

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION HEARING**

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Senator Craig V. Hickman, Senate Chair
Representative Laura Supica, House Chair

POSITION: Gambling Control Board

NOMINEE: Ms. D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, March 31, 2025, 9:30 AM, State House, Room 437

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Gambling Control Board, within the Department of Public Safety, was created by the 121st Legislature (8 MRSA § 1002) to regulate, supervise and exercise general control over slot machines and the facilities at which those slot machines are located. The 5 board members, who are appointed by the Governor, are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gambling matters and to confirmation by the Senate. Four of the board members must have training or experience in at least one of the following areas: corporate finance, economics, law, accounting, law enforcement, computer science or the gambling industry. One member must have experience in the harness racing industry. Elected officials or candidates for elective office are not eligible to serve as board members. The chair, one of the five appointed members, serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

The powers and duties of the board are set forth in 8 MRSA § 1003. The board or the director, as delegated by the board, may regulate, supervise and exercise general control over the ownership, operation, and distribution of slot machines and slot machine facilities. They may adopt rules, issue subpoenas, administer oaths and require testimony in any investigation; require a licensee to file independent audited financial reports; approve or disapprove terms and conditions of location agreements; enter into contracts; deny, limit, restrict, suspend or revoke any license, registration or approval; and take reasonable actions to protect the public interest. The board shall hire an executive director and necessary staff. The board, or the director as delegated by the board, shall enforce the provisions of the law and any adopted rules. It is the responsibility of the board to hear and decide all license and registration applications; review the department's reports of applicants' qualifications; cause the department to investigate alleged violations; and collect licensing and registration fees & taxes.

Board members serve 3-year terms, except that initial terms are staggered. Members may serve no more than 2 full consecutive terms. The board shall submit a report on its operations and effectiveness, including recommendations or changes to the board and laws governing it, by March 15 annually.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: Written comments relevant to qualifications of the nominee may be filed with the Legislative Information Office by 9 am on the day of the hearing.

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