



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: SAMUEL A. BREWER

[EMP5197]

NOTICE OF HEARING

At the below date, time, and location, the Maine Gambling Control Board (“Board”) will conduct an adjudicatory hearing under the authority of 8 M.R.S. § 1051(4) to hear evidence and determine whether to uphold, modify, or overrule the decision of the Director of the Gambling Control Unit (“Director”) to deny Samuel A. Brewer (“Mr. Brewer”) a license to be an employee of a casino operator. The hearing will take place:

July 24, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Gambling Control Conference Room

Department of Public Safety

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04333.

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/84147088812> Meeting ID 841 4708 8812

The hearing may be continued on additional dates if necessary.

GROUND FOR DENYING LICENSE

At the hearing, the Board will determine whether Mr. Brewer has demonstrated eligibility, suitability and qualification for licensure as an employee of a casino operator pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 1015; and, specifically, whether Mr. Brewer has demonstrated that the public interest will be served by granting him a license to be an employee of a casino operator notwithstanding his conviction of a crime punishable by one year or more of imprisonment pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 1016(2)(B). Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 1016(4), Mr. Brewer bears the burden of demonstrating eligibility, suitability and qualification for licensure.

SUBJECT MATTER OF HEARING

The alleged facts of this matter include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. On or about September 2, 2025, Mr. Brewer filed an application for a gaming employee license with the Gambling Control Unit.
2. In the application, Mr. Brewer disclosed that in May of 2010, the State of Florida convicted Mr. Brewer of “drug trafficking” and sentenced him to a 7-year term of imprisonment.

3. In connection with the application, Board Staff conducted a background check on Mr. Brewer and confirmed that the State of Florida convicted him in 2010 of the crime(s) of trafficking in amphetamine or methamphetamine (14+ grams), which is punishable by one year or more of imprisonment.
4. On or about March 9, 2026, the Director issued a notice of preliminary denial of Mr. Brewer's application pursuant to 8 M.R.S. §1016(2) and Resolution 1 of the Board.
5. On or about March 19, 2026, Mr. Brewer requested a hearing on the Director's decision before the Board pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 1051(4).

CONDUCT OF HEARING

This hearing will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. §§ 9051–9064.

Commencement of Adjudicatory Proceeding. By issuing this notice the Board now commences an adjudicatory proceeding under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 of Maine Revised Statutes.

Hearing Officer. The Board has contracted with a Hearing Officer who will regulate the course of the hearing and assist the Board in its efforts to find truth and administer justice. The Hearing Officer's duties include ruling on procedural issues prior to hearing, acting as the presiding officer at the hearing, providing legal counsel to the Board throughout the hearing process, and drafting a written decision as directed by the Board that contains the findings and conclusions made by the Board at the hearing.

Gambling Control Unit. Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9054(5), the Director and the Gambling Control Unit Staff with the assistance of an assistant attorney general will facilitate the presentation of this matter to the Board by gathering and offering relevant evidence, modifying the noticed grounds for discipline and alleged facts as appropriate, examining witnesses, filing appropriate motions, and responding to Mr. Brewer's motions and objections.

Mr. Brewer. Unless another party intervenes in this proceeding pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9054(1) or (2), Mr. Brewer will be the sole party to this proceeding. Mr. Brewer will have the right to be represented by an attorney of his choosing at his expense. Mr. Brewer may testify before the Board. Mr. Brewer may call other witnesses to testify on his behalf and may cross-examine any witnesses who testify against him. Mr. Brewer may present written evidence to the Board and may make oral or written arguments to the Board.

Intervention. Applications for intervention pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9054 will be accepted up to the commencement of the hearing.

Failure to appear. Failure to appear at the scheduled hearing may result in a hearing in absentia or disposition by default, and information obtained therein during the hearing may be used in subsequent legal proceedings. Any such default may be set aside for good cause shown.

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Anyone with questions regarding this Notice may contact Milton Champion, Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit.

Dated: June 16, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Champion", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Milton Champion
Executive Director
Gambling Control Unit

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