

STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD

MISSION

The State Racing and Wagering Board regulates all legalized gambling activities in New York except those regulated by the State Lottery. Horse racing, off-track betting (OTB), and Indian casino gaming are directly regulated by the Board. The responsibility for oversight of bingo and other permitted games of chance conducted by religious and not-for-profit organizations is shared with municipalities, which collect license fees and ensure that the Board's rules and regulations are followed.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

A three-member Board oversees agency activities. The Governor appoints each member to a six-year term with the consent of the Senate.

The Chair's office is located in New York City and central office staff are stationed in Albany. The Board employs on-site inspectors at the Oneida Indians' Turning Stone Casino in Verona, Oneida County; the Mohawk Indians' Akwesasne Mohawk Casino in Hogansburg, Franklin County; the Seneca Nation's Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in Buffalo, and Seneca Alleghany Casino in Salamanca. Temporary and full-time employees oversee horse racing at New York's four thoroughbred race tracks – Aqueduct, Belmont, Saratoga and Finger Lakes – and eight harness tracks – Buffalo, Monticello, Saratoga, Syracuse, Tioga Downs, Vernon Downs, Batavia Downs and Yonkers. The State Racing and Wagering Board staff will be supported by revenues generated by the racing industry, Indian casinos and charitable gaming activities.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$22.5 million All Funds** (\$22.5 million Other Funds) for the State Racing and Wagering Board. Operations of the Board are financed from fees collected from the racing and gaming industries.

The Executive Budget recommends a staffing level of **99 FTEs** for the Board, unchanged from 2009-10 levels. The Board anticipates employing as many as 140 per diem staff in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

REGULATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE

The State Racing and Wagering Board promulgates rules and regulations governing bingo and other games of chance operated by more than 15,000 charitable and not-for-profit organizations throughout the State. The Board establishes standards for issuing licenses to suppliers and manufacturers of gaming equipment; reviews financial statements of charitable gaming operations; and, in conjunction with local law enforcement officials, investigates illegal gaming activities. In accordance with legislation enacted in 1996, the Board continues its oversight of "bell jar" games in order to decrease illegal activity.

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INDIAN GAMING

The State has negotiated compacts or protocols with the Oneida Nation, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Seneca Nation to conduct gaming activities. Under these compacts, the State Racing and Wagering Board is responsible for the regulation and oversight of gaming activities operating on these Indian lands. To oversee these activities, the Board maintains 12 employees at the Oneida Nation's Turning Stone Casino, 12 employees at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Akwesasne Casino, 12 employees at the Seneca Nation's Seneca Niagara Casino, 10 employees at the Seneca Nation's Seneca Alleghany Casino, and 5 employees at the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino.

REGULATION OF RACING

The Board's permanent staff oversees as many as 140 temporary, seasonal employees who ensure that horse races at the State's racetracks are conducted legally. To help oversee racing activities, the Board will utilize the services of a State college with an approved equine science program to carry out post-race testing of blood and urine samples taken from race horses.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	25,203,000	22,470,000	(2,733,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	25,203,000	22,470,000	(2,733,000)	0

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Regulation of Racing			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	9	9	0
Regulation of Wagering			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	90	90	0
Total	99	99	0

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Other	25,203,000	22,470,000	(2,733,000)
Total	25,203,000	22,470,000	(2,733,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Regulation of Racing			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,784,000	12,970,000	(1,814,000)
Regulation of Wagering			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	10,419,000	9,500,000	(919,000)
Total	<u>25,203,000</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>(2,733,000)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Racing	12,970,000	(1,814,000)	6,535,000	230,000
Regulation of Wagering	9,500,000	(919,000)	5,670,000	(64,000)
Total	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>(2,733,000)</u>	<u>12,205,000</u>	<u>166,000</u>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Racing	6,435,000	(2,044,000)
Regulation of Wagering	3,830,000	(855,000)
Total	<u>10,265,000</u>	<u>(2,899,000)</u>