more than 17 years with the Waldo County Sheriff's Office and has 23 years of law enforcement experience. Story is a member of the negotiating team that designed the new corrections system and proposed the creation of the Board of Corrections. He was co-chair of the Corrections Alternatives Advisory Committee and a leader in effective correctional practices. Story would serve in the slot reserved for a member selected from names submitted by a membership organization of sheriffs.

Not subject to confirmation: Martin Magnusson, Commissioner, Maine Department of Corrections and Martha Freeman, Director, Maine State Planning Office