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COLUMBUS, Ohio --

Ohio's four casinos are still two years away from opening, but the process of policing the casino is moving forward much faster.

On Friday,

[Gov.](#) Ted Strickland appointed seven Ohioans to serve on Ohio's casino control commission.

[NBC 4's Patrick Preston](#) spoke to [Columbus attorney Rocky Saxbe Monday](#) afternoon. [Strickland](#) tapped [Saxbe](#) to serve as [the chair of the casino commission](#).

[Saxbe](#) said the commission has a huge workload ahead of it with a March 30 deadline for setting casino rules and regulations, including deciding on licensing standards for owners, hiring standards for casino employees and standards for casino games.

But commission members will be well compensated at [\\$60,000](#) for what's considered a part-time job.

[Saxbe](#) said he expects the commission to hire more than 100 people, including accountants, computer experts and [law enforcement](#).

"I think the people of [Ohio](#) expect us to be very aggressive in regulating and scrutinizing the operations of the casinos," [Saxbe](#) said.

[Saxbe](#) expects the casino commission to begin meeting in October.

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Two other commission members are from [Columbus](#) : [Joe Rugola](#) , [the head](#) of the [Ohio Association of Public School Employees](#)

, and

[Greta Russell](#)

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[an accountant](#)

at

[The Ohio State University](#)

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There is one complication, however. All seven commission members have to be confirmed by the [Ohio Senate](#) .

The outcome of the governor's race in November could impact whether they keep their jobs.

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