

*Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA)*

**Board Members**

Chairperson

Acting - Stéphane Dorge, Winnipeg (bil.)

Vice-Chairperson

Stéphane Dorge, Winnipeg (bil.)

Board Members

Peter Fuchs, Winnipeg

Rich Harries, Morden

Sheila Atkinson, Brandon

Joyce Bateman, Winnipeg (bil.)

William Duff, Beausejour

Loren Schinkel, Lac Du Bonnet

Jonathan Webber, La Salle

**Mandate:**

The LGCA ensures that liquor is purchased, sold, consumed and manufactured in a manner that is in the public interest; and to ensure that lottery schemes are conducted and managed honestly, with integrity and in the public interest.

**Authority:**

The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act

**Responsibilities:**

The LGCA's duties are to regulate and licence persons who sell, serve or manufacture liquor; gaming events and persons who are involved in gaming; integrity of lottery schemes conducted in Manitoba; and provide information and advice to the minister about activities respecting liquor and gaming.

While the board is responsible for governance and strategic direction, it also conducts quasi-judicial appeal hearings on matters pertaining to the regulation of liquor and gaming in Manitoba. The LGCA may also develop, promote and support initiatives or programs designed to encourage the responsible consumption of liquor and responsible participation in gaming. It may also arrange and hold meetings to obtain public input and conduct research on matters related to liquor and gaming.

The former Manitoba Gaming Control Commission and former Regulatory Services, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, were amalgamated effective April 1, 2014 to become the LGA. The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act came into force on October 17, 2018 amalgamating the LGA into the LGCA.

**Membership:**

The board is to consist of at least seven board members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Lieutenant Governor in Council must designate one board member as chair and another member as vice-chair. If the chair is absent or unable to act or if the office is vacant, the vice-chair has the powers and must perform the duties of the chair.

**Length of Terms:**

A maximum five year term; reappointment is permitted. The appointment continues until he or she is re-appointed, the appointment is revoked, the member resigns or a successor is appointed.

**Desirable Expertise:**

- There are no formal education requirements; however prospective board members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the business, social and cultural issues that frame the regulation of liquor and gaming.
- A good understanding and knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of public/private boards, agencies or commissions would be an asset.
- Experience in the fields of business (including the hospitality industry), law, finance, governance and the non-profit charitable gaming sector would be beneficial.
- The ability to read complex written material and to hear verbal presentations, advice, testimony and reports is required to ascertain and assess facts to adjudicate and resolve issues would be an asset relevant to the board's responsibilities for hearings, governance matters and advice to the minister.

Board members must:

- Be able to communicate in plain language, in writing and verbally, including the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- Have active listening skills;
- Be able to read and interpret policies/legislation;
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

**Conflict of Interest:**

To avoid real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest, LGCA board members and employees are prohibited from participating in gaming activities (e.g. lottery tickets, casinos and charitable events) and from working in the liquor service, sales and manufacturing industries regulated by the LGCA. The LGCA's Conflict of Interest Policy details these prohibitions and declaration requirements.

**Meetings:**

- In 2016, a total of 10 board meetings and three appeal hearings were held.
- The LGCA board is scheduled to meet nine times throughout the year. Regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, except in December, July and August (unless a meeting is required during these months). All meetings take place at the LGCA's offices in Winnipeg, and are scheduled for four hours (total 36 hours per year).

- The board's audit committee meets quarterly, the governance committee meets once a year & the regulatory review committee meets as needed to review legislative and regulatory amendments. Committee meetings are integrated into the regularly scheduled board meetings.
- The board may be required to attend ad-hoc meetings. Typically, these meetings are to undertake annual planning sessions scheduled for one to two full days per year.
- Board members are also required to hear appeals, which are conducted as necessary. In 2016, there were three appeal hearings for a combined total of 14 hours.
- Board meetings are always held in Winnipeg at the LGCA's offices. However, if the need arises, appeal hearings can be held in locations throughout the province.
- Board members, on behalf of the LGCA, may attend conferences and other events throughout the province or in other jurisdictions. Board members receive their established stipend for each day they attend a conference, and are eligible to be reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with the LGCA's Expense Reimbursement policy.

**Remuneration:**

Chair: \$336.00 per day or \$191.00 per meeting (less than 3.5 hours)

Vice-Chair: \$192.00 per day or \$109.00 per meeting (less than 3.5 hours)  
(Chair rates when assuming the duties of the Chairperson)

Members: \$192.00 per day or \$109.00 per meeting (less than 3.5 hours)

Members are reimbursed by LGCA for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities, as approved in accordance with the LGCA's expense reimbursement policy.