



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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Patricia Saccone Appointed to Serve as Illinois Racing Board Commissioner

Chicago, IL – On Friday October 21, 2022, Governor JB Pritzker announced the appointment of Patricia Saccone, MA, RHIA, CDIP, CCS-P, CPB to serve as a Commissioner on the Illinois Racing Board.

“I am excited to welcome Patricia Saccone to the Illinois Racing Board” said Domenic DiCera IRB Executive Director. “Commissioner Saccone brings a long and distinguished career working in the Healthcare and Education fields to the Racing Board. Her years of experience will be a real asset to the racing community.”

For the last 20 years Patricia Saccone has been a Professor in Health Information Technology at Waubensee Community College where she developed the HIT curriculum. Prior to teaching, Commissioner Saccone spent 14 years working in healthcare management, reimbursements and operations in the healthcare industry. Ms. Saccone also served as Director of Operations for a not-for-profit managed care company.

Commissioner Saccone earned a master’s in teaching at Concordia University, a Post Baccalaureate degree in Health Information Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame. Additionally, she achieved CCS-P, CDIP, CMB and RHIA certifications as well as the designation as an AHIMA ICD-10 Approved Trainer.

Patricia Saccone is a long-time supporter of the racing community in Illinois. Her love of horse racing began as an employee at Arlington International Racecourse where she worked for 10 years. During her years working in the racing industry Commissioner Saccone became familiar with the practices and principles of harness and thoroughbred racing. This valuable experience will be a strong asset to the Racing Board.

The mission of the Illinois Racing Board is to regulate pari-mutuel horse racing and support the development of the equine industry. The goal of the Board is to advance a regulatory environment that benefits the equine industry and to ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel horse racing.

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