

THE EXECUTIVE



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Governor Tony Evers is joined by several escorts on his way to deliver his fourth biennial budget address to the legislature on February 18, 2025.

Office of the Governor

Governor: Tony Evers

Chief of staff: Maggie Gau

Location: 115 East, State Capitol, Madison

Contact: eversinfo@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1212; PO Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707-7863

Website: <https://evers.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 37.25

State appropriations 2023–25: \$9,060,800

The governor is the state's chief executive. Voters elect the governor and lieutenant governor on a joint ballot to a four-year term. Most of the individuals, commissions, and boards that head the major executive branch agencies are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the governor, although many of these appointments require senate confirmation. The governor reviews all bills passed by the legislature and can veto an entire bill or veto parts of a bill containing an appropriation. A two-thirds vote of the members present in each house of the legislature is required to override the governor's veto. In addition, the governor can call the legislature into special session to deal with specific legislation.

If a vacancy occurs in the state senate or assembly, state law directs the governor to call a special election. Vacancies in elective county offices and judicial positions can be filled by gubernatorial appointment for the unexpired terms or until a successor is elected. The governor may dismiss sheriffs, district attorneys, coroners, and registers of deeds for cause.

Finally, the governor serves as commander in chief of the Wisconsin National Guard when it is called into state service during emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL ON MILITARY AND STATE RELATIONS

The Council on Military and State Relations assists the governor by working with the state's military installations, commands and communities, state agencies, and economic development professionals to develop and implement strategies designed to enhance those installations. It advises and assists the governor on issues related to the location of military installations and assists and cooperates with state agencies to determine how those agencies can better serve military communities and families. It also assists the efforts of military families and their support groups regarding quality-of-life issues for service members and their families.

COUNCIL ON VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

The Council on Veterans Employment advises the governor and state agencies on, and assists them with, the recruitment and employment of veterans so as to increase veteran employment in state government.

STATE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE

The State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse coordinates and reviews the efforts of state agencies to control and prevent alcohol and drug abuse. It evaluates program effectiveness, recommends improved programming, educates people about the dangers of drug abuse, and allocates responsibility for various



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Governor Tony Evers greets Representative David Murphy ahead of delivering his annual State of the State Address on January 22, 2025.

alcohol and drug abuse programs among state agencies. The council also reviews and provides an opinion to the legislature on proposed legislation that relates to alcohol and other drug abuse policies, programs, or services.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

DISABILITY BOARD

Members: Tony Evers (governor), Jill J. Karofsky (chief justice of the supreme court), Mary Felzkowski (senate president), Dianne Hesselbein (senate minority leader), Robin Vos (assembly speaker), Greta Neubauer (assembly minority leader), Nita Ahuja (dean, UW Medical School)

The Disability Board is authorized to determine when a temporary vacancy exists in the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, state superintendent of public instruction, or attorney general because the incumbent is incapacitated due to illness or injury.

Nongovernmental entities with gubernatorial appointments

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, INC.

President and CEO: John R. Raymond Sr.

Contact: 414-955-8296; 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226

Website: www.mcw.edu

State appropriations 2023–25: \$28,267,400

The Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc., is a private nonprofit institution located

in Milwaukee that operates a school of medicine, school of pharmacy, and graduate school of biomedical sciences. The college receives state funds for education, training, and research; for its family medicine residency program; and for cancer research. The college is required to fulfill certain reporting requirements concerning its finances, student body, and programs. The governor appoints two members to the board of trustees with the advice and consent of the senate.

WISCONSIN HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Executive director: Dena Wortzel

Contact: contact@wisconsinhumanities.org; 608-262-0706; 3801 Regent Street, Suite 101, Madison, WI 53705

Website: www.wisconsinhumanities.org

The Wisconsin Humanities Council is an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is supported by state, federal, and private funding. Its mission is to create and support programs that use history, culture, and discussion to strengthen community life in Wisconsin. The governor appoints six members to the council. Other members are elected by the council.

Governor's special committees

The committees listed below were created by executive order to conduct studies and provide advice. Members serve at the governor's pleasure. These committees submit final reports to the governor or governor-elect prior to the beginning of a new gubernatorial term and, unless continued by executive order, expire on the fourth Monday in the January of the year in which a new gubernatorial term begins.

BICYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Transportation

Created by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1991 and continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Bicycle Coordinating Council's concerns include encouraging the use of the bicycle as an alternative means of transportation, promoting bicycle safety and education, promoting bicycling as a recreational and tourist activity, and disseminating information about state and federal funding for bicycle programs.

BIRTH TO THREE EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Health Services

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/b3icc/index.htm>

First established by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1987, reestablished by Governor Thompson in 1998, and continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council was created pursuant to federal law. The council assists the Department of Health Services in the de-

velopment and administration of early intervention services commonly referred to as the “Birth to Three Program,” for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and their families. The council’s members include parents of children with disabilities.

COUNCIL ON AUTISM

Aligned to: Department of Health Services

Contact: dhsautismcouncil@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://autismcouncil.wisconsin.gov>

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2005 and continued by Governor Evers, the Council on Autism advises the Department of Health Services on strategies for implementing statewide support and services for children with autism. A majority of its members are parents of children with autism or autism spectrum disorders.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Justice

Website: <https://cjcc.doj.wi.gov>

Created by Governor Walker in 2012, and continued by Governor Evers, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is tasked with assisting the governor in directing, collaborating with, and coordinating the services of state, local, and private actors in the criminal justice system to increase public safety and the system’s efficiency and effectiveness. The council also serves as the advisory body to guide the implementation of the State Crisis Intervention Program grant initiative under the federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Members of the council represent various aspects of the state’s criminal justice system.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Children and Families

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ecac>

Governor Jim Doyle created the Early Childhood Advisory Council in 2008 in accordance with federal law. Continued most recently by Governor Evers, the council advises the governor on the development of a comprehensive statewide early childhood development system by, among other things, conducting needs assessments, developing recommendations for increasing participation of children in early childhood services, assessing the capacity of higher education to support the development of early childhood professionals, and making recommendations for the improvement of early learning standards.

GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Aligned to: Department of Administration

Website: <https://equitycouncil.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx>

Governor Evers established the Governor’s Advisory Council on Equity and Inclusion in 2019. The council is charged with advising the governor on equity and inclusion issues from across the state and in all sectors.

GOVERNOR’S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Aligned to: Department of Health Services

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd/index.htm>

The Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities, in its present form, was established in 1976 by Governor Patrick J. Lucey and has since been continued by each succeeding governor. The committee’s functions include advising the governor on a broad range of issues affecting people with disabilities, including involvement in the workforce; reviewing legislation affecting people with disabilities; and promoting public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities.

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CAPABILITY

Aligned to: Department of Financial Institutions

Website: <https://dfi.wi.gov/pages/educationalservices/personalfinance/councilonfinancialliteracycapability.aspx>

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2005 as the Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy, this council was continued and renamed by Governor Evers. The Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy and Capability works with state agencies,

Governor Tony Evers (*back center*) honors seven individuals and nine organizations as recipients of the 2023 Governor’s Financial Literacy Awards in a ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol. Governor Evers is joined by retired DFI secretary Cheryl Olson-Collins (*far right*).



private entities, and nonprofit associations to improve financial literacy among Wisconsin citizens. The council promotes the financial literacy awareness and education campaign called Money Smart Week and identifies barriers to financial inclusion, such as systemic racism, in certain sectors.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Aligned to: Office of the Governor

Governor Anthony Earl established the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health in 1983, and Governor Walker recreated it in 2012. It has been continued by Governor Evers since 2019. The council develops policy recommendations to improve the status of and educate the public concerning children's health, physical fitness, and nutrition. The council also encourages obesity prevention for all state residents.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development

Contact: cwiadmin@dwd.wisconsin.gov; 414-874-1680

Website: www.wi-cwi.org

Governor Tommy G. Thompson created the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment in 1999. Governor Scott Walker reconstituted the council in 2015 as a result of changes to federal law, and Governor Evers has continued the council since 2019. The council is charged with carrying out certain duties and functions established under federal law governing state workforce development boards, including recommending strategies that align workforce development resources to support economic development, promoting programs to increase the number of skilled workers in the workforce and to provide resources to job seekers, and developing an online statewide workforce and labor market information system.

GOVERNOR'S GREEN RIBBON COMMISSION ON CLEAN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

Aligned to: Department of Administration

Governor Evers created the Governor's Green Ribbon Commission on Clean Energy and Environmental Innovation in 2023 to advise the Department of Administration and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation on the establishment of an environmental and clean energy fund and to gather public input relating to such a fund.

GOVERNOR'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Department of Administration

Created by Governor Walker in 2013 and continued by Governor Evers, the

Governor's Information Technology Executive Steering Committee is responsible for the effective and efficient application of information technology assets across state agencies.

GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Office of the Governor

Created by Governor Walker in 2011 and continued by Governor Evers, the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee recommends candidates to the governor to fill judicial vacancies in the state courts.

GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Aligned to: Department of Justice

Website: <https://gjjc.widj.gov>

Governor Tommy G. Thompson created the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in 1989. In 1991, he recreated it as the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, which was continued most recently by Governor Evers. The commission distributes federal grant moneys for the improvement of the juvenile justice system in the state. It also advises the governor and the legislature concerning juvenile justice issues.

GOVERNOR'S PARDON ADVISORY BOARD

Aligned to: Office of the Governor

Contact: Office of the Governor, Attn: Pardon Advisory Board, PO Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707

Website: <https://evers.wi.gov/pages/pardon-information.aspx>

Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus originally created the Pardon Advisory Board in 1980; Governors Thompson, McCallum, and Doyle later recreated and restructured the board. Governor Evers recreated the board again in 2019. As recreated, the board consists of nine members appointed by the governor, including the governor's chief legal counsel or a designee, who serves as chair. Using applications provided by the Office of the Governor, the board receives and considers requests for clemency, as authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the Wisconsin Constitution.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON BROADBAND ACCESS

Aligned to: Public Service Commission

Website: <https://psc.wi.gov/pages/servicetype/broadband/broadbandgovernorstaskforce.aspx>

Governor Evers created this task force in 2020 to research and recommend policies to address broadband needs and facilitate broadband access across the state. The task force must report to the governor and the legislature on recommendations for facilitating broadband expansion, measures for addressing gaps and inequities

in broadband access, opportunities for coordination among various public and private entities, the role of broadband in specific sectors and industries, advances in broadband technology, and the extent to which certain institutions have access to federal broadband expansion funds.

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON RETIREMENT SECURITY

Aligned to: Office of the State Treasurer

The Governor’s Task Force on Retirement Security was created by Governor Evers in 2019 and is chaired by the state treasurer. It is tasked with developing recommendations for how the state can best address the retirement crisis for Wisconsinites who do not have a way to save for retirement; reducing the regulatory and operational burden on small businesses that want to offer payroll deduction retirement savings options to employees; encouraging younger Wisconsinites to save early in life; and developing other innovative reforms to help Wisconsinites retire in a financially secure manner.

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON WORKFORCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ai-taskforce>

Governor Evers created the Governor’s Task Force on Workforce and Artificial Intelligence in 2023 to produce an advisory action plan that assesses the effect of generative artificial intelligence on Wisconsin’s current and future labor market and recommends solutions related to workforce development and educational systems.

GOVERNOR’S TASK FORCE ON THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Aligned to: Department of Health Services

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hc-workforce/index.htm>

Governor Evers created the Governor’s Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce in 2024 to produce an advisory action plan that analyzes current and future workforce challenges affecting the health care sector and recommends policy and program solutions.

HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Aligned to: State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Website: <https://wisconsinhistory.org/records/article/CS3558>

Continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Historical Records Advisory Board enables the state to participate in a grant program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The board also promotes the availability and use of historic records as a key to understanding American culture.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

In Wausau, Governor Tony Evers signs a bill into law requiring instruction of Hmong American and Asian American studies in all public schools. Evers is joined by the bill author, Representative Patrick Snyder (*back center*), and members of the community.

HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Contact: 608-242-3026; PO Box 14587, Madison, WI 53708-0587

Website: <https://homelandsecurity.wi.gov>

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2003 and continued by Governor Evers, the Homeland Security Council advises the governor and coordinates the efforts of state and local officials concerning the prevention of and response to potential threats to the homeland security of Wisconsin.

INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN

Contact: ilcwinfo@gmail.com; 608-575-9293; 3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

Website: <https://il-wis.net/independent-living-council/about-the-council/>

Governor Tommy G. Thompson created the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin in 1994; Governor Jim Doyle established the council as a nonprofit entity in 2004. Governor Evers has continued it. In coordination with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Workforce Development, the council maintains the state's plan for independent living services for people with disabilities. The majority of the council's members are persons with disabilities. At least one member must be a director of a center for independent living, and at least one member must represent Native American vocational rehabilitation programs.



Governor Tony Evers is joined by the Milwaukee Brewers' Famous Racing Sausages at American Family Field for the bill signing of 2023 Wisconsin Acts 40 and 41, which keep the Milwaukee Brewers in Wisconsin through 2050. These acts passed with broad, bipartisan support after months of collaboration and negotiations.

JOINT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE ON PAYROLL FRAUD AND WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/misclassification>

The Joint Enforcement Task Force was created by Governor Evers in 2019 to work with relevant agencies to coordinate the investigation and enforcement of worker misclassification issues, which can result in underpayment of wages, payroll taxes, unemployment insurance contributions, and workers' compensation insurance.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE COUNCIL

Aligned to: Public Service Commission

Created by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1990 and continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Telecommunications Relay Service Council advises the state concerning telecommunications relay service, including with respect to rates and availability. The members include four members who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing, as well as one member with a speech disability and one member who does not have a speech or hearing disability.

WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Administration

Contact: coastal@wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/localgovtsgrants/coastaladvisorycouncil.aspx>

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Council was created by acting Governor Martin J. Schreiber in 1977 to comply with provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and to implement Wisconsin's Coastal Management Program. It was continued most recently by Governor Evers. The council advises the governor with respect to Wisconsin's coastal management efforts.

WISCONSIN OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Aligned to: Department of Administration

Governor Evers created the Wisconsin Office of Violence Prevention in 2025 to support violence prevention and intervention efforts, award grants to support violence reduction initiatives, and develop public education campaigns.

WISCONSIN PFAS ACTION COUNCIL (WISPAC)

Aligned to: Department of Natural Resources

Contact: dnrpfasinquiries@wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/pfas/wispac.html>

Governor Evers created the PFAS Coordinating Council in 2019 to assess the public health risks of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and develop a statewide plan to address those risks. The council is now known as the Wisconsin PFAS Action Council, or WisPAC, and its tasks include developing protocols to inform and engage the public on PFAS, best practices for identifying PFAS sources, and standard testing and treatment protocols. The council must also engage academic institutions and other experts to collaborate on joint projects and explore various avenues of public and private funding to support their efforts to address PFAS.

WISCONSIN REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development

Contact: dvrwirehabcouncil@dwd.wisconsin.gov; 608-261-0050

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/wrc>

Created by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1999 and continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council advises the Department of Workforce Development on a statewide vocational rehabilitation plan for disabled individuals that is required by federal law.

WISCONSIN SHARED SERVICES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Department of Administration

The Wisconsin Shared Services Executive Committee was created by Governor Walker in 2018 and has been continued by Governor Evers since 2019. The committee is charged with establishing a shared services business model to deliver high-quality human resources and payroll and benefits services to all state agencies.

WISCONSIN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Wisconsin Technology Council

Contact: 608-442-7557

Website: <http://wisconsintechnologycouncil.com>

Created by Governor Walker in 2011 and continued by Governor Evers since 2019, the Wisconsin Technology Committee consists of the members of the Wisconsin



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Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez raises awareness for heart disease—the leading cause of death in Wisconsin—in February 2025. The month of February was proclaimed “American Heart Month” by Governor Tony Evers.

Technology Council, a nonprofit corporation that was created by state legislation but later removed from the statutes. The committee provides a means by which the council can coordinate with state government. The council assists the state in promoting the creation, development, and retention of science-based and technology-based businesses.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant governor: Sara Rodriguez

Chief of staff: Justin Koestler

Location: 19 East, State Capitol, Madison

Contact: ltgovernor@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-3516; PO Box 2043, Madison, WI 53702

Website: www.ltgov.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 5.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$996,400

The lieutenant governor is the state’s second-ranking executive officer, a position analogous to that of the vice president of the United States. If the incumbent governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the lieutenant governor becomes governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The lieutenant governor serves as acting governor if the governor is unable to perform the duties of the office due to impeachment, incapacitation, or absence from the state. If there is a vacancy

in the office of lieutenant governor, the governor must nominate a successor to serve, upon confirmation by both the senate and assembly, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The governor may designate the lieutenant governor to represent the governor's office on any statutory board, commission, or committee on which the governor is entitled to membership; on any nonstatutory committee established by the governor; and on any intergovernmental body created to maintain relationships with federal, state, and local governments or regional agencies. The governor may ask the lieutenant governor to coordinate certain state services and programs that the governor is directed by law to coordinate.

Voters elect the governor and lieutenant governor on a joint ballot to a four-year term. Candidates are nominated independently in the partisan August primary, but voters cast a combined ballot for the two offices in the November election.

Department of Administration

Secretary-designee: Kathy Blumenfeld

Deputy secretary: Anne Hanson

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-1741; PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7864

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 1,448.78

State appropriations 2023–25: \$2,403,707,700

The Department of Administration is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department provides a wide range of services to other state agencies, including personnel management, payroll, accounting systems, and legal services. The department administers the state civil service system. The department also administers the state's procurement policies and contracts, fleet transportation, and risk management. It oversees the state's buildings and leased office space, as well as statewide facilities project planning and analysis. The department also oversees the Capitol Police. It administers a low-income household energy assistance program, funded with federal and state moneys, and offers program assistance and funds to address homelessness and support affordable housing, public infrastructure, and economic development opportunities. It provides fiscal and policy analysis to the governor for development of executive budget proposals. It regulates racing, charitable gaming, and Indian gaming. The department advises the Building Commission and the governor on the issuance of state debt. It administers finances for the clean water revolving loan fund

program. Finally, the department provides a variety of services to the public and state, local, and tribal governments.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS REVIEW COUNCIL

Chair: Christine LesCamela

The Certification Standards Review Council reviews the Department of Natural Resources laboratory certification and registration program and makes recommendations on programs for testing water, wastewater, waste material, soil, and hazardous substances.

COUNCIL ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Chair: Angela Nash

Contact: 608-266-1731; PO Box 7855, Madison, WI 53707-7855

Website: https://dpm.wi.gov/pages/hr_admin/state-council-on-affirmative-action-diversity-awards.aspx

The Council on Affirmative Action advises the administrator of the Division of Personnel Management, evaluates affirmative action programs throughout the classified service, seeks compliance with state and federal regulations, and recommends improvements in state affirmative action efforts.

COUNCIL ON SMALL BUSINESS, VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (inactive)

Contact: supplierdiversity@wi.gov; PO Box 7970, Madison, WI 53707-7970

The Council on Small Business, Veteran-Owned Business and Minority Business Opportunities advises the department on how to increase the participation of small businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and minority businesses in state purchasing.

STATE EMPLOYEES SUGGESTION BOARD (inactive)

The State Employees Suggestion Board administers an awards program to encourage unusual and meritorious suggestions and accomplishments by state employees that promote economy and efficiency in government functions.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Chair: Ashley Mathy

Executive director: Beth Swedeen

Contact: 608-266-7826; 101 East Wilson Street, Room 219, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://wi-bpdd.org>

Number of employees: 7.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$3,331,200

The Board for People with Developmental Disabilities advises the department, other state agencies, the legislature, and the governor on matters related to developmental disabilities. The board also administers a program to foster the employment of individuals with disabilities and provide specific, targeted supports to businesses, school districts, and vocational agencies that demonstrate how coworkers can provide internal support to coworkers with disabilities.

BOARD ON AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE

Chair: Valerie Palarski

Executive director: Jessica Trudell

Contact: boaltc@wisconsin.gov; 608-246-7013; Ombudsman Program, 800-815-0015 (toll free); Medigap Helpline, 800-242-1060 (toll free); Medigap Part D Helpline, 855-677-2783 (toll free); 1402 Pankratz Street, Suite 111, Madison, WI 53704

Website: <https://longtermcare.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 46.50

State appropriations 2023–25: \$8,121,500

The Board on Aging and Long-Term Care reports to the governor and the legislature on matters relating to long-term care for the aged and disabled. The board monitors the development and implementation of federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to long-term care facilities and investigates complaints from people receiving long-term care. The board operates the Medigap Helpline, which provides information on insurance designed to supplement Medicare.

CLAIMS BOARD

Chair: Lara Sutherlin

Secretary: Anne Hanson

Contact: stateclaimsboard@wisconsin.gov; PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7864

Website: <https://claimsboard.wi.gov>

The Claims Board investigates and makes recommendations on all money claims against the state for \$10 or more. The findings and recommendations are reported to the legislature, and no claim may be considered by the legislature until the board has made its recommendation.

DIVISION OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Administrator: Brian Hayes

Contact: dhamail@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-7709; PO Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoa/hearingsandappeals.aspx>

The Division of Hearings and Appeals decides contested proceedings for the

Department of Natural Resources, cases arising under the Department of Justice's Crime Victim Compensation Program, and appeals related to actions of the Departments of Health Services, Children and Families, Safety and Professional Services, and Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. It hears appeals from the Department of Transportation, including those related to motor vehicle dealer licenses, highway signs, motor carrier regulation, and disputes arising between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers. The division conducts hearings for the Department of Corrections on probation, parole, and extended supervision revocation and juvenile aftercare supervision. It handles contested cases for the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Employee Trust Funds, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Administration. Other agencies may request the division to conduct hearing services.

DIVISION OF TRUST LANDS AND INVESTMENTS

Executive secretary: Tom German

Deputy secretary: vacant

Contact: 608-266-1370; PO Box 8943, Madison, WI 53708-8943

Website: <https://bcpl.wisconsin.gov>

The Division of Trust Lands and Investments assists the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in its work and is under the direction and supervision of that board. The division is headed by an executive secretary who is appointed by the board. See the entry for the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands on page 223.

ELECTRONIC RECORDING COUNCIL

Chair: Sandy Disrud

Contact: PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7864

Website: <http://ercwis.wi.gov>

The Electronic Recording Council adopts standards regarding the electronic recording of real estate documents to be promulgated by rule by the department.

INCORPORATION REVIEW BOARD

Chair: Dawn Vick

Contact: wimunicipalboundaryreview@wi.gov; 608-264-6102; PO Box 1645, Madison, WI 53701

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/localgovtsgrants/incorporationreviewboard.aspx>

The Incorporation Review Board reviews petitions for incorporating territory as a city or village to determine whether the petition meets certain statutory standards and is in the public interest.

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**Director:** Michael Basford**Website:** <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoa/ich.aspx>

The Interagency Council on Homelessness is tasked with establishing and periodically reviewing a statewide policy with the purpose of preventing and ending homelessness in Wisconsin.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMISSION**Chair:** Michael Gillick**Location:** 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison**Contact:** lirc@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-9850; PO Box 8126, Madison, WI 53708-8126**Website:** <https://lirc.wisconsin.gov>**Number of employees:** 18.70**State appropriations 2023–25:** \$6,098,000

The Labor and Industry Review Commission reviews the decisions of the Department of Workforce Development related to unemployment insurance, fair employment, and public accommodations and decisions of the Department of Workforce Development and the Division of Hearings and Appeals related to worker's compensation. The commission also hears appeals about discrimination in postsecondary education involving a person's physical condition or developmental disability.

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD**Chair:** Yolanda Shelton-Morris**Executive director:** Jeanne M. Duffy**Contact:** servewisconsin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-6716; 101 East Wilson Street, Sixth Floor, Madison, WI 53703-3405**Website:** <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov>

The National and Community Service Board prepares a plan for providing national service programs (which must ensure outreach to organizations serving underrepresented populations) and provides a system to recruit and place participants in national service programs. The board receives and distributes funds from governmental and private sources and acts as an intermediary between the Corporation for National and Community Service and local agencies.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**Contact:** doaabd@wisconsin.gov**Website:** <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/doingbusiness/officeofbusinessdevelopment.aspx>

The Office of Business Development provides administrative support to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

PUBLIC RECORDS BOARD

Chair: Paul Ferguson

Contact: 4622 University Avenue, 10A, Madison, WI 53705

Website: <https://publicrecordsboard.wi.gov>

The Public Records Board is responsible for the preservation of important state records, the cost-effective management of records by state agencies, and the orderly disposition of state records that have become obsolete. State agencies must have written approval from the board to dispose of records they generate or receive.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Chair: Peggy Gunderson

Contact: doaabd@wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/doingbusiness/sbrb.aspx>

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board reviews state agency rules and guidelines, proposed rules, and emergency rules to determine whether they place an unnecessary burden on small businesses.

STATE CAPITOL AND EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE BOARD

Members: Senator Habush Sinykin, Senator Wanggaard, Senator Tomczyk, Representative Duchow, Representative Subeck, Arlan Kay, Melissa Destree, Janis Ringhand, Lesley Sager, Ron Siggelkow, Shawn Kelly, Christian Overland, Rafeeq Asad, Thomas List, Megan Wolf, 2 vacancies

Website: [https://doa.wi.gov/pages/capitol/state-capitol-and-executive-residence-board-\(scerb\).aspx](https://doa.wi.gov/pages/capitol/state-capitol-and-executive-residence-board-(scerb).aspx)

The State Capitol and Executive Residence Board (SCERB) ensures the architectural and decorative integrity of the buildings, decorative furniture, furnishings, and grounds of the capitol and executive residence and directs the continuing and consistent maintenance of the properties. No renovations, repairs (except of an emergency nature), installation of fixtures, decorative items, or furnishings for the ground and buildings of the capitol or executive residence may be performed by or become the property of the state by purchase wholly or in part from state funds, or by gift, loan, or otherwise, until approved by the board as to design, structure, composition, and appropriateness.

Increasing awareness of and concern for preserving and protecting the special nature of the people's buildings led to the creation of a mechanism for ensuring that the public interest and appropriate standards be carefully considered when altering or redecorating historic facilities. Building upon the State Capitol Restoration Guidelines prepared in 1980 by the Department of Administration's Division of State Facilities, the legislature's Joint Committee on Legislative Organization in 1987 approved the Capitol Master Plan, which envisioned a full-scale

renovation of the capitol, balancing the integrity of the building with the need to maintain it as a modern, functioning seat of government. After approval of the plan by SCERB and the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, renovation of the capitol, whose construction had been completed in 1917, commenced in 1990 and concluded in 2001. The project included extensive updating and improvements to the plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling systems and largely restored office spaces to their original décor. The board is also responsible for overseeing the upkeep of the Classical Revival home on the shores of Lake Mendota in the Village of Maple Bluff that has served as the official residence of the governor's family for over 50 years.

STATE USE BOARD

Chair: Tracy Nelson

Contact: 608-266-5462; PO Box 7867, Madison, WI 53707-7867

Website: <http://stateuseprogram.wi.gov>

The State Use Board oversees state purchases of goods and services from charitable organizations or nonprofit institutions that employ individuals with severe disabilities for at least 75 percent of the direct labor used in providing the goods or services.

TAX APPEALS COMMISSION

Chair: Elizabeth Kessler

Contact: taxappeals@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1391; 101 East Wilson Street, Fifth Floor, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://taxappeals.wi.gov>

The Tax Appeals Commission hears and decides appeals of assessments and determinations made by the Department of Revenue involving state-imposed taxes and state tax assessments of manufacturing property. The commission also adjudicates disputes between taxpayers and the Department of Transportation regarding certain motor vehicle taxes and fees. In addition, the commission has jurisdiction over cases involving the reasonableness of municipally imposed fees. The commission's decisions may be appealed to circuit court.

WASTE FACILITY SITING BOARD

Chair: Dale Shaver

Executive director: Brian Hayes

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Fifth Floor North, Madison

Contact: dhamail@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-7709; PO Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875

Website: <https://doa.wi.gov/pages/licenseshearings/dhawastefacilitysitingboard.aspx>

The Waste Facility Siting Board supervises a mandated negotiation-arbitration procedure between applicants for new or expanded solid or hazardous waste

facility licenses and local committees comprising representatives from the municipalities affected by proposed facilities. It is authorized to make final awards in arbitration hearings and can enforce legal deadlines and other obligations of applicants and local committees during the process.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Chair: Denise Gaumer Hutchison

Executive director: Jenifer D. Cole

Contact: womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-2219; 101 East Wilson Street, Fifth Floor, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://womenscouncil.wi.gov>

The Women's Council identifies barriers that prevent women in Wisconsin from participating fully and equally in all aspects of life. The council advises state agencies about how current and emerging state policies, laws, and rules have an impact on women; recommends changes to the public and private sectors and initiates legislation to further women's economic and social equality and improve this state's tax base and economy; and disseminates information on the status of women.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Doug Rebout, *chair*

Secretary: Randy Romanski

Deputy secretary: Aileen Switzer

Location: 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison

Contact: 608-224-5012; PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911

Website: <https://datcp.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 639.29

State appropriations 2023–25: \$249,335,100

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is directed and supervised by the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and is administered by a secretary. The members of the board and the secretary are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department regulates agriculture, trade, and commercial activity in Wisconsin for the protection of the state's citizens. It enforces the state's primary consumer protection laws, including those relating to deceptive advertising, unfair business practices, and consumer product safety. The department oversees the enforcement of Wisconsin's animal health and disease control laws and conducts a variety of programs to conserve and protect the state's vital land, water, and plant resources. The department licenses and inspects food-related businesses

to ensure the safety of food produced or sold in Wisconsin. The department administers financial security programs to protect agricultural producers, facilitates the marketing of Wisconsin agricultural products in interstate and international markets, and promotes agricultural development.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SECURITY COUNCIL

The Agricultural Producer Security Council advises the department on the administration and enforcement of the agricultural producer security program, which reimburses grain, milk, and vegetable producers and grain warehouse keepers if a purchaser defaults on payment.

FARM TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

Contact: wifarmtoschool@wisconsin.gov

The Farm to School Council advises the department regarding the promotion and administration of farm to school programs and reports to the legislature on the needs of those programs.

FERTILIZER RESEARCH COUNCIL

Website: <https://frc.soils.wisc.edu>

The Fertilizer Research Council provides funding, with the department secretary's final approval, to the University of Wisconsin System for fertilizer-related research projects. The research projects are funded from a portion of the sales of fertilizer and soil or plant additives in Wisconsin.

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Hunter Lang

Contact: datcpveb@wi.gov; 608-224-4353

The Veterinary Examining Board determines the education and experience required for obtaining veterinary licenses and veterinary technician certifications and develops and evaluates examinations for obtaining these licenses and certifications. The board also establishes and enforces standards of professional conduct for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Chair: Mark E. Cupp

The Land and Water Conservation Board advises the secretary and department regarding soil and water conservation, farmland preservation, and pollution

management and abatement. It reviews and makes recommendations to the department on county land and water resource plans and funding allocations to county land conservation committees. The board also advises the University of Wisconsin System about needed research and education programs related to soil and water conservation and assists the Department of Natural Resources with issues related to runoff from agricultural and other rural sources of pollution.

LIVESTOCK FACILITY SITING REVIEW BOARD

Contact: sitingboard@wisconsin.gov; 608-224-5006

The Livestock Facility Siting Review Board may review certain decisions made by political subdivisions relating to the siting or expansion of livestock facilities such as feedlots. An aggrieved person may challenge the decision of a city, village, town, or county government approving or disapproving the siting or expansion of a livestock facility by requesting that the board review the decision. If the board determines that a challenge is valid, it must reverse the decision of the governmental body. The decision of the board is binding on the governmental body, but either party may appeal the board's decision in circuit court.

Department of Children and Families

Secretary-designee: Jeff Pertl

Deputy secretary: Nadya Pérez-Reyes

Assistant secretary: Jessica Justman

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: dcfweb@wisconsin.gov; 608-422-7000; PO Box 8916, Madison, WI 53703-8916

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov>

Number of employees: 792.40

State appropriations 2023–25: \$3,042,263,100

The Department of Children and Families is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department provides or oversees county provision of various services to assist children and families, including services for children in need of protection or services, adoption and foster care services, the licensing of facilities that provide out-of-home care for children, background investigations of child caregivers, child abuse and neglect investigations, and community-based juvenile justice services. The department administers the Wisconsin Works (W-2) public assistance program, including the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program, the YoungStar child care quality improvement program, the child support enforcement and paternity establishment program, and programs related to the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) income support program. The



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Department of Children and Families Secretary Jeff Pertl visits Arthouse Preschool in Waunakee to discuss the Child Care Counts program.

department also works to ensure that families have access to high quality and affordable early childhood care and education and administers the licensing and regulation of child care centers.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/domesticabuse/council>

The Council on Domestic Abuse reviews applications for domestic abuse services grants, advises the department and the legislature on matters of domestic abuse policy, and, in conjunction with the Judicial Conference, develops forms for filing petitions for domestic abuse restraining orders and injunctions.

RATE REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: dcfcwlratereg@wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ratereg>

The Rate Regulation Advisory Committee advises the department regarding rates for child welfare agencies, residential care centers, and group homes.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

Chair: Jennifer Kleven

Executive director: Rebecca K. Murray

Contact: preventionboard@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-6871; 201 West Washington Avenue, Suite 815, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://preventionboard.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 7.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$8,797,600

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board administers the Children’s Trust Fund, which was created to develop and fund strategies that prevent child maltreatment in Wisconsin. In addition, the board recommends to the governor, the legislature, and state agencies changes needed in state programs, statutes, policies, budgets, and rules to reduce child abuse and neglect and improve coordination among state agencies.

MILWAUKEE CHILD WELFARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Interim chair: Libby Mueller

Contact: dcfmilwaukeechildwelfare@wisconsin.gov; 414-343-5500; 635 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council>

The Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council makes recommendations to the department and the legislature regarding policies and plans to improve the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.

Department of Corrections

Secretary-designee: Jared Hoy

Deputy secretary: Mary Kay Sergio

Location: 3099 East Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-240-5000; PO Box 7925, Madison, WI 53707-7925

Website: <https://doc.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 10,160.52

State appropriations 2023–25: \$3,051,040,400

The Department of Corrections is administered by a secretary appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department administers Wisconsin’s state prisons, community corrections programs, and juvenile corrections programs. It supervises the custody and discipline of all inmates and operates programs to rehabilitate offenders and reintegrate them into society. It also supervises offenders on probation, parole, and extended supervision; monitors compliance with deferred prosecution programs; and may make recommendations for pardons or commutations of sentence when requested by the governor. The department maintains the sex offender registry and monitors sex offenders and sexually violent persons who are subject to GPS tracking.



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections employs over 2,400 correctional officers, who ensure the safety and security of people held in the state's correctional facilities.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

CORRECTIONS SYSTEM FORMULARY BOARD (inactive)

The Corrections System Formulary Board establishes written guidelines, to be applied uniformly throughout the state's correctional institutions, for making therapeutic alternate drug selections for prisoners.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

COUNCIL ON OFFENDER REENTRY

Chair: Silvia Jackson

Website: <https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/reentryunit/reentryunithome.aspx>

The Council on Offender Reentry coordinates reentry initiatives across the state, including by promoting collaboration in the provision of transition services and training opportunities, identifying funding sources, and developing methods of information sharing.

INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION BOARD

Chair: Joselyn López, *commissioner/compact administrator*

Contact: docdccic@wisconsin.gov, 608-240-5388 (Interstate Compact Office); 3099 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53704

Website: <https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/communitycorrections/interstatecompact.aspx>; <https://www.interstatecompact.org/midwest/wisconsin>

The Interstate Adult Offender Supervision Board appoints the Wisconsin repre-

sentative to the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision. The board advises and exercises oversight and advocacy concerning the state's participation in the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and on the operation of the compact within this state.

PAROLE COMMISSION

Chair: Jon Erpenbach

Contact: parolecommission@wisconsin.gov; 608-240-7280; PO Box 7960, Madison, WI 53707-7960

Website: <https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/parolecommission.aspx>

The Parole Commission conducts regularly scheduled interviews to consider the parole of eligible inmates and is responsible for notifying victims and law enforcement about parole decisions.

PRISON INDUSTRIES BOARD

Chair: David Hagemeir

Contact: PO Box 8990, Madison, WI 53708

Website: <https://www.shopbce.com>; https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/adult_institutions/bureauofcorrectionalenterprises.aspx

The Prison Industries Board develops a plan for the manufacture and marketing of prison industry products and the provision of prison industry services and research and development activities.

STATE BOARD FOR INTERSTATE JUVENILE SUPERVISION

Chair: Casey Gerber, *compact administrator*

Website: <https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/juvenilecorrections/interstatecompact.aspx>; <https://www.juvenilecompact.org/midwest/wisconsin>

The State Board for Interstate Juvenile Supervision advises and exercises oversight and advocacy concerning the state's participation in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and on the operation of the compact within this state.

Educational Communications Board

Chair: Alyssa Kenney

Executive director: Marta Bechtol

Location: 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison

Contact: 608-264-9600; 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53713

Website: <https://www.ecb.org>

Number of employees: 51.50

State appropriations 2023–25: \$44,011,300

The Educational Communications Board oversees the statewide public broadcast-ing system. It maintains and operates the infrastructure necessary for the state's



The communications broadcast tower located in Sister Bay is one of 140 across the state; together, they comprise the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications.

public radio and television networks; maintains the infrastructure and oversees the operation of the Emergency Alert System, the Amber Alert System, and National Weather Service transmitters; and provides broadcast engineering and transmission services. The board operates the statewide Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television services in partnership with the University of Wisconsin–Madison and provides additional educational resources.

Elections Commission

Commissioners: Ann S. Jacobs, *chair*; Mark L. Thomsen, *vice chair*; Marge Bostelmann; Don M. Millis; Carrie Riepl; Robert F. Spindell Jr.

Administrator: Meagan Wolfe

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Second Floor, Madison

Contact: elections@wi.gov; 608-266-8005; 866-VOTE-WIS (toll free voter help line); PO Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

Website: <https://elections.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 32.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$12,804,700

The Elections Commission consists of six members and can include additional members in certain circumstances. The majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leaders of the senate and assembly each appoint one member. The governor appoints two members who were formerly county

or municipal clerks, selecting one each from lists prepared by the legislative leadership of the two major political parties. If another political party qualified for a separate ballot and received at least 10 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial election, the governor must appoint an additional member selected from a list prepared by that party. The governor’s appointees must be confirmed by a majority of the members of the senate, but they can serve on the commission prior to confirmation. The commission appoints an administrator to direct and supervise the commission’s staff. This appointment must be confirmed by the senate, but the commission can select a person to serve as interim administrator while the confirmation is pending. The administrator serves as the chief election officer of the state. The commission is responsible for ensuring compliance with state election laws and with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, which established certain requirements regarding the conduct of federal elections in the state. In this capacity, the commission trains and certifies all municipal clerks and chief election inspectors in the state to promote uniform election procedures. In addition, the commission is responsible for the design and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system. Every municipality in the state must use this system to administer federal, state, and local elections.

Department of Employee Trust Funds

Employee Trust Funds Board: William Ford, *chair*

Secretary: John Voelker

Deputy secretary: Diana Felsmann

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Eighth Floor, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3285; 877-533-5020 (toll free); PO Box 7931, Madison, WI 53707-7931

Website: <https://etf.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 287.20

State appropriations 2023–25: \$118,591,300

The Department of Employee Trust Funds is directed and supervised by the Employee Trust Funds Board. The board consists of 13 members, one of whom is the governor (or a designee). The department is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the board.

The department administers various benefit programs available to state and local public employees, including the Wisconsin Retirement System, health and life insurance programs for active and retired employees of the state and participating local governments, a deferred compensation program, and employee-funded reimbursement account plans. The department serves all state employees and teachers and most municipal employees, including employees of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County hired after January 1, 2024.

The Employee Trust Funds Board sets policy for the department; appoints the department secretary; approves tables used for computing benefits, contribution rates, and actuarial assumptions; authorizes all annuities except for disability; approves or rejects the department's administrative rules; and generally oversees benefit programs administered by the department, except the group insurance and deferred compensation programs.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD

Website: https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_dc.htm

The Deferred Compensation Board oversees the deferred compensation plans offered to state and local employees and contracts with deferred compensation plan providers.

GROUP INSURANCE BOARD

Website: https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_gib.htm

The Group Insurance Board oversees the group health, life, income continuation, and other insurance programs offered to state employees, covered local employees, and retirees.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD

Website: https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_tr.htm

The Teachers Retirement Board advises the Employee Trust Funds Board about retirement matters related to teachers, approves administrative rules related to teachers, authorizes the payment of disability annuities to teachers, and hears appeals of staff determinations regarding disability annuities for teacher participants.

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD

Website: https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_wr.htm

The Wisconsin Retirement Board advises the Employee Trust Funds Board about retirement matters related to state and local general and protective employees and performs the same functions for these employees as the Teachers Retirement Board does for teachers.

Ethics Commission

Commissioners: Pat Strachota, *chair*; Maryann Sumi, *vice chair*; Carousel Bayrd; Paul Higginbotham; Gerald Ptacek; Andrew Weininger

Administrator: Daniel A. Carlton Jr.

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, Suite 127, Madison

Contact: ethics@wi.gov (general agency and code of ethics questions); campaign_finance@wi.gov (campaign finance); ethlobbying@wi.gov (lobbying); 608-266-8123; PO Box 7125, Madison, WI 53707-7125

Website: <https://ethics.wi.gov>; <https://cfis.wi.gov> (Campaign Finance Information System); <https://lobbying.wi.gov> (Eye On Lobbying); <https://sei.wi.gov> (Statements of Economic Interests)

Number of employees: 8.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$3,779,800

The Ethics Commission consists of six members and may include additional members in certain circumstances. The majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leaders of the senate and assembly each appoint one member. The governor appoints two members who were formerly elected judges, selecting one each from lists prepared by the legislative leadership of the two major political parties. If another political party qualified for a separate ballot and received at least 10 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial election, the governor must appoint an additional member selected from a list prepared by that party. The governor’s appointees must be confirmed by a majority of the members of the senate, but they can serve on the commission prior to confirmation. The commission appoints an administrator to direct and supervise the commission’s staff. The senate must confirm this appointment, but the commission may select a person to serve as interim administrator while the confirmation is pending.

The commission administers Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws, lobbying laws, and ethics laws. The commission is the campaign finance filing officer for political organizations that are required to file campaign finance reports with the state. Lobbyists must obtain a license from the commission, and organizations that employ a lobbyist must register and file reports with the commission detailing the time and money they spend on lobbying. State officials, candidates, and nominees must annually file with the commission statements detailing their economic interests.

Department of Financial Institutions

Secretary-designee: Wendy K. Baumann

Deputy secretary: Craig Heilman

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, Madison

Contact: dfisecretary@dfi.wisconsin.gov; 608-264-7800; PO Box 8861, Madison, WI 53708-8861

Website: <https://dfi.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 141.54

State appropriations 2023–25: \$42,847,300



The Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability, comprised of individuals from diverse industries and organizations, aims to improve the financial literacy and capability and financial inclusion of all Wisconsin residents.

The Department of Financial Institutions is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department regulates state-chartered banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations. The department also registers securities and securities industry members and regulates securities offerings, securities industry operations, corporate takeovers, and franchise offerings. It examines and files organizational documents and annual reports for corporations, limited liability companies, and other business entities. It also licenses and regulates the mortgage banking industry and other financial service providers, including payday lenders, high-interest consumer lenders, collection agencies, check cashing services, money transmitters, credit counseling and debt settlement services, automobile sales finance companies, and earned wage access services providers. The department administers the Uniform Commercial Code filing system and the Wisconsin Consumer Act. It also issues notary public commissions and registers trademarks, trade names, and brands. It registers and regulates charitable organizations, persons involved with solicitations on behalf of charitable organizations, and professional employer organizations. It also administers an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program, issues video service franchises to cable television operators, and maintains a filing system for homeowners' association notices.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

BANKING INSTITUTIONS REVIEW BOARD

The Banking Institutions Review Board advises the Division of Banking in the

department on matters related to banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations and reviews the division's administrative actions.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM BOARD

Administrator: Jessica Wetzel

Contact: collegesavingsprogram@dfi.wisconsin.gov; 608-264-7899; PO Box 8861, Madison, WI 53708-8861

Website: <https://dfi.wi.gov/pages/educatoralservices/collegesavingscareerplanning/collegesavingsprogramboard.aspx>

The College Savings Program Board administers the Edvest and Tomorrow's Scholar 529 programs, which provide for tax-advantaged investment accounts used to pay higher education expenses.

OFFICE OF CREDIT UNIONS AND CREDIT UNION REVIEW BOARD

Director: Thomas E. Theune

Contact: dfi-ocu@dfi.wisconsin.gov; 608-261-9543; PO Box 14137, Madison, WI 53708-0137

Website: <https://dfi.wi.gov/pages/financialinstitutions/creditunions/generalinformation.aspx>

The Office of Credit Unions regulates state-chartered credit unions. The Credit Union Review Board advises the Office of Credit Unions on matters relating to credit unions and reviews the office's administrative actions.

REMOTE NOTARY COUNCIL

Contact: dfinotary@dfi.wisconsin.gov; 608-266-8915; PO Box 7847, Madison, WI 53707-7847

Website: <https://dfi.wi.gov/pages/consumerservices/notarypublic/remoteonlinenotary.aspx>

The Remote Notary Council adopts standards for notaries public to perform notarial acts for remotely located individuals, and these standards are then promulgated as rules by the department.

Department of Health Services

Secretary-designee: Kirsten Johnson

Deputy secretary: Deb Standridge

Location: 1 West Wilson Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-1865; 800-947-3529 (toll free); 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703

Website: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 6,652.54

State appropriations 2023–25: \$33,482,419,900



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Department of Health Services Secretary Kirsten Johnson (*second from left*) participates in a breakout group discussion at a meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Healthcare Workforce, which was created by Governor Evers via executive order in January 2024. Secretary Johnson serves as the task force's co-vice chair.

The Department of Health Services is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The Department of Health Services administers a wide range of services to clients in the community and at state institutions; regulates certain care providers, including emergency medical services practitioners; oversees vital records, including birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates; and supervises and consults with local public agencies. The department promotes and protects public health in Wisconsin through various services and regulations addressing environmental and occupational health, family and community health, chronic and communicable disease prevention and control, and maternal and child health. The department provides access to health care for low-income persons, the elderly, and people with disabilities and administers the Medical Assistance (Medicaid), BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, chronic disease aids, general relief, and FoodShare programs. Additionally, the department administers programs that provide long-term support for the elderly and people with disabilities, including Family Care, IRIS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and the Employment First Initiative. The department licenses and regulates programs and facilities that provide general and mental health services, long-term care, and substance abuse services, including assisted living facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, and facilities serving people with developmental disabilities, including three state-operated centers for persons with developmental disabilities. The department administers



Department of Health Services Secretary Kirsten Johnson (*third from left*) is joined by DHS employees for the raising of the Pride Flag outside DHS offices.

programs to meet mental health disorder and substance abuse prevention, diagnosis, early intervention, and treatment needs in community and institutional settings, including two state-owned, inpatient mental health institutes, Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Mendota Mental Health Institute houses a secure treatment unit to meet the mental health needs of male adolescents from the Department of Corrections' juvenile institutions. The department also operates the Wisconsin Resource Center as a

maximum security facility for prison inmates whose mental health treatment needs cannot be met by the Department of Corrections and provides treatment at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center for individuals civilly committed under the sexually violent persons law.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Website: <https://dhhcouncil.wisconsin.gov>

The Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing advises the department on the provision of effective services to persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind.

COUNCIL ON BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE

Website: <https://cbdps.wisconsin.gov>

The Council on Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance makes recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry, which documents diagnoses and counts the number of birth defects for children up to age two. The council advises what birth defects are to be reported and the content, format, and procedures for reporting.

COUNCIL ON BLINDNESS

Contact: dhsobvi@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://scob.wisconsin.gov>

The Council on Blindness makes recommendations to the department and other state agencies on services, activities, programs, investigations, and research that affect persons who are blind or visually impaired.

COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Contact: wcmh@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://mhc.wisconsin.gov>

The Council on Mental Health advises the department, governor, and legislature on mental health programs; provides recommendations on the expenditure of federal mental health block grants; reviews the department's plans for mental health services; and serves as an advocate for those who have mental illness.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

Contact: dhspublichealthcouncil@wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://publichealthcouncil.wisconsin.gov>

The Public Health Council advises the department, the governor, the legislature, and the public on progress made in the implementation of the department's 10-year public health plan and coordination of responses to public health emergencies.

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: dhstrauma@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://stac.wisconsin.gov>

The Trauma Advisory Council advises the department on developing and implementing a statewide trauma care system.

Other statutorily required advisory entities

CHILDREN COME FIRST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccfac/index.htm>

The Children Come First Advisory Committee advises the department on the development of a comprehensive service system of coordinated care for children who are involved in two or more systems of care.

MEDICAID PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Website: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/wiportal/cms/public/provider/pac/index>

The Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Advisory Committee advises the department on issues related to prior authorization decisions concerning prescription drugs on behalf of Medical Assistance recipients.

NEWBORN SCREENING ADVISORY GROUP UMBRELLA COMMITTEE

Website: <http://www.slh.wisc.edu/clinical/newborn/program-information/wisconsin-newborn-screening-advisory-group>

The Newborn Screening Advisory Umbrella Committee advises the department regarding a statutorily required program that generally requires that newborn infants receive blood or other diagnostic tests for congenital and metabolic disorders.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/qai/members.htm>

The Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee makes recommendations for the disbursement of civil money penalties funds allocated for improving the quality of care in Wisconsin nursing homes.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Chair: Benjamin Barrett

Contact: 608-266-5364

Website: <https://cpd.wisconsin.gov>

The Council on Physical Disabilities develops and modifies the state plan for services to persons with physical disabilities. The council advises the secretary of health services, recommends legislation, encourages public understanding of the needs of persons with physical disabilities, and promotes programs to prevent physical disability.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

Chair: Jerry Biggart

Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/boards/index.htm>

The Emergency Medical Services Board appoints an advisory committee of physicians to advise the department on the selection of the state medical director for emergency medical services and to review that person's performance. The board also advises the director on medical issues; reviews emergency medical service statutes and rules concerning the transportation of patients; and recommends changes to the department and the Department of Transportation.

Higher Educational Aids Board

Members: Robert Bode, *chair*; Quincey Daniels Jr., *secretary*; Sydney Brennan; Jennifer Garrett; Sandra Hyer; Jennifer Kammerud; Veronica Kuluta; Pamela Lowrey; Jeff Neubauer; Kevin Sheridan; Kyle M. Weatherly

Nonvoting members: Russell Swagger (president, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University)

Executive secretary: Tammie DeVooght

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Seventh Floor, Madison

Contact: heabmail@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-2206; PO Box 7885, Madison, WI 53707-7885

Website: <https://heab.state.wi.us>

Number of employees: 11.50

State appropriations 2023–25: \$289,277,100

The Higher Educational Aids Board consists of the superintendent of public instruction and 10 members appointed by the governor without senate confirmation. The board has added one nonvoting member to represent tribal colleges. The governor appoints the board's executive secretary. The board is responsible for administering the state's higher education student financial aid system and also enters into certain interstate agreements relating to higher education.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

DISTANCE LEARNING AUTHORIZATION BOARD

Members: Jay Rothman, *chair*; Layla Merrifield, *vice chair*; Eric Fulcomer, *secretary*; Dan Hereth; Russell Swagger

Website: <https://heab.state.wi.us/dlab>

The Distance Learning Authorization Board administers this state's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), an interstate agreement related to state authorization and oversight of postsecondary institutions that offer educational programs to students located in other states. As provided in SARA, the board reviews, authorizes, and monitors eligible postsecondary institutions with respect to their distance learning programs, such as online classes offered to out-of-state students.

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Board of Curators: Angela Bartell, *president*; Donald Schott, *president-elect*; Greg Huber, *past president*; Jeffrey Cheney, *treasurer*; Christian Øverland, *secretary*; Cody Schreck (president, Wisconsin Council for Local History); Patrick Fee (chair, Wisconsin Historical Foundation Board of Directors); Sandra Fisher (president, FRIENDS of the Wisconsin Historical Society); Marcia Anderson; Representative Billings; Tom Boldt; Eric Borgerding; Mary Buestrin; Ramona Gonzalez; Mary Jane Herber; Joanne Huelsman; Senator L. Johnson; JP Leary; John Mann; Beth Meyers; Janan Najeeb; Representative Penterman; Lowell Peterson; Sondy Pope; Julie Ragland; Thomas Shriner Jr.; Robert Smith; Leonard Sobczak; Jeff Swalve; Senator Wanggaard; Keene Winters; Terri Yoho; Cate Zeuske

Director: Christian Øverland

Location: 816 State Street, Madison (archives and library)

Contact: 608-264-6400 (general); 608-264-6535 (library); 608-264-6460 (archives); 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.wisconsinhistory.org

Number of employees: 177.55

State appropriations 2023–25: \$82,190,000

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, also known as the Wisconsin Historical Society, is both a state agency and a membership organization. The society's Board of Curators includes eight statutory appointments and up to 30 members who are selected according to the society's constitution and bylaws. Three board members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The board selects the society's director, who serves as administrative head and as secretary to the board.

The mission of the society is to help connect people to the past. The society has a statutory duty to collect and preserve historical and cultural resources related to Wisconsin and to make them available to the public. To meet these objectives, the society maintains a major history research collection in Madison and, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin System, operates 13 other area research centers, including the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The society operates the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison and 10 other museums and historic sites throughout the state. The society also leases the Circus World Museum, which is operated by the Circus World Museum Foundation. The society provides statewide school services programs and public history programming, such as National History Day; publishes a magazine and books related to Wisconsin history; and provides travelling exhibits and speakers on historical topics. The society also provides technical services and advice to approximately 400 affiliated local historical societies throughout the state. The society serves as the state's historic preservation office, which facilitates the preservation of historic structures and archaeological sites and administers the state and national registers of historic places. The society is also responsible for administering the state's Burial Sites Preservation Law and assisting the Wisconsin semiquincentennial commission in commemorating, on July 4, 2026, the 250th anniversary of the country's founding.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD

Members: Jennifer Haas, *chair*; George Christiansen; David J. Grignon; Lawrence Plucinski; Paul Reckner; Katherine Stevenson; Melinda Young

Nonvoting members: Amy Rosebrough, Amy Wyatt

Contact: 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/records/article/CS3252>

The Burial Sites Preservation Board assists in the administration of the state's burial sites laws. The board's duties include reviewing decisions of the Wisconsin Historical Society director to record burial sites in the catalog or to remove

land from the burial sites catalog, determining which Native American tribes in Wisconsin have an interest in cataloged burial sites, approving applicants for a registry of persons having an interest in cataloged burial sites, reviewing decisions on permit applications to disturb cataloged burial sites, reviewing decisions regarding the disposition of human remains and burial objects removed from burial sites, and approving the transfer of burial sites from the state or a political subdivision to private ownership.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Members: Paul Wolter, *chair*; Amy Scanlon, *vice chair*; Sergio Gonzalez; Carlen Hatala; Carol McChesney Johnson; Dan J. Joyce; Neil Prendergast; Ray Reser; Matt Sadowski; Sissel Schroeder; Valentine Schute Jr.; Daniel J. Stephans; Peggy Veregin; Melinda Young; Donna Zimmerman

Contact: 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/records/article/CS3564>

The Historic Preservation Review Board approves nominations to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places upon recommendation of the state historic preservation officer. The board approves the distribution of federal grants-in-aid for preservation and approves the state preservation plan; advises the State Historical Society; and requests comments from planning departments of affected cities, villages, towns, counties, local landmark commissions, and local historical societies regarding properties being considered for nomination to the state and national registers.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Commissioner: Nathan Houdek

Deputy commissioner: Rebecca Easland

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3585; 800-236-8517 (toll free); PO Box 7873, Madison, WI 53707-7873

Website: <https://oci.wi.gov>

Email contacts by subject: <https://oci.wi.gov/pages/aboutoci/emailadd.aspx>

Number of employees: 142.83

State appropriations 2023–25: \$629,598,900

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is administered by the commissioner of insurance, who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The office supervises the insurance industry in Wisconsin. The office is responsible for examining insurance industry financial practices and market conduct, licensing insurance agents, reviewing policy forms for compliance with state insurance statutes and regulations, investigating consumer complaints, and providing consumer information.

The office administers two segregated insurance funds: the State Life Insurance Fund and the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund. The State Life Insurance Fund offers up to \$10,000 of low-cost life insurance protection to any Wisconsin resident who meets prescribed risk standards. The Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund provides medical malpractice coverage for qualified health care providers on claims in excess of a provider's underlying coverage. The office also oversees the Health Care Liability Insurance Plan, which provides liability coverage for hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers in Wisconsin.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSURANCE SECURITY FUND

Chair: Raina Zanow

Contact: wisconsin@wisf-madison.org; 608-242-9473; 844-344-5484 (toll free); 2820 Walton Commons Lane, Suite 135, Madison, WI 53718-6797

Website: <https://www.wilifega.org>

The Board of Directors of the Insurance Security Fund administers a fund that protects certain insurance policyholders and claimants from excessive delay and loss in the event of insurer liquidation. The fund consists of accounts for life insurance and annuities, disability insurance (includes health), HMO insurers, other insurance (includes property and casualty), and fund administration. The fund supports continuation of coverage under many life, annuity, and health policies. It is financed by assessments paid by most insurers in this state.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INJURED PATIENTS AND FAMILIES COMPENSATION FUND/ WISCONSIN HEALTH CARE LIABILITY INSURANCE PLAN

Chair: Rebecca Easland

Contact: PO Box 7873, Madison, WI 53707-7873; Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund: ociipfcf@wisconsin.gov, 608-707-5481; Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan: whclip@wausaumms.com, 715-841-1690

Website: <https://oci.wi.gov/pages/funds/ipfcfboardofgovernors.aspx>

The Board of Governors of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund/Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan oversees the health care liability plan for licensed physicians and certified registered nurse anesthetists, medical partnerships and corporations, cooperative health care associations, ambulatory surgery centers, hospitals, some nursing homes, and certain other health care providers. The board also supervises the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, which pays medical malpractice claims in excess of a provider's underlying coverage.

INJURED PATIENTS AND FAMILIES COMPENSATION FUND PEER REVIEW COUNCIL

The Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund Peer Review Council reviews, within one year of the first payment on a claim, each claim for damages arising out of medical care provided by a health care provider or provider's employee if the claim is paid by any of the following: the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, the Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan, a private health care liability insurer, or a self-insurer. The council can recommend adjustments in fees paid to the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, premiums paid to the Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan, or premiums paid to private insurers if requested by the insurer.

State of Wisconsin Investment Board

Chair: Clyde Tinnen

Executive director/chief investment officer: Edwin Denson

Location: 4703 Madison Yards Way, Suite 700, Madison

Contact: info@swib.state.wi.us; 608-266-2381; PO Box 7842, Madison, WI 53707-7842

Website: www.swib.state.wi.us

Number of employees: 290.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$205,462,200

The State of Wisconsin Investment Board consists of the secretary of administration or his or her designee and eight other members, six of whom are appointed

The State of Wisconsin Investment Board skillfully manages the assets of the Wisconsin Retirement System, one of the only fully funded state pension programs in the country.



by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The board appoints the executive director.

The board is responsible for investing the assets of the Wisconsin Retirement System and the State Investment Fund. The board's investments are managed by its own professional staff and by outside money managers. As of December 31, 2023, the board managed more than \$156 billion in assets. The largest portion of the assets managed by the board, more than \$132 billion, is the trust funds of the Wisconsin Retirement System. For purposes of investment, the retirement system's assets are divided into two funds: the core fund, which is a broadly diversified portfolio that includes stocks, bonds, and other assets, and the variable fund, which is an all-stock fund. As of December 31, 2023, more than \$22 billion of the assets under management by the board are in the State Investment Fund, which is the state's cash management fund, and which is also available to local units of government through the Local Government Pooled-Investment Fund, a separate fund within the State Investment Fund. The board also manages the assets of the following trust funds, which together account for approximately 1 percent of the board's total assets under management: the State Life Insurance Fund, the Historical Society Trust Fund, the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, and the UW System Trust Funds.

Department of Justice

Attorney general: Joshua L. Kaul

Deputy attorney general: Eric Wilson

Location: 114 East, State Capitol
(attorney general's office); 17 West
Main Street, Madison (Department
of Justice)

Contact: 608-266-1221; PO Box 7857,
Madison, WI 53707-7857

Website: <https://www.wisdoj.gov>

Number of employees: 746.84

State appropriations 2023–25:
\$344,505,800

The Department of Justice is headed by the attorney general, a constitutional officer who is elected on a partisan ballot to a four-year term. The department provides legal advice and representation, investigates criminal activity, and provides vari-

Attorney General Josh Kaul attends the 2025 State of the State Address. Kaul is Wisconsin's forty-fifth attorney general and has served in that role since January 7, 2019.



ous law enforcement services for the state. The department appears for the state and prosecutes or defends civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the court of appeals or the supreme court in which the state is interested or a party. The department prosecutes or defends all civil cases sent or remanded to any circuit court in which the state is a party. The department also represents the state in criminal cases on appeal in federal court.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

CRIME VICTIMS COUNCIL

Members: Lindsay Anderson, Tania M. Bonnett, Jessica Bryan, Veronica Figueroa Velez, Jane E. Graham Jennings, Heather Haeflinger, Kurt Heuer, Jane Jansky, Heidi Kilbourn, David Lasee, Ashley J. Morse, Jennifer L. Noyes, Mallory E. O'Brien, Kari Sasso, Amy Severt

Contact: ocvs@doj.state.wi.us

Website: <https://www.wisdoj.gov/pages/crimevictimservices/crime-victims-council.aspx>

The Crime Victims Council provides advice and recommendations to the attorney general on the rights of crime victims, how to improve the criminal justice response to victims, and other issues affecting crime victims.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL

The Human Trafficking Council is charged with maintaining a database of human trafficking prevention and victim support programs, services, and information. The council is also charged with developing statewide plans and trainings to fight human trafficking. The council must assess the state's trafficking data, prevention efforts, and regulations, and must regularly report findings to the legislature.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS BOARD

Operations director: Anne Kessenich

Members: Jen Dunn, Jessica Lind, Stephanie Mock, Andre Sayles, Eric Sparr

Contact: cvr@doj.state.wi.us

Website: <https://www.wisdoj.gov/pages/crimevictimservices/crime-victims-rights-board.aspx>

The Crime Victims Rights Board has the authority to review complaints filed by a crime victim that allege that a public official, public employee, or public agency violated the victim's rights. The board may issue a private or public reprimand for a violation, seek appropriate equitable relief on behalf of a victim, or bring a civil action to assess a forfeiture for an intentional violation. The board may issue a report or recommendation concerning the rights of crime victims and the provision of services to crime victims.

LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD

Chair: Todd Delain

Members: Kelly Bakken, Denita Ball, Calvin Barrett, Robert Botsch, Winn Collins, Timothy Carnahan, Jean Galasinski, Timothy Gruenke, Casey Krueger, Jessie Metoyer, Nicole Miller, Tammy Starnard, Charles Tubbs, Ken Tutaj

Contact: wilenet@doj.state.wi.us

Website: <https://wilenet.widoj.gov>

The Law Enforcement Standards Board sets minimum education and training standards for law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, and jail and juvenile detention officers and tactical emergency medical services professionals. The board certifies persons who meet professional standards as qualified to be tactical emergency medical services professionals or law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, jail, or juvenile detention officers. The board consults with other government agencies regarding the development of training schools and courses, conducts research to improve law enforcement and performance, and evaluates governmental units for compliance with board standards.

The Curriculum Advisory Committee advises the Law Enforcement Standards Board on the establishment of curriculum requirements for training of tactical emergency medical services professionals and law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, and jail and juvenile detention officers.

Department of Military Affairs

Commander in chief: Tony Evers (governor)

Interim adjutant general: Brigadier General David W. May

Deputy adjutant general for civil authority support: Brigadier General Matthew P. Beilfuss

Deputy adjutant general for army: Brigadier General Matthew J. Strub

Interim deputy adjutant general for air: Brigadier General Erik A. Peterson

Administrator, Division of Emergency Management: Greg Engle

Location: 2400 Wright Street, Madison

Contact: 608-242-3000 (general); 800-335-5147 (toll free); PO Box 7865, Madison, WI 53707-7865

Website: <http://dma.wi.gov> (Department of Military Affairs and Wisconsin National Guard)

Number of state employees: 590.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$430,264,700 (Additional federal funding pays for National Guard salaries, benefits, and training.)

The governor is the commander in chief of the state's military forces, which are organized as the Wisconsin National Guard within the Department of Military Affairs. The department is directed by an adjutant general who is appointed



DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Military Affairs administers the Wisconsin Challenge Academy, which was founded in 1988 and is located at Fort McCoy. The academy is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, an alternative education program for at-risk youth.

by the governor without senate advice and consent. The department also includes the Division of Emergency Management, which is headed by an administrator who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The Wisconsin National Guard is maintained by both the federal and the state governments. When it is called up for active federal duty, the president of the United States, rather than the governor, becomes its commander

in chief. The federal mission of the National Guard is to provide trained units to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in time of war or national emergency. Its state mission is to assist civil authorities; protect life and property; and preserve peace, order, and public safety in times of natural or human-caused emergencies. The federal government provides the National Guard with arms and ammunition, equipment and uniforms, and major outdoor training facilities and pays for military and support personnel, training, and supervision. The state provides personnel; conducts training as required under the National Defense Act; and shares the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating armories and other military facilities.

The Division of Emergency Management coordinates the development and implementation of the state emergency operations plan; provides assistance to local jurisdictions in the development of their programs and plans; administers private and federal disaster and emergency relief funds; administers the Wisconsin Disaster Fund; and maintains the state's 24-hour duty officer reporting and response system. The division also conducts training programs in emergency planning for businesses and state and local officials, as well as educational programs for the general public. It also prepares for off-site radiological emergencies at nuclear power plants and provides assistance for various emergencies such as prison disturbances and natural disasters.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL

Chair: Matthew Joski

Website: <https://oec.wi.gov/interop>

The Interoperability Council develops strategies and makes recommendations on how to achieve and operate a statewide public safety interoperable communication system. The council receives recommendations from the 911 Subcommittee on all matters related to the development, deployment, and maintenance of the statewide emergency number system.

Department of Natural Resources

Natural Resources Board: Bill Smith, *chair*

Secretary-designee: Karen Hyun

Deputy secretary: Steven Little

Location: 101 South Webster Street, Madison

Contact: 888-936-7463 (toll free); PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

Website: <https://dnr.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 2,501.72

State appropriations 2023–25: \$1,220,909,200

The Department of Natural Resources is directed and supervised by the Natural Resources Board and is administered by a secretary. The members of the board and the secretary are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department is responsible for implementing state and federal laws that

Powder Hill, located in the Pike Lake Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest, is the second-highest point in southeastern Wisconsin. An observation tower near the peak provides a spectacular panoramic view.



protect and enhance Wisconsin's natural resources, including its air, land, water, forests, wildlife, fish, and plants. It coordinates the many state-administered programs that protect the environment and provides a full range of outdoor recreational opportunities for Wisconsin residents and visitors.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL ON FORESTRY

The Council on Forestry advises the governor, legislature, department, and other state agencies on topics relating to forestry in Wisconsin, including protection from fire, insects, and disease; sustainable forestry; reforestation and forestry genetics; management and protection of urban forests; increasing the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues; forestry research; economic development and marketing of forestry products; legislation affecting forestry; and staff and funding needs for forestry programs.

DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COUNCIL (inactive)

The Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Council advises the department on matters relating to the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program, which is administered by the department and which provides awards to dry cleaning establishments for assistance in the investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination.

METALLIC MINING COUNCIL (inactive)

The Metallic Mining Council advises the department on matters relating to the reclamation of mined land and the disposal of metallic mine-related waste.

NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

The Natural Areas Preservation Council advises the department on matters pertaining to the protection of natural areas that contain native biotic communities and habitats for rare species. It also makes recommendations about gifts or purchases for the state natural areas system.

NONMOTORIZED RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS COUNCIL

The Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council carries out studies and advises the governor, the legislature, the department, and the Department of Transportation on matters relating to nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails.

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL

The Off-Highway Motorcycle Council makes recommendations to the depart-



The Department of Natural Resources owns or manages millions of acres of land that are open to the public for hunting or trapping. With its abundant lakes, rivers, and wetlands, Wisconsin offers some of the best waterfowl hunting opportunities in the Midwest.

ment on matters relating to off-highway motorcycle corridors and routes and the operation of off-highway motorcycles.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE COUNCIL

The Off-Road Vehicle Council advises the department, the Department of Transportation, the governor, and the legislature on all matters relating to all-terrain vehicle trails and routes.

SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

The Small Business Environmental Council advises the department on the effectiveness of assistance programs to small businesses that enable the businesses to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. It also advises on the fairness and effectiveness of air pollution rules promulgated by the department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding their impact on small businesses.

SNOWMOBILE RECREATIONAL COUNCIL

The Snowmobile Recreational Council carries out studies and makes recommendations to the governor, the legislature, the department, and the Department of Transportation regarding all matters affecting snowmobiling.

SPORTING HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Sporting Heritage Council advises the governor, the legislature, and the

Natural Resources Board about issues relating to hunting, trapping, fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation activities.

STATE TRAILS COUNCIL

The State Trails Council advises the department about the planning, acquisition, development, and management of state trails.

WETLAND STUDY COUNCIL

The Wetland Study Council conducts research and develops recommendations on a range of topics involving wetland policy, procedures, regulations, and financing, including the implementation and effectiveness of statewide wetland mitigation programs; statewide incentive programs for creating, restoring, and enhancing wetlands; providing statewide wetland trainings; and methods of financing wetland mitigation requirements for local units of government.

Other advisory entities

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Fire Department Advisory Council was chartered in 1994 as an official advisory council to the state forester. The purpose of the council is to strengthen partnerships between the department and the rural fire service in Wisconsin. The council advises and assists the state forester on operational issues relating to the department's forest fire management program to provide for an effective rural community fire protection program. In addition, the council provides fundamental guidance on the administration of the Forest Fire Protection Grant.

URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

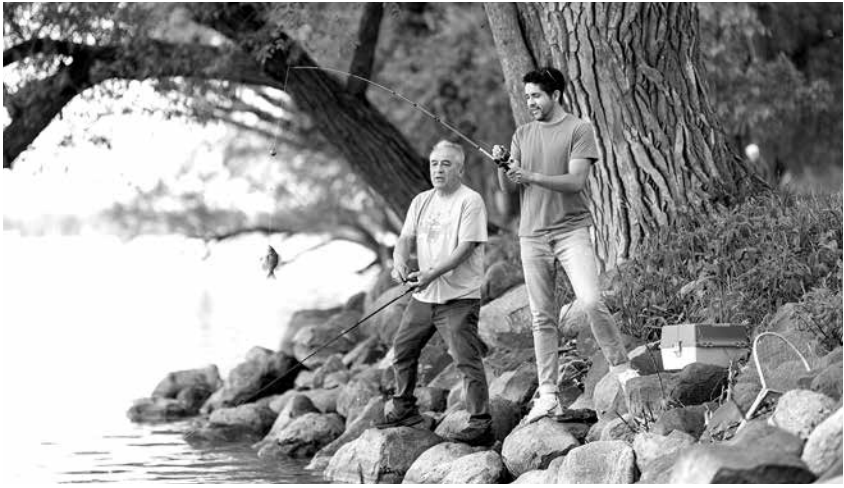
The Urban Forestry Council advises the state forester and the department on the best ways to preserve, protect, expand, and improve Wisconsin's urban and community forest resources. The council gives awards to outstanding individuals, organizations, and communities that further urban forestry in Wisconsin.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

GROUNDWATER COORDINATING COUNCIL

Chair: James Zellmer

The Groundwater Coordinating Council advises state agencies on the coordination of nonregulatory programs relating to groundwater management. Member agencies exchange information regarding groundwater monitoring, budgets for groundwater programs, data management, public information efforts, laboratory analyses, research, and state appropriations for research.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Two individuals partake in one of Wisconsin's favorite pastimes: fishing. Wisconsin has more than 15,000 lakes and 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, making it an outstanding place to fish.

COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Chair: Mark Walter

The Council on Recycling promotes implementation of the state's solid waste reduction, recovery, and recycling programs; helps public agencies coordinate recycling programs and exchange information; advises state agencies about creating administrative rules and establishing priorities for market development; and advises the department and the University of Wisconsin System about education and research relating to solid waste recycling. The council also works with the packaging industry on standards for recyclable packaging and works with counties, municipalities, and the auto service industry to promote the recycling of oil filters. The council advises the department about statewide public information activities and advises the governor and the legislature.

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Chair: Thomas Buechel

The Invasive Species Council conducts studies relating to controlling invasive species and makes recommendations to the department regarding a system for classifying invasive species under the department's statewide invasive species control program and regarding procedures for awarding grants to public and private agencies engaged in projects to control invasive species.

LAKE MICHIGAN COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD

Members: Charles W. Henriksen, Richard R. Johnson, Michael LeClair, Mark Maricque, Dan Pawlitzke, Brett Schwarz, Todd Stuth

The Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board reviews applications for transfers of commercial fishing licenses between individuals, establishes criteria for allotting catch quotas to individual licensees, assigns catch quotas when the department establishes special harvest limits, and assists the department in establishing criteria for identifying inactive license holders.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD

Members: Bill Bodin, Maurine Halvorson, Craig Hoopman, Christopher Boyd, Bryan Bainbridge

The Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board reviews applications for transfers of commercial fishing licenses between individuals, establishes criteria for allotting catch quotas to individual licensees, assigns catch quotas when the department establishes special harvest limits, and assists the department in establishing criteria for identifying inactive license holders.

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

Chair: Gigi La Budde

Executive director: Mark E. Cupp

Contact: 608-739-3188; PO Box 187, Muscoda, WI 53573

Website: <http://lwr.state.wi.us/index.asp>

Number of employees: 2.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$532,000

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board is responsible for protecting and preserving the scenic beauty and natural character of the Lower Wisconsin River. The board reviews permit applications for buildings, walkways and stairways, timber harvests, nonmetallic mining, utility facilities, public access sites, bridges, and other structures in the riverway and issues permits for activities that meet established standards.

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Chair: Roger Walsh

The Wisconsin Waterways Commission conducts studies to determine the need for recreational boating facilities; approves financial aid to local governments for the development of recreational boating projects, including the acquisition of weed harvesters; and recommends administrative rules for the recreational facilities boating program.

Affiliated entity

CONSERVATION CONGRESS

The Conservation Congress is a publicly elected citizen advisory group, and its

district leadership council advises the Natural Resources Board on all matters under the board's jurisdiction.

Office of the State Public Defender

Public Defender Board: Ellen Thorn, *chair*

State public defender: Jennifer Bias

Deputy state public defender: Katie York

Location: 17 South Fairchild Street, Fifth Floor, Madison

Contact: 608-266-0087; PO Box 7923, Madison, WI 53707-7923

Website: www.wispd.gov

Number of employees: 619.85

State appropriations 2023–25: \$266,142,100

The Office of the State Public Defender provides legal representation to indigent persons and to persons otherwise entitled to such representation. The state public defender, who must be a member of the state bar, serves at the pleasure of the Public Defender Board. Board members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The state public defender assigns attorneys to persons charged with a crime that may be sentenced with imprisonment and to other cases, such as cases involving paternity determinations, termination of parental rights, juvenile delinquency proceedings, emergency detentions, involuntary commitments, modification of bifurcated sentences, and certain appeals.

Department of Public Instruction

State superintendent of public instruction: Jill Underly

Deputy state superintendent: Thomas McCarthy

Location: 125 South Webster Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3390; 800-441-4563 (toll free); PO Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Website: www.dpi.wi.gov

Number of employees: 642.27

State appropriations 2023–25: \$17,484,147,300

The Department of Public Instruction is headed by the state superintendent of public instruction, a constitutional officer who is elected on the nonpartisan spring ballot for a term of four years. The department provides guidance and technical assistance to support public elementary and secondary education in Wisconsin. The department also administers the Milwaukee, Racine, and Statewide Parental Choice Programs; the Special Needs Scholarship Program; the open enrollment program; and a number of educational and other services for children and their families.

The department offers a broad range of programs and professional services to local school administrators and staff. It also reviews and approves educator preparation programs and licenses teachers, pupil services personnel, administrators, and library professionals. The department distributes state and federal aids to supplement local tax revenue, improve curriculum and school operations, ensure education for children with disabilities, offer professional guidance and counseling, and develop school and public library resources. The department also administers the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Finally, the department provides assistance for the development and improvement of public and school libraries. The department fosters interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing and promotes information and instructional technology in schools and libraries. The department also acts as a state-level clearinghouse for interlibrary loan requests and administers BadgerLink (<https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov>), the statewide full-text database project that allows access to thousands of magazines, newsletters, newspapers, pamphlets, and historical documents.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Website: <https://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/resources/advisory-council>

The Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council provides advice on statewide activities that will benefit students who are blind or visually im-

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly (*left*) cheers on students at South Division High School in Milwaukee as they return for a new school year in September 2024.





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly learns alongside students in the vegetable and flower garden at Lakeshore Elementary School in Eau Claire on September 12, 2024.

paired; makes recommendations for improvements in services provided by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and proposes ways to improve the preparation of teachers and staff and coordination between the department and other agencies that offer services to the visually impaired.

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/coland>

The Council on Library and Network Development advises the state superintendent and the Division for Libraries and Technology to ensure that all state citizens have access to library and information services.

COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/council>

The Council on Special Education advises the state superintendent on matters related to meeting the needs and improving the education of children with disabilities.

DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING EDUCATION COUNCIL

Website: <http://wesp-dhh.wi.gov/advisory-council>

The Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education Council advises the state superintendent on issues related to pupils who are hearing impaired and informs the state superintendent about services, programs, and research that could benefit those pupils.

EARLY LITERACY CURRICULUM COUNCIL

Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/elcc-info>

The Early Literacy Curriculum Council recommends science-based literacy curricula and instructional materials. These recommendations must be approved by the Joint Committee on Finance. The Department of Public Instruction provides grants to help eligible schools and school districts defray the cost of obtaining recommended and approved materials.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL**Website:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/programs/psc>

The Professional Standards Council advises the state superintendent regarding licensing and evaluating teachers; the evaluation and approval of teacher education programs; the status of teaching in Wisconsin; school board practices to develop effective teaching; peer mentoring; evaluation systems; alternative dismissal procedures; and alternative procedures for the preparation and licensure of teachers.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY APPEAL BOARD**Website:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/school-district-boundary-appeal-board>

Panels consisting of three or seven members of the School District Boundary Appeal Board hear appeals related to school district creation and dissolution, annexation, and boundary disputes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS**Website:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda/wi-dpis-state-superintendents-aoda>

The council advises the state superintendent, the department, school districts, and other education-related agencies about programs to prevent or reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse.

Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

Members: Sarah Godlewski (secretary of state), *chair*; Joshua L. Kaul (attorney general); John Leiber (state treasurer)**Division of Trust Lands and Investments:** Tom German, *executive secretary*; Richard Sneider, *chief investment officer***Location:** 101 East Wilson Street, Second Floor, Madison**Contact:** 608-266-1370 (Madison); 715-277-3366 (Lake Tomahawk); PO Box 8943, Madison, WI 53708-8943**Website:** <https://bcpl.wisconsin.gov>**Number of employees:** 9.70**State appropriations 2023–25:** \$3,348,300

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands is a body established in the Wisconsin Constitution. The board is composed of the secretary of state, state treasurer, and attorney general. The board manages the state's remaining trust lands, manages trust funds primarily for the benefit of public education, and maintains the state's original 19th-century land survey and land sales records. The board is assisted in its work by the Division of Trust Lands and Investments, an entity attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes.

The board holds title to nearly 77,000 acres of school trust lands. These lands are managed for timber production, natural area preservation, and public use. The board manages four trust funds, totaling over \$1.4 billion in assets. The largest of these is the Common School Fund. The principal of this fund continues to grow through the collection of fees, fines, and forfeitures that accrue to the state. The board invests the moneys of this fund in various asset classes, including state and municipal bonds. It also loans moneys from this fund directly to Wisconsin municipalities and school districts through the State Trust Fund Loan Program. These loans are used for economic development, school repairs and improvements, local infrastructure and utilities, and capital equipment and vehicles. The net earnings of the Common School Fund are distributed annually by the Department of Public Instruction to all of Wisconsin’s public school districts and provide the sole source of state aid for public school library media and resources.

Public Service Commission

Commissioners: Summer Strand, *chair*; Marcus Hawkins; Kristy Nieto

Chief of staff: Kara Pennoyer

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, Sixth Floor, Madison

Contact: pscrecordsmail@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-5481; 888-816-3831 (toll free); 608-266-2001 (consumer complaints); 800-225-7729 (consumer complaints, toll free); PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

Website: <https://psc.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 162.75

State appropriations 2023–25: \$67,636,600

The Public Service Commission consists of three commissioners appointed to six-year terms by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor appoints one of the commissioners as chair for a two-year term. A commissioner may not have a financial interest in a railroad, public utility, or water carrier; may not be a candidate for public office; and is subject to certain restrictions regarding political activity.

The commission is responsible for regulating Wisconsin’s public utilities and ensuring that utility services are provided to customers safely, reliably, and at prices reasonable to both ratepayers and utility owners. The commission also regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas distribution, water, and municipal combined water and sewer utilities. The commission’s responsibilities include determining levels for adequate and safe service; overseeing compliance with renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency requirements; approving public utility bond sales and stock offerings; and approving mergers,



Public Service Commission Chairperson Summer Strand speaks at the launch event for the Home Energy Rebates Program. Wisconsin was the first state to launch this program, which delivers rebates to households making energy efficiency improvements.

consolidations, and ownership changes regarding public utilities. The commission also considers applications for major construction projects, such as power plants, transmission lines, and wind farms. In addition to ensuring public utility compliance with statutes, administrative codes, and record-keeping requirements, commission staff investigates and mediates consumer complaints.

The commission has limited jurisdiction over landline telecommunications providers and services. The commission certifies various types of telecommunications providers; manages the Universal Service Fund; handles some wholesale disputes between telecommunications providers; and administers telephone numbering resources. In general, the commission has no jurisdiction over electric cooperatives, liquefied petroleum gas, fuel oil, cellular telephone service, or cable television. Although the commission has no jurisdiction over Internet service, it does provide oversight for statewide broadband mapping and planning and makes grants for constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. The commission also has the authority to enforce Digger's Hotline requirements involving natural gas or other hazardous materials.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND COUNCIL

Contact: pscuniversalservicefund@wisconsin.gov

The Universal Service Fund Council advises the commission on the administration of the Universal Service Fund. The purposes of the fund include assisting low-income customers, customers in areas where telecommunications service

costs are relatively high, and customers with disabilities in obtaining affordable access to basic telecommunications services. The Universal Service Fund director acts as the liaison between the Public Service Commission and the council.

WIND SITING COUNCIL

The Wind Siting Council advises the commission on the promulgation of rules relating to restrictions that a political subdivision may impose on the installation or use of a wind energy system, including setback requirements that provide reasonable protection from any health effects. The council also surveys the peer-reviewed scientific research regarding the health impacts of wind energy systems and studies state and national regulatory developments regarding the siting of wind energy systems.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS

Commissioner of railroads: Don Vruwink

Contact: ocr@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-8221; PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

Website: <https://ocr.wi.gov>

The governor appoints the commissioner of railroads with the advice and consent of the senate for a six-year term. The commissioner may not have a financial interest in railroads or water carriers and may not serve on or under any committee of a political party. The Office of the Commissioner of Railroads enforces regulations related to railway safety and determines the safety of highway crossings, including the adequacy of railroad warning devices. The office also has authority over the rates and services of intrastate water carriers.

Department of Revenue

Secretary-designee: David Casey

Deputy secretary: Maria Guerra Lapacek

Location: 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison

Contact: 608-266-2772 (office phone); 608-266-2486 (individuals); 608-266-2776 (businesses); PO Box 8949, Madison, WI 53708-8949

Website: www.revenue.wi.gov

Number of employees: 1,186.80

State appropriations 2023–25: \$504,988,200

The Department of Revenue is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department administers all major state tax laws except the insurance premiums tax and enforces the state's alcohol beverage and tobacco laws. It estimates state revenues,

forecasts state economic activity, helps formulate tax policy, and administers the Wisconsin Lottery. The department also determines the equalized value of taxable property and assesses manufacturing and telecommunications company property for property tax purposes. It administers the tax incremental financing program, shared revenue, and other local financial assistance programs and assists local governments in their property assessments and financial management. The department also oversees Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property program, which matches taxpayers with unclaimed financial assets.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

FARMLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Farmland Advisory Council advises the department on assessing agricultural land, implementing use-value assessment of agricultural land, and reducing the expansion of urban sprawl. It reports annually to the legislature on the usefulness of use-value assessment as a way to preserve farmland and reduce the conversion of farmland to other uses. The council also recommends changes to the shared revenue formula to compensate local governments and school districts adversely affected by use-value assessment.

STATE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The State Board of Assessors investigates objections filed by manufacturers and municipalities to the amount, valuation, or taxability of real or personal manufacturing property, as well as objections to the penalties issued for late filing or nonfiling of required manufacturing property report forms.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

DIVISION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Website: <https://revenue.wi.gov/pages/alcoholbeverage/home.aspx>

The Division of Alcohol Beverages is responsible for enforcing Wisconsin's alcohol beverage laws. The division also issues permits to alcohol manufacturers, distributors, and some retailers. The division does not enforce tax laws related to alcohol.

INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD (inactive)

Website: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/pages/governments/ilif-board-home.aspx>

The Investment and Local Impact Fund Board administers the Investment and Local Impact Fund, created to help municipalities alleviate costs associated with social, educational, environmental, and economic impacts of metalliferous mineral mining. The board certifies to the Department of Administration the amount of the payments to be distributed to municipalities from the fund. It also provides

funding to local governments throughout the development of a mining project and distributes federal mining revenue received by the state to municipalities that are affected by mining on federal land.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

Secretary-designee: Dan Hereth

Deputy secretary: Jennifer Garrett

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

Contact: dsps@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-2112; 877-617-1565 (toll free); 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705

Website: <http://dsps.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 257.89

State appropriations 2023–25: \$152,529,900

The Department of Safety and Professional Services is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department administers and enforces laws to ensure safe and sanitary conditions in public and private buildings, including by reviewing plans and performing inspections of commercial buildings and certain components and

systems therein.

Department of Safety and Professional Services Secretary Dan Hereth (*center*) reviews plans for a City of Oak Creek building with agency staff and a local building inspector.

The department is also responsible for ensuring the safe and competent practice of various licensed occupations and businesses in Wisconsin. The department provides direct regulation or licensing of certain occupations and businesses. In addition, numerous boards are attached to the department that are responsible for regulating other occupations and businesses. In general, these boards determine the education and experience required for credentialing, develop and evaluate examinations, and establish standards for professional con-



JOHN BEARD, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Department of Safety and Professional Services inspector Tom Condon inspects the safety features of a ride at Bay Beach Amusement Park in Green Bay. The agency establishes and enforces standards to regulate the design, construction, and operation of such rides and attractions.

duct. The department or the relevant board may reprimand a credential holder in a field that it regulates; limit, suspend, or revoke the credential of a practitioner who violates laws or rules; and, in some cases, impose forfeitures. The department provides administrative services to the boards and policy assistance in such areas as evaluating and establishing new professional licensing programs, creating routine procedures for legal proceedings, and adjusting policies in response to public needs. The department also investigates and prosecutes complaints against credential holders and assists with drafting administrative rules.

Under its Educational Approval Program, the department is also responsible for approving and overseeing most private, for-profit postsecondary schools offering educational programs or occupational training in this state; in-state private, nonprofit colleges and universities incorporated after 1991; and out-of-state postsecondary institutions offering distance education to Wisconsin residents if the institution is not located in a state participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (see Distance Learning Authorization Board for more information on the agreement).

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN COUNCIL
(inactive)

The Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Contractors and Journeymen Council

advises the department on rules for credentials required for installing and maintaining automatic fire sprinkler systems.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

The Commercial Building Code Council advises the department on rules relating to public buildings and buildings that are places of employment. The council also reviews and makes recommendations pertaining to the department's rules for constructing, altering, adding to, repairing, and maintaining those types of buildings.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD

The Controlled Substances Board classifies controlled substances into schedules that regulate the prescription, use, and possession of controlled substances. The board also approves special use permits for controlled substances.

CONVEYANCE SAFETY CODE COUNCIL

The Conveyance Safety Code Council makes recommendations to the department pertaining to safety standards for elevators, escalators, and similar conveyances.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING CODE COUNCIL

The Manufactured Housing Code Council makes recommendations to the department pertaining to standards for the construction, installation, and sale of manufactured homes.

PLUMBERS COUNCIL

The Plumbers Council advises the department on rules for credentials required for plumbing.

UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL

The Uniform Dwelling Code Council reviews and makes recommendations for department rules regarding the construction and inspection of one-family and two-family dwellings and regarding continuing education, examinations, and financial responsibility for building contractors. The council also reviews complaints about building inspectors and recommends disciplinary action to the department. In addition, the council reviews and makes recommendations for department rules regarding modular homes.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Michael E. Friedman

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS
AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING
BOARD** (affiliated to Medical
Examining Board)

Chair: Michael K. Moll

AUCTIONEER BOARD

Chair: Jerry L. Thiel

BOARD OF NURSING

Chair: Robert W. Weinman

CEMETERY BOARD

Chair: E. Glen Porter III

**CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING
BOARD**

Chair: Amy L. Heffernan

**COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING
BOARD**

Chair: Megan A. Jackson

DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Shaheda G. M. Govani

DIETITIANS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical Examining
Board)

Chair: Tara L. LaRowe

**EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, AND REGISTERED
INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

Chair: Rosheen Styczinski

Architect section chair: Gregory A. Douglas

Designer section chair: vacant

Professional engineer section chair: Karl L. Linck

Landscape architect section chair: Rosheen M. Styczinski

Professional land surveyor section chair: Daniel Fedderly

Registered interior design section chair: Robin A. Stroebel

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL
SCIENTISTS**

Chair: Trevor W. Nobile

Geologist section chair: Trevor W. Nobile



JOHN BEARD, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Department of Safety and Professional Services Deputy Secretary Jennifer Garrett (*second from left*) visits a proposed Microsoft data center facility in Mount Pleasant. In May 2024, Microsoft announced that it is investing \$3.3 billion to build AI and cloud computing infrastructure at the site.

Hydrologist section chair: Ann D. Hirekatur

Soil scientist section chair: vacant

FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Joseph B. Schinkten

GENETIC COUNSELORS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

Chair: Jessica Grzybowski

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Justen J. Willemon

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Tim R. Strait

Marriage and family therapist section chair: Christopher J. Webster

Professional counselor section chair: Ann Glavan

Social worker section chair: Sheng B. Lee Yang

MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

Chair: Jaime L. Ehmer

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Gregory J. Schmeling

Advisory councils assisting the board: Council on Anesthesiologists Assistants, Jeffrey W. Lee, *chair*; Perfusionists Examining Council, Gary Tsarovsky, *chair*; Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council, Chris R. Becker, *chair*

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Jill Crista

NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: David L. Larson

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

Chair: Teresa L. Black

OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Lisa L. Slaby

PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: John G. Weitekamp

PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD**Chair:** Steven W. Johnson**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD** (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)**Chair:** Jennifer L. Jarrett**PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD** (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)**Chair:** James Whelan**PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD****Chair:** Daniel A. Schroeder**RADIOGRAPHY EXAMINING BOARD****Chair:** Donald A. Borst**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD****Chair:** Daniel J. Figurski**REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD****Chair:** Thomas J. Richie**Advisory councils assisting the board:** Council on Real Estate Curriculum and Examinations, Elizabeth A. Lauer, *chair*; Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Council, Sonya G. Mays, *chair*

Office of the Secretary of State

Secretary of state: Sarah Godlewski**Location:** B41 West, State Capitol,
Madison**Contact:** statesec@wisconsin.gov;
608-266-8888; PO Box 7848,
Madison, WI 53707-7848**Website:** <https://sos.wi.gov>**Number of employees:** 2.00**State appropriations 2023–25:**
\$563,200

The secretary of state is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term by partisan ballot in the November general election. The

Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski speaks at the unveiling of a statue of Vel Phillips on the Capitol Square on July 27, 2024. Phillips, who was elected secretary of state in 1978, was the first woman and first African American to hold the position.



TAYLOR WOLFRAM, LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

secretary of state maintains the official acts of the legislature and governor and keeps the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin, affixing it to all official acts of the governor. Along with the attorney general and the state treasurer, the secretary of state serves on the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. The secretary of state may also be called upon to act as governor under certain circumstances, such as if the sitting governor dies or resigns and there is a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.



GREG ANDERSON, LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

John Leiber is sworn in as Wisconsin's thirty-seventh state treasurer on January 3, 2023.

Office of the State Treasurer

State treasurer: John S. Leiber
Location: Room B38 West, State Capitol, Madison
Contact: treasurer@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1714; PO Box 7871, Madison, WI 53707
Website: <https://statetreasurer.wi.gov>
Number of employees: 1.00
State appropriations 2023–25: \$255,600

The state treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term by partisan ballot in the November general election. The state treasurer signs certain checks and financial instruments and helps to promote the state's unclaimed property program. Along with the attorney general and secretary of state, the state treasurer serves on the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

Technical College System

Technical College System Board: S. Mark Tyler, *president*; Douglas A. Holton Sr., *vice president*; Quincey Daniels Jr., *secretary*; Lindsay Blumer; Janixa Franco Gonzalez; Dan Klecker; Amy Pechacek (secretary of workforce development); Sara Rogers; Daniel Sperberg; Leslie Svacina; Jill Underly (superintendent of public instruction); Tim Nixon (UW System Board of Regents)

System president: Layla Merrifield
Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Fifth Floor, Madison
Contact: 608-266-1207; PO Box 7874, Madison, WI 53707-7874
Website: <https://wtcsystem.edu>
Number of employees: 55.00
State appropriations 2023–25: \$1,270,251,500

The Technical College System Board is the agency that oversees the Technical



The Wisconsin Technical College System prepares students for a variety of careers. Above, a culinary student eagerly observes a cooking demonstration.

College System. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoints 10 of the board's 13 members, nine to serve six-year terms and one technical college student to serve a two-year term. Of the nine nonstudent appointees, there must be at least one employer, one nonmanagerial employee, and one farmer. The three remaining board members are the state superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of workforce development, and the president of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (but each of these officers may designate another individual to serve in his or her place).

The board establishes state-wide policies for the educational programs and services provided by the state's 16 technical college districts. Each technical college district is governed by a district board that is responsible for the direct operation of that technical college, including setting academic and grading standards and hiring instructional staff for its programs.

The board defines, approves, evaluates, and reviews educational programs; provides guidance to the technical college districts in developing financial policies and standards; distributes state and federal aid; sets student fees; sets standards for and approves building projects; oversees district budgets and enrollments; coordinates state and federal grant programs and student financial aid; and supports services for students. The board also coordinates with the University of Wisconsin System on programming and college transfer courses and with other state agencies on vocational and technical education programs and apprentice training.

Department of Tourism

Secretary: Anne Sayers

Location: 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison



A family enjoys breathtaking views from the top of Mountain Fire Lookout Tower in Oconto County. It is one of just a few remaining fire towers in the state and the only one that is open to the public.

Contact: tourinfo@travelwisconsin.com; 608-266-2161; 800-432-8747 (toll free); PO Box 8690, Madison, WI 53708-8690

Website: www.travelwisconsin.com (information for tourists); <https://www.industry.travelwisconsin.com> (information for the tourism industry)

Number of employees: 34.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$72,343,900

The Department of Tourism is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department formulates and implements a statewide marketing strategy to promote travel to Wisconsin's scenic, historic, natural, agricultural, educational, and recreational attractions. The department coordinates its efforts with public and private organizations and provides assistance to travel-related and recreational industries and their consumers. The department also does the following: (1) makes grants to local governments, American Indian organizations, and nonprofits for tourist information centers and marketing projects; (2) provides marketing services to state agencies; and (3) coordinates its economic development activities with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and makes annual reports to the legislature assessing those activities.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

ARTS BOARD

Chair: Brian Kelsey

Executive director: George Tzougros



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Kohler-Andrae State Park, one of the last natural preserves along Lake Michigan, is a popular destination for freshwater surfing. Above, surfers follow the park's boardwalks to the beach.

Contact: artsboard@wisconsin.gov;
608-266-0190; PO Box 8690, Madison, WI
53708-8690

Website: <https://artsboard.wisconsin.gov>

The Arts Board studies and assists artistic and cultural activities in the state, assists communities in developing their own arts programs, and plans and implements financial support programs for individuals and organizations engaged in the arts, including creation and presentation grants, folk art apprenticeships, creative communities grants, and challenge grants to organizations that exceed fundraising goals. The board also provides matching grants to local arts agencies and municipalities through the Wisconsin Regranting Program.

COUNCIL ON TOURISM

Chair: Ben Popp

Website: <https://www.industry.travelwisconsin.com/about-us/tourism-council-committees/wisconsin-council-on-tourism>

The Council on Tourism advises the secretary on tourism, including assisting in the formulation of the statewide marketing strategy. The council also develops and adopts a plan for encouraging Wisconsin-based companies to promote the state in their advertisements.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Chair: Travis Downing

Executive director: Jason Leis

Contact: kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us; 608-625-2960; S3661 State Road 131, La Farge, WI 54639

Website: <http://kvr.state.wi.us>

Number of employees: 4.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$2,288,000

The Kickapoo Reserve Management Board manages the approximately 8,600-acre Kickapoo Valley Reserve through a joint management agreement with the Ho-

Chunk Nation. The Kickapoo Valley Reserve exists to preserve and enhance the area's environmental, scenic, and cultural features and provides facilities for the use and enjoyment of visitors. Subject to the approval of the governor, the board may purchase land for inclusion in the reserve and may trade land in the reserve under certain conditions. The board also may lease land for purposes consistent with the management of the reserve or for agricultural purposes.

STATE FAIR PARK BOARD

Chair: John Yingling

Chief executive officer: Shari Black

Contact: wspfp@wistatefair.com; 414-266-7000; 414-266-7100 (ticket office); 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214

Website: <https://wistatefair.com/wspfp>

Number of employees: 54.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$45,411,100

The State Fair Park Board manages the Wisconsin State Fair Park, including the development of new facilities. The park provides a permanent location for the annual Wisconsin State Fair and for major sports events, agricultural and industrial expositions, and other programs of civic interest.

Department of Transportation

Secretary-designee: Kristina Boardman

Deputy secretary: Scott Lawry

A ship docks at Fraser Shipyards in Superior, which first opened in the 1890s. Shipyards have played an important role in developing Wisconsin's economy throughout the state's history.





Two newly constructed bridges cross the Wisconsin River at the intersection of Iowa, Richland, and Sauk counties. The project, completed in November 2024, included coordination among federal, state, and local transportation agencies.

Location: 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

Contact: opa.exec@dot.wi.gov, 608-266-3581 (Office of Public Affairs); 608-264-7447 (Driver Services and Vehicle Services); PO Box 7910, Madison, WI 53707-7910

Website: <https://wisconsin.gov>

Number of employees: 3,293.91

State appropriations 2023–25: \$7,879,369,800

The Department of Transportation is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department is responsible for the planning, promotion, and protection of all transportation systems in the state. Its major responsibilities involve highways, motor vehicles, motor carriers, traffic law enforcement, railroads, waterways, mass transit, and aeronautics. The department issues vehicle titles and registrations and individual identification cards; it also examines and licenses drivers. The department works with several federal agencies in the administration of federal transportation aids. It also cooperates with departments at the state level in travel promotion, consumer protection, environmental analysis, and transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL ON HIGHWAY SAFETY

Chair: John Mesich

Contact: councilonhighwaysafety@dot.wi.gov

The Council on Highway Safety advises the governor and the department secretary about highway safety matters.

COUNCIL ON UNIFORMITY OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND COMPLAINTS**Chair:** Sharon Olson

The Council on Uniformity of Traffic Citations and Complaints recommends forms used for traffic violations citations.

RUSTIC ROADS BOARD**Chair:** Marion Flood**Contact:** wurusticroads@dot.wi.gov; 608-267-3614; PO Box 7913, Madison, WI 53705**Website:** <https://wisconsindot.gov/pages/travel/road/rustic-roads/create.aspx>

The Rustic Roads Board oversees the application and selection process of locally nominated county highways and local roads for inclusion in the Rustic Roads network system. The Rustic Roads program is a partnership between local officials and state government to showcase some of Wisconsin's most picturesque and lightly traveled roadways for the leisurely enjoyment of hikers, bikers, and motorists.

University of Wisconsin System

Board of Regents: Amy B. Bogost, *president*; Kyle M. Weatherly, *vice president*; Angela Adams; Desmond Adongo; Noah Fritz; Haben Goitom; Jim Kreuser; Edmund Manydeeds III; Timothy Nixon; Tom Palzewicz; Joan Prince; Ashok Rai; Jack Salzwedel; Linda Terwilliger; Amy Traynor; S. Mark Tyler (president of Technical College System Board); Jill Underly (state superintendent of public instruction); Karen Walsh

Executive director and corporate secretary: Megan Wasley**System Administration:** Jay Rothman, *president***Contact:** board@wisconsin.edu; 608-262-2324; 1860 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706**Website:** www.wisconsin.edu**Number of employees:** 37,462.27**State appropriations 2023–25:** \$13,765,675,900

The University of Wisconsin System is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents, which consists of 14 citizen members, 2 student members, the president of the Technical College System Board or his or her designee, and the state superintendent of public instruction. The citizen and student members are appointed by the governor subject to senate confirmation. The Board of Regents appoints the president of the UW System, who has executive responsibility for system operation and management, and the chancellors for each four-year university.

The prime responsibilities of the UW System are teaching, public service, and research. The system provides postsecondary academic education for approximately 160,000 students, including approximately 140,000 undergraduates. The system consists of 13 universities, including two research universities, 10 comprehensive universities, and one polytechnic university. The system also



UW OSHKOSH

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior Hannah Vang uses calipers to measure a model of a human skull alongside Associate Professor of Anthropology Jordan Karsten. Vang was among more than 800 students to cross the stage at the 60th midyear commencement of UW Oshkosh on December 14, 2024.

includes additional branch campuses, as well as a statewide extension network with a presence in every Wisconsin county.

UW-EAU CLAIRE

Interim chancellor: Mark Carney

Contact: 715-836-4636; 105 Garfield Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Website: www.uwec.edu

UW-GREEN BAY

Chancellor: Michael Alexander

Contact: 920-465-2000; 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311

Website: www.uwgb.edu

UW-LA CROSSE

Chancellor: James Beeby

Contact: 608-785-8000; 1725 State Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

Website: www.uwlax.edu

UW-MADISON

Chancellor: Jennifer L. Mnookin

Contact: 608-262-1234; 500 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.wisc.edu

UW-MILWAUKEE

Chancellor: Thomas Gibson



UW-GREEN BAY

Participants in the High School Freshwater Summer Scholars internship program at UW–Green Bay conduct a mussel survey. The program helps attract students to science majors while giving high school students hands-on, professional experience before heading to college.

Contact: 414-229-4825; PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201
Website: www.uwm.edu

UW OSHKOSH

Chancellor: Manohar Singh
Contact: 920-424-1234; 800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Website: www.uwosh.edu

UW-PARKSIDE

Chancellor: Lynn Akey
Contact: 262-595-2345; PO Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000
Website: www.uwp.edu

UW-PLATTEVILLE

Chancellor: Tammy Evetovich
Contact: 833-200-6869 (toll free); 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818
Website: www.uwplatt.edu

UW-RIVER FALLS

Interim chancellor: John Chenoweth
Contact: 715-425-3911; 410 South Third Street, River Falls, WI 54022
Website: www.uwrf.edu

UW-STEVENS POINT

Interim chancellor: Pratima Gandhi
Contact: 715-346-0123; 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481
Website: www.uwsp.edu

UW-STOUT

Chancellor: Katherine P. Frank
Contact: 715-232-1122; 712 South Broadway, Menomonie, WI 54751
Website: www.uwstout.edu

UW-SUPERIOR

Chancellor: Renée Wachter
Contact: 715-394-8101; PO Box 2000, Superior, WI 54880
Website: www.uwsuper.edu

UW-WHITEWATER

Chancellor: Corey A. King
Contact: 262-472-1234; 800 West Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190
Website: www.uww.edu

Programs required by statute

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS

Director: Liz Bush

Contact: ahec@ahec.wisc.edu; Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

Website: www.ahec.wisc.edu

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY

Director and state geologist: Sue Swanson

Contact: 608-262-1705; 3817 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705

Website: <http://wgnhs.wisc.edu>

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN EDUCATION

Director: Leanne M. Evans

Contact: iue-info@uwm.edu; 414-251-9490; UW–Milwaukee, 2400 East Hartford Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211

Website: <https://uwm.edu/education/institute-urban-edu>

JAMES A. GRAASKAMP CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE

Director: Jacques Gordon

Contact: Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <https://business.wisc.edu/centers/graaskamp>

OFFICE OF THE STATE CARTOGRAPHER

State cartographer: Howard Veregin

Contact: help@sco.wisc.edu; 608-262-3065; 384 Science Hall, 550 North Park Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.sco.wisc.edu

PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH-EMOTIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Director: Ned Kalin

Contact: 6001 Research Park Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719

Website: www.psychiatry.wisc.edu/research/heri

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Director: Susan Webb Yackee

Contact: info@lafollette.wisc.edu; 608-262-3581; 1225 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.lafollette.wisc.edu

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Dean: Jonathan Levine

Contact: 608-263-6716; 2015 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.vetmed.wisc.edu

STATE SOILS AND PLANT ANALYSIS LABORATORY

Lab Manager: Andrew Stammer



UW-RIVER FALLS

UW–River Falls students learn to program and use an autonomous robotic tractor. This technology, which is expected to be increasingly used on farms, has the ability to navigate with sub-inch accuracy.

Contact: soil-lab@mailplus.wisc.edu; 608-262-4364; 4702 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu>

UW CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Safety Engineering and Agricultural Health Specialist: John Shutske

Contact: 608-265-0568; 460 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/agsafety>

WISCONSIN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Director: Becca Franzen

Contact: wcee@uwsp.edu; 715-346-4854; 1108 Fremont Street, SSC 201, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Website: <https://www.uwsp.edu/wcee/wcee>

WISCONSIN STATE HERBARIUM

Director: Kenneth Cameron

Contact: 608-262-2792; 430 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <http://herbarium.wisc.edu>

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

LABORATORY OF HYGIENE BOARD

Members: Gregory Pils, *chair*; Christopher Strang, *vice chair*; Anjon Audhya; Jessica

Blahnik; Robert Corliss; Gina Green-Harris; Gil Kelley; John Larson; Hasmik Mkrtchyan; Becky Rowland; Mark Werner

Nonvoting member and laboratory director: James Schauer

Contact: wslhboard@slh.wisc.edu; 608-890-0288

Website: <http://www.slh.wisc.edu>

The Laboratory of Hygiene Board oversees the Laboratory of Hygiene, which provides laboratory services in the areas of water quality, air quality, public health, and contagious diseases for state agencies, local health departments, physicians, veterinarians, and others to prevent and control diseases and environmental hazards. Attached to UW–Madison, the laboratory provides facilities for teaching and research in the fields of public health and environmental protection.

RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: 608-261-1883; Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, 310 North Midvale Boulevard, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53705

Website: <https://worh.org/resources/projects-initiatives/rhdc>

The Rural Health Development Council consists of 17 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for five-year terms and the secretary of health services or his or her designee. The council advises the Board of Regents on matters related to loan assistance programs for physicians, dentists, and other health care providers.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP BOARD

Members: Scott Jensen, Kimber Liedl, Gerard Randall, Dean Stensberg, Jason Thompson, Robin Vos

Thompson Center Director: Alexander Tahk

Contact: thompsoncenter@wisc.edu; 608-265-4087; 445 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu>

The Public Leadership Board appoints, upon joint recommendation of UW–Madison’s chancellor and its dean of the College of Letters and Science, the director of the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership at UW–Madison. The mission of the center, to be carried out in all the universities of the UW System, is to facilitate research, teaching, outreach, and policy reform regarding effective public leadership that improves American government. The board approves the center’s budget and must allocate at least \$500,000 annually for speaking engagements at campuses other than UW–Madison.

VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY BOARD

Members: Laurence Baumann, Kristen Bernard, Mitch Breunig, Cassandra Gewiss, Barry Kleppe, Darlene Konkle, Paul Kunde, Jonathan Levine, Rebecca Suchla

Nonvoting member and laboratory director: Keith Poulsen

Contact: 608-262-5432; 800-608-8387 (toll free); 445 Easterday Lane, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <https://www.wvdl.wisc.edu>

The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board oversees the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which provides animal health testing and diagnostic services on a statewide basis for all types of animals. The laboratory may also participate in research, education, and field services related to animal health.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Board of Veterans Affairs: Christopher Hanson, *chair*

Secretary-designee: James Bond

Deputy secretary: Christopher J. McElgunn

Location: 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison

Contact: 1-800-WIS-VETS (toll free); 608-266-0517 (media inquiries); PO Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843

Website: <https://dva.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 1,240.50

State appropriations 2023–25: \$302,374,500

The Department of Veterans Affairs is administered by a secretary who must be a veteran and who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department includes the Board of Veterans Affairs, consisting of nine members who must be veterans and who are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The board advises the secretary on the promulgation of administrative rules necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the department.

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Bond attends the commissioning ceremony for the USS Beloit in Milwaukee on November 23, 2024.

The department administers an array of grants, benefits, programs, and services for eligible veterans, their families, and organizations that serve veterans. It operates the Wisconsin veterans homes at Chippewa Falls, King, and Union Grove, which provide short-term rehabilitation and long-term skilled nursing care to eligible veterans (and, to the extent of their resources, to the spouses and parents of veterans). The de-



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

partment also operates the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Union Grove, the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Spooner, and the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King. Finally, the department operates the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS

Chair: Paul Fisk

Website: <https://dva.wi.gov/pages/aboutwdva/councilonveteransprograms.aspx>

The Council on Veterans Programs studies and presents policy alternatives and recommendations to the Board of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

WISCONSIN COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Chair: Chris Kolakowski

Website: <https://wisvetmuseum.com/america250>

The Wisconsin Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing a program to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, specifically highlighting the role of Wisconsin in that event.

Department of Workforce Development

Secretary-designee: Amy Pechacek

Deputy secretary: Pamela McGillivray

Location: 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3131; PO Box 7946, Madison, WI 53707-7946

Website: <https://dwd.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 1,574.25

State appropriations 2023–25: \$790,686,100

The Department of Workforce Development is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department administers the unemployment insurance program and oversees the worker's compensation program. The department also operates the state's job center network (<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com>); manages the Fast Forward worker training grant program (<https://wisconsinfastforward.com>); operates adult and youth apprenticeship programs; collects, analyzes, and distributes labor market information; monitors migrant workers services; provides vocational rehabilitation services to help people with disabilities achieve their

employment goals; and offers comprehensive employment and training programs and services to youth and adults, including veterans with service-connected disabilities. Finally, the department enforces wage and hour laws; leave and benefits laws; child labor laws; civil rights laws; plant closing laws; and laws regulating migrant labor contractors and camps.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Chair: Shelly Mayer

Website: <https://dwd.wi.gov/waewdc/>

The Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council seeks to promote increased hiring and retention of well-qualified employees in agriculture-related industries through coordination of educational systems and career training. The council advises state agencies on matters related to integrating agricultural education and workforce development systems. The council coordinates, monitors, and evaluates existing programs. The council also facilitates the exchange of information related to educational and workforce development needs.

Department of Workforce Development Secretary Amy Pechacek observes a welding demonstration during a tour of Sentry Equipment in Oconomowoc as part of Manufacturing Day celebrations. Held annually on the first Friday of October, Manufacturing Day highlights the importance of manufacturing to the U.S. economy and promotes modern manufacturing careers.





Department of Workforce Development Deputy Secretary Pamela McGillivray celebrates the grand opening of Mid-State Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Apprenticeship Center, an event also attended by Governor Tony Evers and more than 300 supporters. The center, supported by a \$9 million Workforce Innovation Grant, aims to inspire young learners, train students for manufacturing careers, and provide businesses with a skilled workforce.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MIGRANT LABOR

Chair: Jose Martinez

Contact: msfw@dwd.wisconsin.gov

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/jobservice/msfw/migrant-labor-council-description.htm>

The Governor's Council on Migrant Labor advises the department and other state officials about matters affecting migrant workers, including recruitment, employment, hours, housing, and protection of workers. The council also studies the coordination of applicable federal and state laws.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: John Dipko

Contact: dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1340; 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/wcac/hcpac>

The Health Care Provider Advisory Committee advises the department and the Council on Worker's Compensation on the standards that the department uses when it determines whether treatment provided to an injured employee was necessary treatment that is compensable by worker's compensation insurance.

SELF-INSURERS COUNCIL

Contact: dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1340; 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/self-insured>

The Self-Insurers Council assists the department in administering the self-insurance program, under which an employer may be allowed to cover its worker's compensation costs directly rather than by purchasing insurance. The council ensures that those employers applying for self-insurance are financially viable and monitors the financial status of employers in the self-insurance pool.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair: Janell Knutson

Contact: 608-267-1405; PO Box 8942, Madison, WI 53708-8942

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uibola/uiac>

The Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council provides advice and counsel to the department and the legislature about unemployment insurance matters, including by providing advice and recommendations with respect to proposed changes to the unemployment insurance law.

WISCONSIN APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cochairs: Henry Hurt, Corey Gall

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/advisory-council.htm>

The Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council advises the department on matters pertaining to Wisconsin's apprenticeship system.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair: John Dipko

Contact: wcadvisorycouncil@dwd.wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1340; 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/wcac>

The Worker's Compensation Advisory Council provides advice and counsel to the department and the legislature about worker's compensation matters, including by providing advice and recommendations with respect to proposed changes to the worker's compensation law.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

Chair: James J. Daley

Contact: werc@werc.state.wi.us; 608-243-2424; 2418 Crossroads Drive, Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718-7896

Website: <http://werc.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 6.00

State appropriations 2023–25: \$2,129,000

The Employment Relations Commission promotes collective bargaining and peaceful labor relations in the private and public sectors. The commission determines various types of labor relations cases and issues decisions arising from state employee civil service appeals. The commission also provides mediation and grievance arbitration services as well as training and assistance to parties interested in labor-management cooperation and a consensus approach to resolving labor relations issues.

Authorities

Fox River Navigational System Authority

Board of directors chair: Ron Van De Hey

Executive director: Phil Ramlet

Contact: 920-455-9174; 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130-1608

Website: www.foxlocks.org

State appropriations 2023–25: \$250,800

The Fox River Navigational System Authority is a public corporation that is responsible for the rehabilitation, repair, and management of the navigation system on or near the Fox River, and it may enter into contracts with third parties to operate the system. The authority may charge fees for services provided to watercraft owners and users of navigational facilities, enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to raise funds, and contract debt, but it may not issue bonds. Annually, the authority must submit an audited financial statement to the Department of Administration. The authority is governed by a nine-member board of directors. The nine members include six appointees of the governor, who appoints two each from Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties.

Lower Fox River Remediation Authority (inactive)

The Lower Fox River Remediation Authority is a public corporation that is authorized to issue assessment bonds for eligible waterway improvement costs, which generally include environmental investigation and remediation of the Fox River extending from Lake Winnebago to the mouth of the river in Lake Michigan, including any portion of Green Bay in Lake Michigan that contains sediments discharged from the river.

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority

Board of directors chair: Robert Golden

Chief executive officer: Alan Kaplan

Contact: corporategovernance@uwhealth.org; 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792

Website: www.uwhealth.org/about-us/uw-health-corporate-governance

The University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority is a public corporation governed by a 16-member board of directors that includes the cochairs of the Joint Committee on Finance and six appointees of the governor. The authority operates the UW Hospital and Clinics, including the American Family Children’s Hospital, and related clinics and health care facilities. Through the UW Hospital and Clinics and its other programs, the authority delivers health care, including care for the indigent; provides an environment for instruction of physicians, nurses, and other health-related disciplines; sponsors and supports health care research; and assists health care programs and personnel throughout the state. The authority is self-financing. It derives much of its income from charges for clinical and hospital services. The authority also may issue bonds to support its operations, which, however, do not create a debt of the state, and may seek financing from the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

Wisconsin Aerospace Authority (inactive)

The Wisconsin Aerospace Authority is directed to promote and develop the state’s space-related industry and coordinate these activities with governmental entities, the aerospace industry, businesses, educational organizations, and the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Board of directors chair: Henry C. Newell

Secretary and chief executive officer: Missy Hughes

Deputy secretary and chief operating officer: Sam Rikkers

Location: 2352 South Park Street, Suite 303, Madison

Contact: 608-210-6700; PO Box 1687, Madison, WI 53701

Website: <https://wedc.org>

State appropriations 2023–25: \$97,870,000

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is a public corporation that develops, implements, and administers programs to provide business support and expertise and financial assistance to companies that are investing and creating jobs in Wisconsin and to promote new business start-ups and business expansion and growth in the state. The authority was established in 2011 and assumed many of the functions previously performed by the former Department of Commerce. WEDC is governed by an 18-member board that consists of six appointees of the governor, ten appointees of legislative leaders—four appointees each of the

speaker of the assembly and senate majority leader and one appointee each of the minority leaders of both houses—and the secretaries of administration and revenue as nonvoting members. WEDC may issue bonds and incur other debt to achieve its public purposes. WEDC's bonds and other debt do not create a debt of the state.

Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority

Board of directors chair: James Dietsche

Executive director: Larry D. Wiemer II

Contact: info@whefa.com; 262-792-0466; 18000 West Sarah Lane, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53045-5841

Website: www.whefa.com

The Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority is a public corporation governed by a seven-member board whose members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. No more than four of the members may be of the same political party. The governor appoints the chair annually.

WHEFA issues bonds on behalf of private nonprofit facilities to help them finance their capital costs. The authority has no taxing power. WHEFA's bonds are not a debt, liability, or obligation of the State of Wisconsin or any of its subdivisions. The authority may issue bonds to finance any qualifying capital project, including new construction, remodeling, and renovation; expansion of current facilities; and purchase of new equipment or furnishings. WHEFA may also issue bonds to refinance outstanding debt.

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority

Board of directors chair: Ranell Washington

Executive director and CEO: Elmer Moore Jr.

Contact: info@wheda.com; 608-266-7884 or 800-334-6873 (Madison, toll free); 414-227-4039 or 800-628-4833 (Milwaukee, toll free); PO Box 1728, Madison, WI 53701-1728; 908 East Main Street, Suite 501, Madison WI 53703; 611 West National Avenue, Suite 110, Milwaukee, WI 53204 (Milwaukee office)

Website: www.wheda.com

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority is a public corporation governed by a 12-member board that includes six appointees of the governor and four legislators representing both parties and both houses. WHEDA administers numerous loan programs and other programs and projects that provide housing and related assistance to Wisconsin residents, including single and multifamily housing for individuals and families of low and moderate income, and that promote and support home ownership. WHEDA also finances loan

guarantees and administers other programs to support business and agricultural development in the state. WHEDA issues bonds to support its operations, which, however, do not create a debt of the state.

Nonprofit corporations

Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation (inactive and dissolved)

The Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation is a public nonprofit corporation that was created as an instrumentality of the state to receive and operate the Bradley Center, a sports and entertainment facility located in Milwaukee County and donated by the Bradley Center Corporation. The Bradley Center was the home of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team from 1988 to 2018 and hosted other sporting events as well as numerous entertainment shows and concerts. The Bradley Center has been replaced by a new facility, the Fiserv Forum, which is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Center District, a local governmental entity (see page 258). In 2019, the Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation submitted its final audited financial statements to state officials, announced completion of its business affairs, and transferred its remaining assets (\$4.29 million) to the state.

Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation (inactive)

The Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation is a public nonprofit corporation that was created by the legislature for the purpose of supporting the arts, distributing funds, and facilitating the conversion of donated property into cash to support the arts. The foundation may not be dissolved except by an enactment of the legislature.

Regional planning commissions

Regional planning commissions advise cities, villages, towns, and counties on the planning and delivery of public services to the residents of a defined region, and they prepare and adopt master plans for the physical development of the region they serve.

The commissions may conduct research studies; make and adopt plans for the physical, social, and economic development of the region; provide advisory services to local governmental units and other public and private agencies; and coordinate local programs that relate to their objectives.

Currently, there are nine regional planning commissions serving all but five of



the state's 72 counties. Their boundaries are based on factors including common topographical and geographical features; the extent of urban development; the existence of special or acute agricultural, forestry, or other rural problems; and the existence of physical, social, and economic problems of a regional character.

Regional planning commissions have developed and assisted with projects in areas including rail and air transportation, waste disposal and recycling, highways, air and water quality, farmland preservation and zoning, land conservation and reclamation, outdoor recreation, parking and lakefront studies, and land records modernization.

Membership of regional planning commissions varies according to condi-

tions defined by statute. The commissions are funded through state and federal planning grants, contracts with local governments for special planning services, and a statutorily authorized levy of up to 0.003 percent of equalized real estate value charged to each local governmental unit.

Wisconsin's regional planning commissions have established the Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions. The association's purposes include assisting the study of common problems and serving as an information clearinghouse.

Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Sheboygan

Chair: Mike Hotz

Executive director: Brandon Robinson

Contact: 920-448-2820; 1861 Nimitz Drive, De Pere, WI 54115

Website: www.baylakerpc.org

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

County in region: Dane

Chair: David Pfeiffer

Executive director: Jason Valerius

Contact: info@capitalarearpc.org; 608-474-6017; 100 State Street, Suite 400, Madison, WI 53703

Website: www.capitalarearpc.org

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake (not participating), Marquette (not participating), Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara (not participating), Winnebago

Chair: Jeff Nooyen

Executive director: Melissa Kraemer-Badtke

Contact: 920-751-4770; 400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100, Menasha, WI 54952

Website: www.ecwrpc.org

Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau, Vernon

Chair: James Kuhn

Executive director: Jon Bingol

Contact: plan@mrrpc.com; 608-785-9396; 811 Monitor Street, Suite 201, La Crosse, WI 54603

Website: www.mrrpc.com

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, Wood

Chair: Paul Millan

Executive director: Dennis L. Lawrence

Contact: info@ncwrpc.org; 715-849-5510; 210 McClellan Street, Suite 210, Wausau, WI 54403

Website: www.ncwrpc.org

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn

Participating tribal nations: Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff, St. Croix

Chair: Rollie Thums

Executive director: Sheldon Johnson

Contact: info@nwrpc.com; 715-635-2197; 1400 South River Street, Spooner, WI 54801

Website: www.nwrpc.com

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha

Chair: Charles L. Colman

Executive director: Stephanie Hacker

Contact: sewrpc@sewrpc.org; 262-547-6721; W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive, PO Box 1607, Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

Website: www.sewrpc.org

Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland

Chair: Bob Keeney

Executive director: Troy Maggied

Contact: info@swwrpc.org; 608-342-1636; 20 South Court Street, Platteville, WI 53818

Website: www.swwrpc.org

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, St. Croix

Chair: John L. Frank

Executive director: Scott Allen

Contact: wccwrpc@wccwrpc.org; 715-836-2918; 800 Wisconsin Street, Building D2, Room 401, Mail Box 9, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Website: www.wccwrpc.org

Other regional entities

Professional Football Stadium District

Board of directors chair: Leah Weycker

Executive director: Brian Dworak

Contact: 920-965-6997; 1229 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304

Website: www.gbbcbstadiumdistrict.com

The Professional Football Stadium District is an owner and the landlord of Lambeau Field, the designated home of the Green Bay Packers football team. It is a local governmental unit that may acquire, construct, equip, maintain, improve, operate, and manage football stadium facilities or hire others to do the same. Maintenance and operation of the stadium are governed by provisions of the Lambeau Field Lease Agreement between the district; Green Bay Packers, Inc.; and the City of Green Bay. The district board consists of seven members who are appointed by local elected officials.

Wisconsin Center District

Board of directors chair: James Kanter

President and CEO: Marty Brooks

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Website: <https://wcd.org>

The Wisconsin Center District operates the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Panther Arena, the Miller High Life Theatre, and the Wisconsin Center. It also assists in the development and construction of sports and entertainment facilities, including a new arena for the Milwaukee Bucks, which opened in August 2018. The arena, known as the Fiserv Forum, is owned by the District, but operated, maintained, and managed by the Bucks organization. After the new sports and entertainment facilities were completed, the Wisconsin Center District oversaw the demolition of the Bradley Center, the previous large-event arena for the Milwaukee area. The demolition was completed in 2019.

The Wisconsin Center District is a local governmental unit that may acquire, construct, and operate an exposition center and related facilities; enter into contracts and grant concessions; mortgage district property and issue bonds; and invest funds as the district board considers appropriate. The district is funded by operating revenue and special sales taxes on hotel rooms, restaurant food and beverages, and car rentals within its taxing jurisdiction. The district board has 17 members, including legislative leaders, local government finance officials, and members who are appointed by the governor, Milwaukee County executive, city of Milwaukee mayor, and city of Milwaukee common council president.

Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District

Board of directors chair: Jenni Dye

Executive director: Pat Goss

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Website: www.wibaseballdistrict.com

The Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District is the majority owner of American Family Field, the home of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club. It is a local governmental unit that may acquire, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and manage baseball park facilities, which include parking lots, garages, restaurants, parks, concession facilities, entertainment facilities, and other related structures. The district is also authorized to obtain grants and loans from the Department of Administration for specific purposes, including winterizing the baseball park facilities and major capital repairs. State funding may only be provided after the district has entered into lease and nonrelocation agreements with the Milwaukee Brewers.

The district is conterminous with Milwaukee County and is governed by a board consisting of 13 members. Seven members are appointed by the governor, with input from local elected leaders and the Milwaukee Brewers for several members, and six members are appointed by legislative leaders. The governor appoints the chair of the board.

Interstate compacts

Wisconsin has entered with other states into various interstate compacts, under which the compacting states agree to coordinate their activities related to a particular matter according to uniform guidelines or procedures. Some of these compacts include provisions creating an interstate entity made up of representatives from the compacting states, while others do not.

Interstate entities created by interstate compacts

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representatives: Jason Meyer, Catherine Kanter

Website: <https://aslpcompact.com>

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission was established under the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC), which allows licensed audiologists and speech-language

pathologists in a compact member state to practice in another member state under a “compact privilege” without obtaining a license to practice in the other state. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

COUNSELING COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Tim Strait

Contact: info@counselingcompact.org; 859-479-1629

Website: <https://counselingcompact.org>

The Counseling Compact Commission was established under the Counseling Compact, which allows a licensed professional counselor in a compact member state to practice in another member state under a “privilege to practice” without obtaining a license to practice in the other state. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Matthew Bistan, *commission chair*

Contact: dentalcompact@csg.org; 859-244-8000; 1776 Avenue of the States, Lexington, KY 410511

Website: <https://ddhcompact.org>

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact Commission was established under the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, which allows licensed dentists and dental hygienists in a compact member state to practice in another member state under a “compact privilege” without obtaining a license to practice in the other state. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

Wisconsin delegation: Tony Evers (governor), Jennifer Collins, Senator Jagler,

Representative Kitchens, Zach Madden, Amy Traynor, Jill Underly (state superintendent of public instruction)

Website: www.ecs.org

The Education Commission of the States was established to foster national cooperation among executive, legislative, educational, and lay leaders of the various states concerning education policy and the improvement of state and local education systems. The seven-member Wisconsin delegation includes the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction.

GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

Wisconsin delegation: Todd Ambs, Dean Haen, Wade Strickland

Contact: 734-971-9135; 1300 Victors Way, Suite 1350, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Website: www.glc.org

The Great Lakes Commission was established under the Great Lakes Basin Compact to promote the orderly, integrated, and comprehensive development, use, and conservation of the water and related natural resources of the Great Lakes basin and St. Lawrence River. Its members include the eight Great Lakes states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, with associate member status for the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec. A three-member delegation, appointed by the governor, represents Wisconsin on the commission. The commission develops and recommends the adoption of policy positions by its members and offers advice on issues such as clean energy, climate change, habitat and coastal management, control of aquatic invasive species, water quality, and water resources.

GREAT LAKES PROTECTION FUND

Wisconsin representatives to the board of directors: Erin Deeley, Demetria Smith

Contact: 847-425-8150; 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 1370, Evanston, IL 60201

Website: www.glpf.org

The Great Lakes Protection Fund is a private nonprofit corporation, the members of which are the governors of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The purpose of the corporation is to finance projects for the protection and cleanup of the Great Lakes. The corporation is managed by a board of directors composed of two representatives from each member state. The governor appoints the two Wisconsin representatives.

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

Wisconsin member: Tony Evers (governor)

Contact: gsgp@gsgp.org; 312-407-0177

Website: www.glscompactcouncil.org

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council is charged with aiding, promoting, and coordinating the activities and programs of the Great Lakes states concerning water resources management in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin. The council may promulgate and enforce rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation and enforcement of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. The legally binding compact governs withdrawals, consumptive uses, conservation and efficient use, and diversions of basin water resources, and the council may initiate legal actions to compel compliance with the compact. In addition, the council must review and approve proposals from certain parties for the withdrawal, diversion, or consumptive use of water from the basin that is subject to the compact.

Under the compact, the governors from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin jointly pursue

intergovernmental cooperation and consultation to protect, conserve, restore, improve, and effectively manage the waters and water dependent natural resources of the basin. The governor serves as Wisconsin’s representative on the council.

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL BODY

Wisconsin member: Tony Evers (governor)

Contact: gsgp@gsgp.org; 312-407-0177

Website: www.glsregionalbody.org

The Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body is an entity charged with aiding and promoting the coordination of the activities and programs of the Great Lakes states and provinces concerned with water resources management in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin. The regional body may develop procedures for the implementation of the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, which is a good-faith agreement between Great Lakes states and provinces that governs the withdrawal, consumptive use, conservation and efficient use, and diversion of basin water resources. The regional body must review and approve proposals from certain parties for the withdrawal, diversion, or consumptive use of water from the basin that is subject to the agreement. The members of the regional body are the governors from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and the premiers of Ontario and Québec. The members of the body jointly pursue intergovernmental cooperation and consultation to protect, conserve, restore, improve, and manage the waters and water dependent natural resources of the basin.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Wisconsin member: Casey Gerber (commissioner, Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Corrections)

Contact: icjadmin@juvenilecompact.org; 859-721-1061

Website: www.juvenilecompact.org

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles was established under the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The compact is designed to coordinate the supervision of juveniles on probation and parole who move across state lines and assists states in returning youth who run away, escape, or abscond across state lines. The commission has the authority to promulgate rules that have the force of law and enforce compliance with the compact.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION OF NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS

Wisconsin member: Robert W. Weinman (chairperson, Wisconsin Board of Nursing)

Contact: 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601

Website: <https://www.nursecompact.com>

The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators was established under the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, now known as the Nurse Licensure Compact. The compact authorizes a nurse licensed in a member state to practice nursing in any other member state without obtaining a license in that state. The commission administers the compact and has the authority to promulgate rules that have the force of law.

INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION

Wisconsin member: Nathan Houdek (commissioner of insurance)

Contact: 202-471-3962; 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20001

Website: www.insurancecompact.org

The Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission was established under the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact. The compact's purposes are to promote and protect the interest of consumers of, and establish uniform standards for, annuity, life, disability income, and long-term care insurance products; establish a central clearinghouse for the review of those insurance products and related matters, such as advertising; and improve the coordination of regulatory resources and expertise among the various insurance agencies of the member states.

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin members: Clarence Chou, Sumeet Goel

Contact: inquiry@imlcc.net; 303-997-9842

Website: www.imlcc.org

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission was established under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The compact provides an expedited process for physicians to become licensed to practice medicine in member states. The commission administers the compact and has the authority to promulgate rules that have the force of law.

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Wisconsin member: Summer Wilson (compact coordinator, Department of Natural Resources)

Contact: Department of Natural Resources; 608-267-0859

Website: www.naclec.org/wvc

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is intended to promote compliance with laws and rules relating to the management of wildlife resources in the member states. The compact establishes a process for handling a wildlife resources law violation by a nonresident in a member state as if the violator were a resident of that state. The compact also requires each member state to recognize the revo-

cation or suspension of an individual's wildlife resources privileges in another member state. The compact board of administrators resolves all matters relating to the operation of the compact.

LOWER ST. CROIX MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wisconsin member: Dan Baumann

Contact: Department of Natural Resources, West Central Region; 715-839-3722; 1300 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701

The Lower St. Croix Management Commission was created to provide a forum for discussion of problems and programs associated with the Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. It coordinates planning, development, protection, and management of the riverway between Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the U.S. government.

MIDWEST INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Wisconsin member: Mark Paulson

Website: www.midwestcompact.org

The Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission administers the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. The compact is an agreement between the states of Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin that provides for the cooperative and safe disposal of commercial low-level radioactive waste.

MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION

Wisconsin members: Jen Murray, Scott Rogers, Representative Spiros, Senator Wanggaard

Contact: miprc@miprc.org; 630-925-1922; 701 East 22nd Street, Suite 110, Lombard, IL 60148

Website: <https://miprc.org>

The Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission brings together state leaders from the members of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact to advocate for passenger rail improvements. The commission also works to educate government officials and the public with respect to the advantages of passenger rail. The current members of the compact are Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Wisconsin members: Tammie DeVooght, Eric Fulcomer, Senator Jacque, Representative Murphy, Julie Underwood

Contact: 612-677-2777; 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 450, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Website: www.mhec.org

The Midwestern Higher Education Commission was organized to further higher educational opportunities for residents of states participating in the Midwestern

Higher Education Compact. The commission may enter into agreements with states, universities, and colleges to provide student programs and services. The commission also studies the compact's effects on higher education.

MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin commissioner: Shelley Joan Weiss

Contact: mic3info@csg.org; 859-244-8000; 1776 Avenue of The States, Lexington, KY 40511

Website: www.mic3.net

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission oversees implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The compact is intended to facilitate the education of children of military families and remove barriers to educational success due to frequent moves and parent deployment.

The commission is composed of one commissioner from each of the compacting states. In each compacting state, a council or other body in state government administers the compact within that state. In Wisconsin, the compact is administered by the State Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION

Wisconsin commission chair: Sherry Quamme

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Website: <https://mrpcmembers.com>

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission coordinates the development and preservation of Wisconsin's portion of the Great River Road corridor along the Mississippi River. It advises state and local agencies on maintaining and enhancing the scenic, historic, economic, and recreational assets within the corridor and works with similar commissions in other Mississippi River states and the province of Ontario. The 16-member Wisconsin commission includes 12 voting members. Four of these are legislative members who represent the two major political parties in each house, and eight others are appointed by the governor. The four nonvoting members are ex officio, consisting of the secretaries of tourism, natural resources, and transportation and the director of the historical society. The commission selects its own chair to act as Wisconsin's sole voting representative at national meetings of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Teri Black

Website: <https://otcompact.org>

The Occupational Therapy Compact Commission was established under the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, which allows occupational therapists

and occupational therapy assistants who are licensed in one state that is party to the compact to practice in other member states. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Kate Brewer

Contact: 703-562-8500; 124 West Street South, Third Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314

Website: <http://ptcompact.org>

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission was established under the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, which allows physical therapists and physical therapist assistants that are licensed in one state that is party to the compact to practice in other member states. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing board.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Robert Sanders

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Website: <https://www.pacompact.org>

The Physician Assistant (PA) Compact Commission was established under the PA Licensure Compact, which allows a PA licensed in a compact member state to practice in another compact member state under a “compact privilege” without obtaining a license to practice in the other state. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT COMMISSION

Wisconsin representative: Daniel Schroeder

Website: <https://psypact.site-ym.com>

The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission was established under the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), which was created to authorize telehealth practice and temporary practice outside of the state from which a psychologist is licensed. The commission administers the compact and includes delegates from each member state’s licensing authority.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

Wisconsin representative: Wade Strickland

Contact: 651-224-2880; 7900 West 78th Street, Suite 380, Edina, MN 55439

Website: www.umrba.org

The Upper Mississippi River Basin Association is a nonprofit regional organization created by Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin to facilitate cooperative action regarding the basin’s water and related land resources. The association consists of one voting member from each state and sponsors studies

of river-related issues, cooperative planning for use of the region's resources, and an information exchange. The organization also enables the member states to develop regional positions on resource issues and to advocate for the basin states' collective interests before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies. The association is involved with programs related to commercial navigation, ecosystem restoration, water quality, aquatic nuisance species, hazardous spills, flood risk management, water supply, and other water resource issues. Six federal agencies with major water resources responsibilities serve as advisory members: the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Homeland Security, the Interior, and Transportation.

Interstate compacts without interstate entities

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

Authorizes member states to provide mutual assistance to other states in an emergency or disaster declared by the governor of the affected state. Under the compact, member states cooperate in emergency-related training and formulate plans for interstate cooperation in responding to a disaster. The Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Requires each member state to cooperate with other states to ensure that children with special needs who were adopted in or from another member state receive medical and other benefits. The Department of Children and Families administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Creates cooperative procedures for individuals placed on parole, probation, or extended supervision in one state to be supervised in another state if certain conditions are met. The Department of Corrections administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT

Authorizes Wisconsin to contract with member states for the confinement of Wisconsin inmates in those states and to receive inmates from member states. The Department of Corrections administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON DETAINEES

Allows a member state to obtain temporary custody of an individual incarcerated in another member state to conduct a trial on outstanding charges.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Facilitates treatment of patients with mental illness and mental disabilities by the cooperative action of the member states, to the benefit of the patients, their families, and society.

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

An international mutual aid agreement created to facilitate the sharing of resources between certain Midwestern states and Canadian provinces during major disasters and to allow for joint planning, exercising, and training for emergencies. The Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

Provides a uniform legal and administrative framework governing the interstate placement of abused, neglected, or dependent children, the interstate placement of children through independent or private adoption, and the interstate placement of any child into residential treatment facilities. The Department of Children and Families administers the compact in Wisconsin.

INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

Authorizes a state education official designated by each member state to contract with other member states to recognize the credentials of educators from those member states and facilitate the employment of qualified educational personnel. **BB**