

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL 28 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

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MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT POLICY Adopted July 19, 2024

Background

<u>Title 22 §1471-B</u> outlines the organization of the Board of Pesticides Control. Under this section, the Board is to approve the appointment of the Director, who oversees all staff and works to ensure that staff, the Board, and the Department are meeting regulatory requirements. At the April 5, 2024 Board Meeting, the Board discussed the new director appointment and voted to create a policy formalizing the approval process mentioned in <u>Title 22 §1471-B</u>. **Approval Process**

Under <u>Title 22 §1471-B</u>, the director and their appointment is described as:

4. The commissioner shall appoint a director, with the approval of the board. The director is the principal administrative, operational and executive employee of the board. The director shall attend and participate in all meetings of the board, but may not vote. The director, with the approval of the commissioner and the board, may hire any competent professional personnel and other staff the director considers necessary. All employees of the board are subject to <u>Title 5, Part 2</u>. The director may obtain office space, goods and services as required.

The Board of Pesticides Control will grant approval of new directors through one of the following means:

- 1. A formal vote to approve the selected candidate or;
- 2. An active board member sitting on the hiring committee for the director.

Official approval by vote should occur after the department selects a candidate following DACF's interview process.

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