



QUESTIONS FOR LOTTERY CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER

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THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION (CLC)

CLC is a quasi-public agency charged with serving a public purpose, specifically (1) operating and managing the lottery in an entrepreneurial and business-like manner, (2) increasing lottery revenue by "being responsive to market forces and acting generally as a corporation engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits," and (3) operating the lottery with integrity and for the public good ([CGS § 12-806](#)).

- The CLC board consists of 13 members, including the state treasurer and Office of Policy and Management secretary, who serve ex-officio.
- The governor appoints five members, including the chairperson, who must be confirmed by both houses following the confirmation procedure for department heads.
- The six top legislative leaders appoint six members.
- At least four members must have skill, knowledge, and experience in management, finance, or private sector operations.
- The court may remove directors for misfeasance, malfeasance, or willful neglect of duty and become ineligible for reappointment ([CGS § 12-802](#)).

QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE

1. Where do you see the Connecticut lottery and state lotteries in general in 10 years time?
2. What do you see as the biggest threat to the growth of lottery revenue?
3. What significant challenges do you believe the corporation will face in the next few years? How should the corporation prepare to deal with them?
4. Despite questions over legal and security issues, gambling has come to the Internet. Based on your understanding of the issue, what are the most useful initiatives the legislature should pursue with regard to the lottery? Should the legislature be exploring the feasibility of using the Internet as a tool for promoting the lottery?
5. A bill making its way through the legislature seeks to repeal the corporation's authority to offer keno. How would you advise the legislature on keno?
6. The last few years have seen a drop in revenue at Connecticut's two casinos. Meanwhile lottery revenue has been increasing. For how long do you see this trend continuing?
7. What are the arguments for maintaining CLC as a quasi-public corporation? How would you respond to those who say the corporation is not subject to sufficient legislative oversight? What do you consider the optimum level of oversight?
8. Is there a point at which the lottery does more social harm than financial good? What do you think is the optimum size for a state lottery?
9. One of CLC's charges is to operate the lottery with integrity and for the public good. What do you understand by the "public good?" What are the indicators that the public good is not being served?

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