

THE EXECUTIVE

Office of the Governor

Governor: Scott Walker

Chief of staff: Rich Zipperer

Location: 115 East, State Capitol, Madison

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

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

Number of employees: 37.25

Total budget 2015-17: \$7,953,000

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 and, in the case of an appropriation bill, can veto parts of a bill. 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

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



DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Governor Walker visits Beloit High School to meet with students participating in the Department of Workforce Development's Youth Apprenticeship Program.

various 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.

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 and assists the governor and state agencies with the recruitment and employment of veterans so as to increase veteran employment in state government.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

DISABILITY BOARD

Members: Scott Walker (governor), Patience Roggensack (chief justice of the supreme court), Senator Roth (senate president), Senator Shilling (senate minority leader), Representative Vos (assembly speaker), Representative Barca (assembly minority leader), Robert Golden (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

WISCONSIN HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Executive director: Dena Wortzel

Contact: contact@wisconsinhumanities.org; 608-262-0706; 3801 Regent Street, 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.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, INC.

President and CEO: John Raymond, Sr.

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

Website: www.mcw.edu

State appropriation 2015–17: \$20,399,700

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.

Governor’s special committees

The committees listed below were created or continued by Governor Scott Walker 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 of January of the year in which a new gubernatorial term begins.

COUNCIL ON AUTISM

Aligned to: Department of Health Services; 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact: Andrea Jacobson; AndreaL.Jacobson@dhs.wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5998

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

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

BICYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Transportation; 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, PO Box 7913, Madison, WI 53707-7913

Contact: Jill Mrotek Glenzinski; jill.mrotekglenzinski@dot.wi.gov; 608-267-7757

Created by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1991 and continued most recently by Governor Walker, 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.

WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Administration; 101 East Wilson Street, PO Box 8944, Madison, WI 53708-8944

Contact: Michael Friis; michael.friis@wisconsin.gov; coastal@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-7982

Website: www.doa.state.wi.us/divisions/intergovernmental-relations/Wisconsin-Coastal-Management

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 Walker. The council advises the governor with respect to Wisconsin's coastal management efforts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Justice; 608-266-1221; PO Box 7857, Madison, WI 53707-7857

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

Created by Governor Walker in 2012, 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. Members of the council represent various aspects of the state's criminal justice system.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Aligned to: Department of Health Services; 1 West Wilson Street, Room 551, Madison, WI 53703

Contact: Dan Johnson; dan.johnson@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-9582

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

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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Children and Families; 201 East Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, PO Box 8916 Madison, WI 53708-8916

Contact: Amanda Reeve; Amanda.Reeve@wisconsin.gov; 608-422-6079

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

Governor Jim Doyle created the Early Childhood Advisory Council in 2008 in accordance with federal law, and Governor Walker has continued it. The council advises the governor on the development of a comprehensive statewide early childhood 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.

EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Health Services; 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703

Contact: Terri Enters; Terri.Enters@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-3270

Website: <https://b3icc.wisconsin.gov>

First established by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1987, re-established by Governor Thompson in 1998, and continued most recently by Governor Walker, the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council was created pursuant to federal law. The council assists the Department of Health Services in the development and administration of early intervention services, 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.

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Aligned to: Department of Financial Institutions, Office of Financial Literacy; PO Box 8861, Madison, WI 53708-8861

Contact: David Mancl; david.mancl@dfi.wisconsin.gov; 608-267-1713

Website: www.wdfi.org/yymm/govcouncilfinlit

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2005 and continued by Governor Walker, the Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy works with state agencies, private entities, and nonprofit associations to improve financial literacy among Wisconsin citizens. The council also promotes the financial literacy awareness and education campaign called Money Smart Week.

HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Aligned to: State Historical Society of Wisconsin; 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Contact: Matthew Blessing; matthew.blessing@wisconsinhistory.org; 608-264-6480

Website: www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:4294963828-4294963805&dsRecordDetails=R:CS3558

Continued most recently by Governor Walker, the Historical Records Advisory Board enables the state to participate in a grant program of the National Histor-

ical Publications and Records Commission. The board also promotes the availability and use of historic records as a key to understanding American culture.

HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Contact: 608-242-3075; 2400 Wright Street, PO Box 14587, Madison, WI 53708-0587

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

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2003 and continued by Governor Walker, 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

Executive director: Mike Bachhuber

Contact: director@ilcw.org; 608-256-9257; 866-656-4010 (toll free); 3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

Website: www.wis-il.net/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, and Governor Walker 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'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Department of Administration; 101 East Wilson Street, PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707

Contact: Vicky Halverson; vicky.halverson@wisconsin.gov

Governor Walker created the Governor's Information Technology Executive Steering Committee in 2013. It 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; Room 115 East, State Capitol, PO Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707-7863

Contact: Katie Ignatowski; katie.ignatowski@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1212

Governor Walker created the Governor’s Judicial Selection Advisory Committee in 2011. The committee recommends candidates to the governor to fill judicial vacancies in the state courts.

GOVERNOR’S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Aligned to: Department of Justice; PO Box 7857, Madison, WI 53707-7857

Contact: Nina Emerson; emersonnj@doj.state.wi.us; 608-261-6626

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 Walker. 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 TASK FORCE ON OPIOID ABUSE

Aligned to: Department of Health Services; 1 West Wilson Street, Room 551, Madison, WI 53703

Created by Governor Scott Walker in 2016, the Governor’s Task Force on Opioid Abuse advises the governor regarding opioid abuse in the state. The task force gathers and reviews data; analyzes actions taken in Wisconsin, as well as actions taken in other states and by the National Governors Association Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction; and makes policy recommendations.

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HEALTH

Aligned to: Office of the Governor; 608-267-1212; Room 115 East, State Capitol, PO Box 7863, Madison, WI 53707-7863

Website: www.fitness-health.wisconsin.gov/index.asp?locid=132

Governor Anthony Earl established the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Health in 1983, and Governor Walker recreated it in 2012. 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.

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; 608-261-0076; 201 East Washington Avenue, PO Box 7852, Madison, WI 53707-7852

Website: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/wrc>

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

WISCONSIN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Aligned to: Wisconsin Technology Council; 455 Science Drive, Suite 240, Madison, WI 53711

Contact: Tom Still; 608-442-7557; 888-443-5285 (toll free)

Website: <http://wisconsintechnologycouncil.com>

Created by Governor Walker in 2011, the Wisconsin Technology Committee consists of the members of the Wisconsin 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- and technology-based businesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE COUNCIL

Aligned to: Department of Administration, Division of Enterprise Technology; 101 East Wilson Street, 8th Floor, PO Box 7844, Madison, WI 53707-7844

Contact: Jack R. Cassell; jack.cassell@wisconsin.gov; 608-234-4781

Created by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1990 and continued most recently by Governor Walker, the Telecommunications Relay Service Council advises the state concerning telecommunications relay service, including with respect to rates and availability. The members include one speech-impaired person, one hearing-impaired person, one speech-impaired and hearing-impaired person, and one person not having a speech or hearing impairment.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Aligned to: Department of Workforce Development; 201 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703; PO Box 7972, Madison, WI 53707-7972; 608-266-5336

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. 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 provide resources to job seekers, and recommending strategies that align workforce development resources to support economic development.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant governor: Rebecca Kleefisch

Chief of staff: Daniel Suhr

Location: 19 East, State Capitol, Madison

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

Website: www.ltgov.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 4.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$574,200

The lieutenant governor is the state's second-ranking executive officer, a position comparable 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 balance of the unexpired term. The lieutenant governor serves as acting governor while 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 the governor is directed by law to coordinate.

Voters elect the governor and lieutenant governor on a joint ballot to four-year terms. 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

Department secretary: Scott Neitzel

Deputy secretary: Cate Zeuske

Location: State Administration Building; 101 East Wilson Street, Madison

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

Website: www.doa.wi.gov

Number of employees: 926.73

Total budget 2015–17: \$2,257,947,600

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 administers the state's information system, 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 oversees the Capitol Police. It administers a federal and state funded low-income household energy assistance program 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. It manages the state's Section 529 College Savings programs and the local government investment pool. Finally, the department provides a variety of services to the public and state, local, and tribal governments.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

COUNCIL ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Contact: 101 E. Wilson Street, 4th Floor, Madison, WI 53703

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

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS REVIEW COUNCIL

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 SMALL BUSINESS, VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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 ON AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE

Members: Eva Arnold, Barbara Bechtel, Michael Brooks, Tanya L. Meyer, Valerie Palarski, James Surprise, Dale Taylor

Executive director: Heather A. Bruemmer

Contact: boaltc@wisconsin.gov; 608-246-7013; 1402 Pankratz Street, Suite 111, Madison, WI 53704

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

Number of employees: 40.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$6,071,600

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 persons receiving long-term care. The board operates the Medigap Helpline, which provides information on insurance designed to supplement Medicare.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Director: Nancy Mistele

Deputy director: Joe Knilans

Contact: 608-267-7873; PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707

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

CLAIMS BOARD

Chair: Corey Finkelmeyer

Secretary: Christopher Green

Contact: patricia.reardon@wisconsin.gov; 608-264-9595; PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7864

Website: www.claimsboard.wi.gov

Number of employees: 0.00

Total budget 2015-17: \$50,000

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.

COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM BOARD

Administrator: James DiUlio

Contact: 608-264-7899; PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7871

Website: <http://529.wi.gov>

The College Savings Program Board administers the Edvest, Tomorrow's Scholar, and Tuition Units plans, which provide for investment accounts with certain tax advantages that are held in a trust fund to cover higher education expenses.

DEPOSITORY SELECTION BOARD

Members: Matt Adamczyk (state treasurer), Scott Neitzel (secretary of administration), Richard G. Chandler (secretary of revenue)

The Depository Selection Board establishes procedures to be used by state agencies to select depositories for public funds and to contract for depository services.

ELECTRONIC RECORDING COUNCIL

Chair: Sharon Hoffman

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

DIVISION OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Administrator: Brian Hayes

Contact: dhamail@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-7709; 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400

Website: www.doa.wi.gov/divisions/Hearings-and-Appeals

Number of employees: 83.15

Total budget 2015–17: \$17,241,400

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 contract with the division for hearing services.

INCORPORATION REVIEW BOARD

Chair: Dawn Vick

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, 9th Floor, Madison

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

Website: <http://doa.wi.gov/municipalboundaryreview>

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.

INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL

Chair: Matthew Joski

The Interoperability Council develops strategies and makes recommendations on how to achieve and operate a statewide public safety interoperable communication system.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMISSION

Chair: Laurie McCallum

Location: Public Broadcasting Building, 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison

Contact: lirc@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-9850; PO Box 8126, Madison, WI 53708-8126

Website: <http://lirc.wisconsin.gov>

Number of employees: 26.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$6,354,200

The Labor and Industry Review Commission reviews the decisions of the Department of Workforce Development related to unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, fair employment, and public accommodations. 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: Lisa Delmore

Executive director: Jeanne M. Duffy

Contact: 608-261-6716; 1 West Wilson Street, Room B274, Madison, WI 53703

Website: www.servewisconsin.wi.gov

Number of employees: 5.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$8,483,300

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.

BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Chair: Patrick Young

Contact: bpddhelp@wi-bpdd.org; 608-266-7826; 888-332-1677 (toll free); 608-266-6660 (TTY); 101 East Wilson Street, Room 219, Madison, WI 53703-2796

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

Number of employees: 7.75

Total budget 2015–17: \$2,800,100

The Board for People with Developmental Disabilities advises the department, other state agencies, the legislature, and the governor on matters related to developmental disabilities.

PUBLIC RECORDS BOARD

Chair: Matthew Blessing

Executive secretary: Linda Barth; linda.s1.barth@wisconsin.gov

Contact: 608-267-7693; 101 East Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703

Website: <http://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

Members: Senator Testin, Representative Neylon, Steve Davis, Erich Korth, Pravin Raikar, Melissa Remis, Jim Ring, Connie Smith, Guy Wood

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

Chair: Senator Risser

The State Capitol and Executive Residence Board directs the maintenance of the property, furnishings, and furniture of the capitol and executive residence. The board must approve all renovations, repairs, installation of fixtures, decorative items, and furnishings for the grounds and buildings of the capitol and executive residence.

STATE USE BOARD

Chair: Jean Zweifel

Contact: Bureau of Procurement, Division of Enterprise Operations; 608-266-5462; PO Box 7867, Madison, WI 53707-7867

Number of employees: 1.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$264,700

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

Members: Lorna Hemp Boll, David D. Wilmoth, David L. Coon

Legal assistant: Nancy Batz; nancy.batz@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-9754

Contact: 608-266-1391; 5005 University Avenue, Suite 110, Madison, WI 53705

Number of employees: 5.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$1,128,800

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.

DIVISION OF TRUST LANDS AND INVESTMENTS

Executive secretary: Jonathan B. Barry

Deputy secretary: Tom German

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, 2nd Floor, Madison

Contact: bcplinfo@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1370; PO Box 8943, Madison, WI 53708-8943

Website: <http://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, beginning on page 232.

WASTE FACILITY SITING BOARD

Members: (all seats currently vacant)

Acting executive director: Brian Hayes

Contact: dhamail@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-7709; 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400

Website: www.doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Hearing-and-Appeals/Waste-Facility-Siting-Board

Number of employees: 0.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$91,000

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 composed of 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: Mary Jo Baas

Executive director: Christine Lidbury

Contact: womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-2219; 101 East Wilson Street, 9th Floor, Madison, WI 53702

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

Number of employees: 1.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$287,600

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: Miranda Leis, *chair*

Department secretary: Ben Brancel

Deputy secretary: Jeff Lyon

Location: 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison

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

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

Number of employees: 644.79

Total budget 2015–17: \$191,655,000

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is directed and supervised by the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection



(BOTH PHOTOS) DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION



(top) An entomologist with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection checks a trap for agricultural pests as part of the department's growing season survey that helps farmers with pest control. (above) An inspector for the Division of Food and Recreational Safety tests water samples to be sure a water park is safe.

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 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 EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Website: www.wiaglink.org

The Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council recommends policies and other changes to improve agricultural education across educational systems and to support employment in industries related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. It also advises state agencies on matters relating to integrating agricultural education and workforce development systems.

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: 608-224-5046

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 reviews and recommends projects involving research on soil management, soil fertility, and plant nutrition as well as research on surface and groundwater problems related to fertilizer use. The department secretary grants final approval for project funding. These research projects are granted to the University of Wisconsin System and are financed through funds generated from the sale of fertilizer and soil or plant additives in Wisconsin.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

BIOENERGY COUNCIL

Chair: Jamie Derr

Contact: 608-224-5041

The Bioenergy Council advises the department regarding voluntary best management practices for sustainable biomass and biofuels production.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Chair: Mark E. Cupp

Contact: 608-224-4630

The Land and Water Conservation Board advises the secretary and department regarding soil and water conservation and animal waste management. 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 agriculture and other rural sources of pollution.

LIVESTOCK FACILITY SITING REVIEW BOARD

Members: Lee Engelbrecht, Bob Selk, Ray Diederich, Bob Topel, Scott Sand, Jerome Gaska, 1 vacancy

Contact: SitingBoard@wisconsin.gov

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.

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Philip C. Johnson

Contact: 608-224-4353

The Veterinary Examining Board determines the education and experience required for obtaining veterinary licenses and veterinary technician certifica-

tions 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.

Department of Children and Families

Department secretary: Eloise Anderson

Deputy secretary: Ron Hunt

Location: 201 East Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Madison

Contact: dcfweb@wisconsin.gov; 608-422-7000; PO Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708-8916

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

Number of employees: 797.01

Total budget 2015–17: \$2,497,486,500

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 to Needy Families (TANF) income support program. The 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

READ TO LEAD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Read to Lead Development Council makes recommendations to the secretary of children and families and the state superintendent of public instruction regarding recipients of literacy and early childhood development grants. It annually submits a report on its operation to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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

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: Teri Zywicki

Executive director: Michelle Jensen Goodwin

Contact: PreventionBoard@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-6871; 110 East Main Street, Suite 810, Madison, WI 53703-3316

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

Number of employees: 6.00

Total budget 2015-17: \$6,082,400

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

Chair: Mark Mertens

Contact: Deanna Alexander; 414-343-5759; 635 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233

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

Department secretary: Jon E. Litscher

Deputy secretary: Cathy Jess

Location: 3099 East Washington Avenue, Madison

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

Website: www.doc.wi.gov

Number of employees: 10,101.32

Total budget 2015–17: \$2,440,157,400

The Department of Corrections is administered by a secretary who is 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.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

CORRECTIONS SYSTEM FORMULARY BOARD

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

INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION BOARD

Members: Michael Bohren, Robert Berry, Jay Laufenberg, 2 vacancies

The Interstate Adult Offender Supervision Board appoints the Wisconsin representative 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.

COUNCIL ON OFFENDER REENTRY

Chair: Silvia Jackson

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.

PAROLE COMMISSION

Chair: Daniel Gabler

Contact: 608-240-7280; 2418 Cross Roads Dr., Suite 1000, PO Box 7960, Madison, WI 53718

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

Members: James Jackson, Bill G. Smith, Tracey Isensee, Jon Litscher, James Langdon, 4 vacancies

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

Members: Shelley Hagan, T. Christopher Dee, Tanya Nelson, 2 vacancies

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: Rolf Wegenke

Executive director: Gene Purcell

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

Website: www.ecb.org

Number of employees: 55.18

Total budget 2015-17: \$38,418,100

The Educational Communications Board oversees the statewide public broadcasting system. It plans, constructs, operates, and maintains the infrastructure necessary for the state's public radio and television networks and oversees operation of the Emergency Alert System, the Amber Alert System, National Weather Service transmitters, a telecommunication operations center, and other transmitters and satellite facilities. The board operates the statewide Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television services in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Elections Commission

Commissioners: Mark L. Thomsen, *chair*; Beverly Gill, Julie M. Glancey, Ann S. Jacobs, Jodi Jensen, Steve King

Administrator: Michael Haas

Location: 212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd 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: <http://elections.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 31.75

Total budget 2015–17: (not applicable, the commission was not in existence for the full biennium)

The Elections Commission consists of six members and can include additional members in certain circumstances. The majority and 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 appointments must be confirmed by a majority of the members of the senate, but 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: Wayne Koessl, *chair*

Department secretary: Robert Conlin

Deputy secretary: John Voelker

Location: 801 West Badger Road, Madison

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

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

Number of employees: 267.20

Total budget 2015-17: \$89,722,100

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, with the notable exceptions of employees of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County.

The 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: http://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_dc.htm

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

GROUP INSURANCE BOARD

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

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

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD

Website: http://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: James “Mac” Davis, David R. Halbrooks, Katie McCallum, Pat Strachota, Timothy Van Akkeren, Jeralyn Wendelberger

Administrator: Brian M. Bell

Location: 212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Madison

Contact: ethics@wi.gov (general and code of ethics questions); ethicsCFIS@wi.gov (campaign finance); lobbying@wi.gov (lobbying); 608-266-8123; PO Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

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

Number of employees: 8.00

Total budget 2015–17: (not applicable, the commission was not in existence for the full biennium)

The Ethics Commission consists of six members and can include additional members in certain circumstances. The majority and 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 appointments must be confirmed by a majority of the

members of the senate, but 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 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, and provides forms, training materials, and assistance to local campaign filing officers (municipal, county, and school district clerks). 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

Department secretary: Jay Risch

Deputy secretary: Jim Podewils

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Suite 500, Madison

Contact: 608-261-9555; PO Box 8861, Madison, WI 53708-8861

Website: www.wdfi.org

Number of employees: 139.54

Total budget 2015–17: \$37,165,700

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, check sellers, credit counseling and debt settlement services, and automobile sales finance companies. 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 issues video service franchises to cable television operators.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

BANKING REVIEW BOARD

The Banking Review Board advises the Division of Banking in the department on matters related to banks and banking and reviews the division's administrative actions.

SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS REVIEW BOARD

The Savings Institutions Review Board advises the Division of Banking in the department on matters related to savings banks and savings and loan associations and reviews the division's administrative actions.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

OFFICE OF CREDIT UNIONS

Director: Kim Santos

Credit Union Review Board: Colleen Woggon, Lisa M. Greco, Danny Wollin, Christopher P. Butler, Sherri O. Stumpf

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Suite 500, Madison

Contact: 608-261-9543; PO Box 14137, Madison, WI 53708-0137

Website: www.wdfi.org/fi/cu

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.

Department of Health Services

Department secretary: Linda Seemeyer

Deputy secretary: Tom Engels

Location: Wilson Street State Human Services Building, 1 West Wilson Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-9622; 1 West Wilson Street, PO Box 7850, Madison, WI 53707-7850

Website: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 6,112.33

Total budget 2015-17: \$22,924,602,400

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 technicians; oversees vital records, including birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates; and supervises and consults with local public and voluntary 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 programs relating to 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, Community Relocation Initiative, Community Integration Initiative, Pathways to Independence, and the Community Options Program. The department licenses and regulates programs and facilities that provide health, long-term

Wisconsin residents receiving FoodShare benefits have access to the FoodShare Employment and Training program to help them learn job skills.





Participants in the IRIS Medicaid waiver program are able to enjoy and be part of their communities while also having their long-term care needs met.

care, and mental health 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 programs to meet mental health 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 medium security facility for mentally ill prison inmates whose 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 ON BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE

Contact: Peggy Helm-Quest; Peggy.HelmQuest@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-2945

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; the content, format, and procedures for reporting; and the contents of the aggregated reports.

COUNCIL ON BLINDNESS

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 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 deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened, and deaf-blind people.

MEDICAID PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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.

COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

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 the mentally ill.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

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

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Advisory entities authorized under s. 15.04 (1) (c)

NEWBORN SCREENING ADVISORY GROUP: UMBRELLA COMMITTEE

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.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

Chair: Jerry Biggart

Contact: 608-266-1568; PO Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659

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.

COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Chair: Ben Barrett

Coordinator: Dan Johnson

Contact: dan.johnson@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-9582; TTY/TDD/Relay: WI Relay 711; 1 West Wilson Street, Room 551, Madison, WI 53703

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.

Higher Educational Aids Board

Members: Margaret Farrow, Stephen Willett, Kathleen Sahlhoff, Robert Welch, Jeff Cichon, Michelle Thompson, Jacob Lubenow, Nathaniel Helm-Quest, Steve Midthun, Jennifer Kammerud, Benjamin Zellmer

Nonvoting member: 1 vacancy

Executive secretary: John Reinemann

Location: 131 West Wilson Street, Suite 902, Madison

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

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

Number of employees: 10.00

Total budget 2015-17: \$284,475,800

The Higher Educational Aids Board consists of the superintendent of public instruction and ten members appointed by the governor without senate confirmation. The board has added one nonvoting member to represent tribal institutions of higher education. The governor appoints the board's executive secretary. The board is responsible for the management and oversight of the state's student financial aid system for Wisconsin residents attending institutions of higher education. The board also enters into interstate agreements and performs student loan collection services.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

DISTANCE LEARNING AUTHORIZATION BOARD

Members: Morna Foy, Ray Cross, Rolf Wegenke, David Dies, Barb Lundberg

Contact: John Reinemann; john.reinemann@wi.gov; 608-267-2206

Website: <http://heab.wi.gov/DLAB>

The Distance Learning Authorization Board may, on behalf of the state and subject to review by the Joint Committee on Finance, enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement administered under the Midwestern Higher Education Compact or any other interstate reciprocity agreement related to state authorization and oversight of postsecondary institutions that offer distance education beyond the borders of the states in which they are located. The board administers and enforces any agreement entered into and reviews, authorizes, and monitors eligible postsecondary institutions.

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Board of Curators: Dave Anderson, Angela Bartell, John Decker, Lane Earns, Ramona Gonzalez, Conrad Goodkind, Norbert Hill, Jr., Representative Horlacher, Gregory Huber, Joanne Huelsman, George Jacobs, Jr., Carol McChesney Johnson, Representative Kessler, James Klauser, Patty Loew, Thomas Maxwell, Susan McLeod, Lowell Peterson, Jerry Phillips, Senator

Risser, Brian Rude, Walter Rugland, Phillip Schauer, Michael Schmudlach, Sam Scinta, Thomas Shriner, Jr., Robert Smith, John Thompson, Chia Youyee Vang, Senator Wanggaard, Keene Winters, Michael Youngman, Aharon Zorea

Director: Ellsworth H. Brown

Location: 816 State Street, Madison (archives and library); 30 North Carroll Street, Madison (museum)

Contact: 608-264-6400 (general); 608-264-6535 (library and archives); 608-264-6555 (museum); 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.wisconsinhistory.org

Number of employees: 129.04

Total budget 2015–17: \$45,744,100

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 elected 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

Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien is one of several historic sites operated by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The estate was established by the Dousman family in the 1840s and rebuilt in the 1870s in the Italian Villa style.



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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 13 area research centers. The society also operates the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison, ten other museums and historic sites throughout the state, an office at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, a field services office in Eau Claire, and statewide school services programs. The society owns the Circus World Museum, which is operated by the Circus World Museum Foundation. The society provides public history programming such as National History Day and collaborates with other agencies such as Wisconsin Public Television to deliver history programming to the public. The society provides technical services and advice to nearly 400 affiliated local historical societies throughout the state. The society conducts, publishes, and disseminates research on Wisconsin and U.S. history and 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 implementation of the state's Burial Sites Preservation Law.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD

Members: Ellsworth H. Brown, Kathryn C. Egan-Bruhy, Jennifer Haas, Cynthia Stiles, David J. Grignon, Corina Williams, Melinda Young

Nonvoting members: John H. Broihahn, Jim Draeger

Contact: Kim Cook; kim.cook@wisconsinhistory.org; 608-264-6493; 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

The Burial Sites Preservation Board assists in the administration of the state's burial sites laws. The board's duties include determining which Indian tribes in Wisconsin have an interest in catalogued burial sites, approving applicants for a registry of persons interested in those sites, reviewing decisions on permit applications to disturb those sites, and reviewing decisions regarding the disposition of human remains and burial objects removed from catalogued and uncatalogued burial sites.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Members: Bruce T. Block, Carlen Hatala, Carol McChesney Johnson, Dan J. Joyce, Kubet Luchterhand, David V. Mollenhoff, Neil Prendergast, Sissel Schroeder, Valentine J. Schute, Jr., Daniel J. Stephans, Paul Wolter, Melinda Young, Donna Zimmerman, 2 vacancies

Contact: Peggy Veregin; peggy.veregin@wisconsinhistory.org; 608-264-6501; 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

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, 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: Ted Nickel

Deputy commissioner: J.P. Wieske

Location: 125 South Webster Street, Madison

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

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

Number of employees: 151.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$220,747,300

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 three segregated insurance funds: the State Life Insurance Fund, the Local Government Property 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 Local Government Property Insurance Fund provides coverage for local governments against fire loss, as well as optional coverage for certain property damage they may incur. 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

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, allocated 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. The board's advice and recommendations to the commissioner are not subject to the state's open records law.

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

The Board of Governors of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund/ Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan oversees the health care liability plans for licensed physicians and certified registered nurse anesthetists, medical partnerships and corporations, cooperative sickness 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, a mandatory health care risk-sharing 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 and the Wisconsin Health Care Liability Insurance Plan or premiums paid to private insurers, if requested by the insurer.

State of Wisconsin Investment Board

Chair: David Stein

Executive director: Michael Williamson

Location: 121 East Wilson Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-2381; PO Box 7842, Madison, WI 53707-7842

Website: www.swib.state.wi.us

Number of employees: 166.35

Total budget 2015–17: \$93,707,200

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 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, 2015, the board managed about \$100 billion in assets. The largest portion of the assets managed by the board, about 93 percent, 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. About 6 percent 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 about 1 percent of the board's total assets under management: the Local Government Property Insurance Fund, the State Life Insurance Fund, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin Endowment Trust Fund, the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, and the Tuition Trust Fund.

Department of Justice

Attorney general: Brad D. Schimel

Deputy attorney general: Paul W. Connell

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: www.doj.state.wi.us

Number of employees: 689.74

Total budget 2015-17: \$255,426,600

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 various law enforcement services for the state. The department appears for the state and prosecutes or defends all 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

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

Mobile Crime Scene Response Units assist law enforcement at major crime scenes and bring the evidence back to crime labs in Madison, Milwaukee, and Wausau.



Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS BOARD

Members: Timothy Gruenke, Paul Susienka, Trisha Anderson, Charles S. McGee, Rebecca Rapp

The Crime Victims Rights Board has the authority to review complaints filed by a victim of a crime 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: Christopher Domagalski

Contact: Tony Barthuly, Training and Standards Bureau director; barthulyja@doj.state.wi.us; 608-266-9606; 17 W. Main St., PO Box 7070, Madison, WI 53707-7070

Curriculum Advisory Committee: Todd Thomas, Jerry Staniszewski, Richard Oliva, Ron Tischer, Greg Leck, Michael Hartert, Sam Wollin, Ron Cramer, Nate Dreckman, Mark Podoll, Joe Fath, Mike Lukas, Paul Matl, Sara Gossfeld-Benzing.

The Law Enforcement Standards Board sets minimum education and training standards for law enforcement and tribal law enforcement officers. The board certifies persons who meet professional standards as qualified to be 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 law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, and jail and secure detention officers.

Department of Military Affairs

Commander in chief: Scott Walker (governor)

Adjutant general: Major General Donald P. Dunbar

Deputy adjutant general for army: Brig. Gen. Mark E. Anderson

Deputy adjutant general for air: Brig. Gen. Gary L. Ebben

Administrator, Division of Emergency Management: Brian M. Satula

Location: 2400 Wright Street, Madison

Contact: 608-242-3000 (general); 800-943-0003 (24-hour hotline for emergencies and hazardous materials spills); PO Box 8111, Madison, WI 53708-8111

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

Number of state employees: 457.10

Total state budget 2015–17: \$211,534,700

Total federal budget: approximately \$260 million annually

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 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 in an active federal duty status, 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 arms and ammunition, equipment and uniforms, major outdoor training facilities, pay for military and support personnel, and 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.

Department of Natural Resources

Natural Resources Board: Terry Hilgenberg, *chair*

Department secretary: Cathy L. Stepp

Deputy secretary: Kurt Thiede

Location: State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), 101 South Webster Street, Madison

Contact: 888-936-7463 (TTY access via relay 711); PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

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

Number of employees: 2,549.10

Total budget 2015–17: \$1,109,384,300

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 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

DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COUNCIL

The Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Council advises the department on matters related 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.

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.

METALLIC MINING COUNCIL

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

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 related to nonmotorized recreation and transportation trails.

The Department of Natural Resources releases thousands of game farm pheasants to public hunting lands every year. The release below was aided by students at Richland Center High School.



OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL

The Off-Highway Motorcycle Council makes recommendations to the department 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.

Advisory entities authorized under s. 15.04 (1) (c)

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 related 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 Forest Fire Protection Grant administration.

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: Patrick Stevens

The Groundwater Coordinating Council advises state agencies on the coordination of nonregulatory programs related 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.

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Chair: Paul Schumacher

The Invasive Species Council conducts studies related 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, Dean Swaer, Neil A. Schwarz, Dan Pawlitzke

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: Maurine Halvorson, Craig Hoopman, Jeff Bodin, 2 vacancies

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



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Putting on kids fishing clinics is one of the many ways the Department of Natural Resources works with local organizations to build an appreciation for the state's natural resources.

the department establishes special harvest limits, and assists the department in establishing criteria for identifying inactive license holders.

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

Chair: Frederick Madison

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board is responsible for protecting and preserving the scenic beauty and natural character of the riverway. 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.

COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Chair: James Birmingham

The Council on Recycling promotes implementation of the state's solid waste reduction, recovery, and recycling programs; helps public agencies coordinate 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 related to solid waste recycling. The council also promotes a regional and interstate marketing system for recycled materials and reports to the legislature about market development and research to encourage recycling. The council advises the department about statewide public information activities and advises the governor and the legislature.

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Chair: James F. Rooney

The Wisconsin Waterways Commission may conduct studies to determine the need for recreational boating facilities; approve financial aid to local governments for development of recreational boating projects, including the acquisition of weed harvesters; and recommend 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: Daniel M. Berkos, *chair*

State public defender: Kelli Thompson

Deputy state public defender: Michael Tobin

Location: 17 South Fairchild Street, Suite 500, Madison

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

Website: www.wisspd.org

Number of employees: 614.85

Total budget 2015–17: \$172,893,000

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.

Attorneys are assigned by the state public defender to persons charged with a crime sentencible by imprisonment and in other cases, such as cases involving paternity determinations, termination of parental rights, emergency detentions, involuntary commitments, modification of bifurcated sentences, and certain appeals.

Department of Public Instruction

State superintendent of public instruction: Tony Evers

Deputy state superintendent: Mike Thompson

Location: State Education Building (GEF 3), 125 South Webster Street, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3390; 800-441-4563 (toll free); 608-267-2427 (TDD); PO Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Website: www.dpi.wi.gov

Number of employees: 634.05

Total budget 2015–17: \$13,298,178,000

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; 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; and, in collaboration with other Wisconsin library organizations, manages BadgerLearn, the statewide portal that provides continuing education resources for library professionals.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS

Contact: Brenda Jennings; brenda.jennings@dpi.wi.gov

The Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Programs advises the state superintendent about programs to prevent or reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse by minors.

BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Blind and Visual Impairment Education Council provides advice on educational and library services to blind and visually impaired people and provides advice on the services of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING EDUCATION COUNCIL

Contact: Marla Walsh; marla.walsh@wsd.12k.wi.us

The Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education Council advises the state superin-

tendent on issues related to pupils who are hearing impaired and informs the state superintendent on services, programs, and research that could benefit those pupils.

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Contact: Roslyn Wise; roslyn.wise@dpi.wi.gov

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL FOR TEACHERS

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY APPEAL BOARD

Contact: Janice Zmrazek; janice.zmrazek@dpi.wi.gov

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.

COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Contact: Anna Moffit; anna@wifamilyties.org; 608-446-3290

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

Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

Members: Douglas J. La Follette (secretary of state), Matt Adamczyk (state treasurer), Brad D. Schimel (attorney general)

Division of Trust Lands and Investments: Jonathan B. Barry, *executive secretary*; Tom German, *deputy secretary*; Richard Sneider, *chief investment officer*

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, 2nd Floor, Madison

Contact: bcplinfo@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-1370; PO Box 8943, Madison, WI 53708-8943

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

Number of employees: 9.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$3,267,800

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 76,000 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 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 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. The other trust funds are used to support the University of Wisconsin and the state's general fund.

Public Service Commission

Members: Ellen Nowak, *chair*; Lon Roberts, Mike Huebsch

Executive assistant to the chair: William Jordahl

Location: 610 North Whitney Way, 3rd Floor, Madison

Contact: pscrecordsmail@wisconsin.gov (general); PSCPUBLICRECORDSREQUEST@WISCONSIN.GOV (public records requests); 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: <http://psc.wi.gov>

Number of employees: 143.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$53,240,700

The Public Service Commission consists of three commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate for six-year terms. 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, 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, including interconnection agreement filings and disputes; and administers telephone numbering resources. In general, the commission has no jurisdiction over electric cooperatives, liquefied petroleum gas, fuel oil, wireless telephone, or cable television. Also, 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.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND COUNCIL

Contact: Jeff Richter, Universal Service Fund director; jeff.richter@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-9624; PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

The Universal Service Fund Council advises the commission on the administration of the Universal Service Fund, which assists 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 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: Yash Wadhwa

Location: 610 North Whitney Way, Suite 110, Madison

Contact: 608-266-0276; PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

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

Number of employees: 6.00

Total budget 2015-17: \$1,183,700

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

Department secretary: Richard G. Chandler

Deputy secretary: Eileen O'Neill

Location: 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison

Contact: 608-266-2486 (individuals); 608-266-2776 (businesses); PO Box 8933, Madison, WI 53708-8933

Website: www.revenue.wi.gov

Number of employees: 1,202.28

Total budget 2015-17: \$418,882,900

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 local financial assistance programs and assists local governments in their property assessments and financial management. The department also oversees Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property program to match taxpayers with unclaimed financial assets.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

STATE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The State Board of Assessors investigates objections 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.

FARMLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Farmland Advisory Council advises the department on implementing use-value assessment of agricultural land and reducing 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 adversely affected by use-value assessment.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD

Chair: Richard Chandler

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.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

Department secretary: Laura Gutiérrez

Deputy secretary: Eric Esser

Location: 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-266-2112; PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935

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

Number of employees: 247.14

Total budget 2015–17: \$102,535,200

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 of their components and systems.

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 conduct. 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.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN COUNCIL

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

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

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

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.

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION COUNCIL

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

The Contractor Certification Council makes recommendations to the department regarding rules for continuing education and examination requirements for building contractors for one-family and two-family dwellings and for certifying financial responsibility of those contractors.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD

Contact: Chad Zadrazil, *managing director*; Chad.Zadrazil@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-0011

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

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

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

MANUFACTURED HOUSING CODE COUNCIL

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

The Manufactured Housing Code Council makes recommendations to the

department pertaining to standards for the construction, installation, and sale of manufactured homes.

PLUMBERS COUNCIL

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

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

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER COUNCIL

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov; 608-267-7223

The Sign Language Interpreter Council advises the department on rules for the practice of sign language interpreters and grants temporary and permanent exemptions from a department-issued license for sign language interpreters.

UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

The Uniform Dwelling Code Council reviews and makes recommendations for department rules pertaining to the construction and inspection of one-family and two-family dwellings.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

Except for the Building Inspector Review Board, these are the occupation and business regulating boards described in the write-up of the department given above. (In each case, the occupations or businesses regulated are indicated by the entity's name.)

ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: John S. Scheid

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov; 608-261-5406

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

Chair: Rosheen Styczinski

Architect section chair: (vacant)

Designer section chair: (vacant)

Engineer section chair: Mark E. Mayer

Landscape architect section chair: Rosheen M. Styczinski

Land surveyor section chair: Bruce D. Bowden

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-5406

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

Chair: Ryan A. Berry

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

AUCTIONEER BOARD

Chair: Jerry L. Thiel

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

BUILDING INSPECTOR REVIEW BOARD

Members: Donald A. Esposito, David R. Huebsch, Gary Roehrig, James S. Micech, Benjamin E. Noffke

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-5406

The Building Inspector Review Board reviews allegations of misconduct made against building inspectors. The board may revoke a building inspector's certification if it finds an allegation to be valid. The board may also modify or reverse a building inspector's decision that the board determines is erroneous.

CEMETERY BOARD

Members: Francis J. Groh, Patricia A. Grathen, Bernard G. Schroedl, Kathleen M. Cantu, John M. Reinemann, 1 vacancy

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Patricia A. Schumacher

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Vicky L. McNally

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-5406

DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Mark T. Braden

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-5406

DIETITIANS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical
Examining Board)

Chair: Scott M. Krueger

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

Members: Eric Lengell, Marla E. Michaelis, D. Bruce Carlson, Marc A.
Eernisse, Aziz K. Al-Sager, 1 vacancy

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

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

Chair: William N. Mode

Geologist section chair: William N. Mode

Hydrologist section chair: Randall J. Hunt

Soil scientist section: (all seats currently vacant)

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Thomas W. Sather

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

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

Chair: Gregory E. Winkler

Marriage and family therapist section chair: Alice Hanson-Drew

Professional counselor section chair: Allison L. Gordon

Social worker section chair: Gregory E. Winkler

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

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

Chair: Elizabeth C. Krizenesky

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Kenneth B. Simons

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

Advisory councils assisting the board: Council on Anesthesiologists Assistants, Michael L. Bottcher, *chair*; Perfusionists Examining Council, Shawn E. Mergen, *chair*; Council on Physician Assistants, Jeremiah L. Barrett, *chair*; Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council, William D. Rosandick, *chair*

BOARD OF NURSING

Chair: Sheryl A. Krause

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Timothy J. Conroy

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

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

Chair: Brian B. Holmquist

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Ann Meier Carli

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Thaddeus J. Schumacher

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Shari L. Berry

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD (affiliated to Medical
Examining Board)

Chair: William W. Weis

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Daniel A. Schroeder

Contact: Dan Williams, *executive director*; Dan1.Williams@wisconsin.gov;
608-267-7223

RADIOGRAPHY EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Donald A. Borst

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

Chair: Lawrence R. Nicholson

Contact: Thomas Ryan, *executive director*; Thomas.Ryan@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-2378

REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

Chair: Randal F. Savaglio

Contact: Brittany Lewin, *executive director*; brittany.lewin@wisconsin.gov;
608-261-5406

Advisory councils assisting the board: Council on Real Estate Curriculum
and Examinations, Kitty M. Jedwabny, *chair*

Office of the Secretary of State

Secretary of state: Douglas La Follette

Location: B41 West, State Capitol, Madison

Contact: statesec@wisconsin.gov; 608-266-8888; PO Box 7848, Madison, WI 53707-7848

Website: www.sos.state.wi.us

Number of employees: 2.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$536,800

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 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, for example, if the sitting governor dies or resigns and there is a vacancy in the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

Office of the State Treasurer

State treasurer: Matt Adamczyk

Location: Room B41 West, State Capitol, Madison

Contact: 608-266-1714; Room B41 West, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53701

Website: www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 1.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$346,600

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: John Schwantes, *president*

System president and state director: Morna K. Foy

Location: 4622 University Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-266-1207; PO Box 7874, Madison, WI 53707-7874

Website: www.wtcsystem.edu

Number of employees: 55.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$1,114,153,500

The Technical College System Board is the coordinating and oversight agency for the Technical College System. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoints ten of the board's 13 members, nine to serve six-year terms and a technical college student to serve a two-year term. The remaining 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 statewide policies for the educational programs and services provided by the state's 16 technical college districts. (The districts, in turn, are responsible for the direct operation of the technical colleges, including setting academic and grading standards and hiring instructional staff for their 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

Chef John Johnson, a culinary arts instructor at Madison College, provides guidance to students preparing for an event at the college.



programming and college transfer courses and with other state agencies on vocational and technical education programs and apprentice training.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD

Chair: Don Madelung

Executive secretary: David C. Dies

Contact: 608-266-1996; 431 Charmany Drive, Suite 102, Madison, WI 53719

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

Number of employees: 6.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$1,423,600

The Educational Approval Board is responsible for regulating and evaluating private, for-profit postsecondary schools; out-of-state, nonprofit colleges and universities offering distance education to Wisconsin residents; and in-state, nonprofit institutions incorporated after 1991. The board currently oversees 217 schools serving approximately 30,000 students annually.

Department of Tourism

Department secretary: Stephanie Klett

Deputy secretary: Sarah Klavas

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Madison

Contact: 608-266-2161; 800-432-8747; PO Box 8690, Madison, WI 53708-8690

Website: www.travelwisconsin.com (information for tourists);

<http://industry.travelwisconsin.com> (information for the tourism industry)

Number of employees: 31.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$31,863,200

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 promotes travel to Wisconsin's scenic, historic, artistic, educational, and recreational sites. Travel sectors targeted by the department include leisure, meetings and conventions, sports, group tours, and international. Through planning, research, and assistance it provides guidance to the tourism and recreation industry to aid in the development of facilities. It also assists cooperative projects between profit and nonprofit tourism ventures and encourages local tourism development.



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Every September, the Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival brings cycling enthusiasts of all ages to northern Wisconsin from around the world.

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

ARTS BOARD

Executive director: George Tzougros

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

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

Number of employees: 4.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$3,155,400

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 apprenticeships, artists-in-education programs, challenge grants, community activities, fellowships, opportunity grants, program assistance and support, and programs for presenters. The board also provides matching grants to local arts agencies and municipalities through the Wisconsin Regranting Program.

COUNCIL ON TOURISM

The Council on Tourism advises the secretary about tourism, including by encouraging Wisconsin-based companies to promote the state in their advertisements and by formulating a statewide marketing plan.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Chair: Ronald M. Johnson

Executive director: Marcy West

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

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

Number of employees: 0.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$0

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

Several ferries connect tourists from Bayfield, at the tip of northern Wisconsin, to Madeline Island; there, they can visit historic sites or take in the scenery of the Apostle Islands.



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 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: Kathleen O’Leary

Contact: wsfp@wistatefair.com; 414-266-7000; 414-266-7100 (ticket office); 800-884-FAIR (events information); 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214

Website: www.wistatefair.com

Number of employees: 48.00

Total budget 2015–17: \$48,003,900

The State Fair Park Board manages the State Fair Park, including the development of new facilities. The board 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

Department secretary: Dave Ross

Deputy secretary: Bob Seitz

Location: Hill Farms State Transportation Building, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-266-3581; PO Box 7910, Madison, WI 53707-7910

Website: www.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 3,494.54

Total budget 2015–17: \$5,689,553,100

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 and 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



The Wisconsin State Patrol, part of the Department of Transportation, not only enforces traffic laws but conducts public outreach on traffic safety to young drivers.

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

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

RUSTIC ROADS BOARD

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. 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.

COUNCIL ON UNIFORMITY OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

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

University of Wisconsin System

Board of Regents: Regina Millner, John Behling, Tony Evers, José Delgado, Margaret Farrow, Michael M. Grebe, Eve Hall, Tim Higgins, Janice Mueller, Drew Petersen, Tracey Klein, S. Mark Tyler, Bryan Steil, Gerald Whitburn, Lisa Erickson, 3 vacancies

Executive director and corporate secretary: Jane Radue

System Administration: Raymond W. Cross, *president*

Contact: 608-262-2321; 1720 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.wisconsin.edu

Number of employees: 34,655.26

Total budget 2015-17: \$11,758,980,000

UW-MADISON

Chancellor: Rebecca Blank

Contact: 608-262-1234; 161 Bascom Hall, 500 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.wisc.edu

UW-MILWAUKEE

Chancellor: Mark Mone

Contact: 414-229-1122; PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201

Website: www.uwm.edu

UW-EAU CLAIRE

Chancellor: James C. Schmidt

Contact: 715-836-4636; 105 Garfield Avenue, PO Box 4004, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004

Website: www.uwec.edu

UW-GREEN BAY

Chancellor: Gary L. Miller

Contact: 920-465-2000; 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311-7001

Website: www.uwgb.edu

UW-LA CROSSE

Chancellor: Joe Gow

Contact: 608-785-8000; 1725 State Street, La Crosse, WI 54601-9959

Website: www.uwla.edu

UW-OSHKOSH

Chancellor: Andrew J. Leavitt

Contact: 920-424-1234; 220 Dempsey Hall, 800 Algoma Boulevard,
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Website: www.uwosh.edu

UW-PARKSIDE

Chancellor: Deborah L. Ford

Contact: 262-595-2345; PO Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000

Website: www.uwp.edu

UW-PLATTEVILLE

Chancellor: Dennis J. Shields

Contact: 608-342-1491; 2508 Ullsvik Hall, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI
53818

Website: www.uwplatt.edu

UW-RIVER FALLS

Chancellor: Dean Van Galen

Contact: 715-425-3911; 116 North Hall, 410 South Third Street, River Falls,
WI 54022

Website: www.uwrf.edu

UW-STEVENS POINT

Chancellor: Bernie L. Patterson

Contact: 715-346-0123; Room 213 Old Main, 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point,
WI 54481

Website: www.uwsp.edu

UW-STOUT

Chancellor: Bob Meyer

Contact: 715-232-1122; PO Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751

Website: www.uwstout.edu

UW-SUPERIOR

Chancellor: Renée Wachter

Contact: 715-394-8101; Belknap and Catlin Avenue, PO Box 2000, Superior,
WI 54880

Website: www.uwsuper.edu



DEREK RICKERT, UW-MILWAUKEE



UW-STOUT

(top) UW-Milwaukee is connecting students with careers in the growing water industry through a program called “See Yourself Succeeding in STEM,” which places students from area technical colleges in internships at water-related businesses. Research in the lab at UW-Milwaukee’s School of Freshwater Sciences is part of the Water SYS-STEM internship. (above) A UW-Stout professor works with a student in a video compositing class.

UW-WHITEWATER

Chancellor: Beverly A. Kopper

Contact: 262-472-1234; 800 West Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190-1790

Website: www.uww.edu

UW COLLEGES AND UW-EXTENSION

Chancellor: Cathy Sandeen

Contact: 608-262-3786; 432 North Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.uwc.edu (UW Colleges); www.uwex.edu (UW-Extension)

The University of Wisconsin System is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents, which consists of 14 citizen members, two 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. The Board of Regents also appoints the chancellors for each four-year university and one chancellor who administers both UW Colleges and UW-Extension.

The prime responsibilities of the UW System are teaching, public service, and research. The system provides postsecondary academic education for about 180,000 students, including approximately 156,000 undergraduates. The system consists of 13 four-year universities, 13 two-year colleges, and extension programs known as UW-Extension. Two of the four-year universities (UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee) offer bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees. The remaining four-year universities (UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater) offer associate, bachelor's, master's, and clinical/professional doctoral degree programs. The two-year colleges comprise an institution known as UW Colleges, which offers Associate of Arts and Science and Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degrees at college campuses and through UW Colleges Online. UW-Extension provides statewide access to system resources and research in partnership with all system campuses, counties, three tribal nations, and other public and private organizations.

Programs required by statute

OFFICE OF THE STATE CARTOGRAPHER

State cartographer: Howard Veregin

Contact: 608-262-3065; 384 Science Hall, 550 North Park Street, Madison, WI 53706-1491

Website: www.sco.wisc.edu

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY

Director and state geologist: Ken Bradbury

Contact: 608-262-1705; 3817 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705-5100

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

UW CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Interim director: Cheryl Skjolaas

Contact: 608-265-0568; 201 Agricultural Engineering Building, 460 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/agsafety>

WISCONSIN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Director: Laurie Gharis

Contact: 715-346-4973; 800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Website: www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/wcee

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Director: Nancy Sugden

Contact: 608-263-4927; 4251 Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

Website: www.ahec.wisc.edu

WISCONSIN STATE HERBARIUM

Director: Kenneth Cameron

Contact: 608-262-2792; Birge Hall, 460 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706

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

PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH EMOTIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Director: Ned Kalin

Contact: 608-263-6079; 6001 Research Park Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719

ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Director: Donald Moynihan

Contact: 608-262-3581; 1225 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706

Website: www.lafollette.wisc.edu

STATE SOILS AND PLANT ANALYSIS LABORATORY

Director: Robert Florence

Contact: 715-387-2523; 2611 Yellowstone Drive, Marshfield, WI 54449

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

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN EDUCATION

Director: Tracey Nix

Contact: 414-229-6507; Enderis Hall, UW-Milwaukee, 2400 East Hartford Avenue, Room 568, Milwaukee, WI 53211

Website: <http://uwm.edu/education/community/partnerships/institute-urban-edu>

JAMES A. GRAASKAMP CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE

Executive director: Michael Brennan

Contact: 608-263-4392; Grainger Hall, 975 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706

Website: <http://bus.wisc.edu/centers/james-a-graaskamp-center-for-real-estate>

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Dean: Mark D. Markel

Contact: 608-263-6716; 2015 Linden Drive West, Madison, WI 53706-1102

Website: www.vetmed.wisc.edu

Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: 608-261-1883; 800-385-0005 (toll free); Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, 310 N. Midvale Boulevard, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53705

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

LABORATORY OF HYGIENE BOARD

Members: James Morrison, James Wenzler, Barry Irmen, Jeffery Kindrai, Robert Corliss, Richard Moss, Karen McKeown, Mark Aquino, Michelle Wachter, 2 vacancies

Nonvoting member and laboratory director: Charles D. Brokopp

Contact: 608-890-0288 (Administrative Office); 608-262-6386 and 800-862-1013 (Clinical Laboratories); 608-224-6202 and 800-442-4618 (Environmental Health Laboratory); 608-224-6210 and 800-446-0403 (Occupational Health Laboratory); 608-224-4302 and 800-462-5261 (Proficiency Testing); 465 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706-1501 (Clinical Laboratories); 2601 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718-6780 (Environmental and Occupational Health Laboratories, Forensic Toxicology, Safety and Health Consultation, and Proficiency Testing)

Website: www.slh.wisc.edu

Number of employees: 309.75

Total budget 2015–17: \$69,055,600

The Laboratory of Hygiene Board oversees the Laboratory of Hygiene, which provides laboratory services for state agencies and local health departments in the areas of water quality, air quality, public health, and contagious diseases. The laboratory performs tests and consults with physicians, health officers, local agencies, private citizens, and resource management officials to prevent and control diseases and environmental hazards. As part of the UW-Madison, the laboratory provides facilities for teaching and research in the fields of public health and environmental protection.

VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY BOARD

Members: Sandra C. Madland, Ben Brancel, Charles Czuprynski, Mark Markel, Sherry Shaw, Alissa Grenawalt, James Meronek, Casey Davis, Ray Pawlisch

Nonvoting member and laboratory director: Philip Bochsler

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

Website: www.wvdl.wisc.edu

Number of employees: 94.50

Total budget 2015–17: \$22,861,400

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.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Department secretary: Daniel J. Zimmerman

Deputy secretary: Tom Rhatican

Board of Veterans Affairs: Larry Kutschma, *chair*

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: 608-266-1311; 1-800-WIS-VETS (toll free); PO Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843

Website: www.wisvets.com

Number of employees: 1,294.20

Total budget 2015–17: \$283,746,000

The Department of Veterans Affairs is administered by a secretary who must be a veteran and 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 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.

The department administers an array of grants, benefits, programs, and services to 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

The University of Wisconsin Band greets veterans during its annual Salute to Veterans Tailgate event during football season. The event brings student athletes together with active and former military personnel in the state.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

spouses and parents of veterans). The department 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

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

Department of Workforce Development

Department secretary: Ray Allen

Deputy secretary: Georgia Maxwell

Location: 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison

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

Website: www.dwd.wisconsin.gov

Number of employees: 1,620.55

Total budget 2015-17: \$722,646,600

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 operates the state's job center network (<https://jobcenter.ofwisconsin.com>); manages the Fast Forward worker training grant program; 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. The department also oversees the unemployment insurance and worker's compensation programs. Finally, the department enforces wage and hour laws; prevailing wage 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

WISCONSIN APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL

Contact: 608-266-3332; PO Box 7972, Madison, WI 53707-7972



Department of Workforce Development Secretary Ray Allen joins Milwaukee Public School leaders at Bradley Tech High School to learn more about expanded Career and Technical Education opportunities available to students.

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

COUNCIL ON MIGRANT LABOR

Contact: 608-266-0002; PO Box 7972, Madison, WI 53707-7972

The Council on Migrant Labor advises the department and other state officials about matters affecting migrant workers.

SELF-INSURERS COUNCIL

Contact: 608-266-6841; PO Box 7901, Madison, WI 53707-7901

The Self-Insurers Council assists the department in administering the self-insurance program, under which an employer can be permitted 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.

COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Contact: 608-266-1639; PO Box 8942, Madison, WI 53708-8942

The Council on Unemployment Insurance advises the legislature and the department about unemployment insurance matters.

COUNCIL ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Contact: 608-266-6841; PO Box 7901, Madison, WI 53707-7901

The Council on Worker's Compensation advises the legislature and the department about worker's compensation matters.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: 608-266-6841; PO Box 7901, Madison, WI 53707-7901

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.

Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Chair: James R. Scott

Chief legal counsel: Peter G. Davis

Location: 4868 High Crossing Boulevard, Madison

Contact: werc@werc.state.wi.us; 608-243-2424; PO Box 7870, Madison, WI 53707-7870

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

Number of employees: 9.01

Total budget 2015-17: \$3,071,700

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**Wisconsin Aerospace Authority**

Board of directors chair: Thomas Crabb

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. The authority's other duties include securing adequate funding for spaceport facilities and services, sponsoring events to attract space-related businesses to Wisconsin, advertising the use of spaceports to the public, and establishing a safety program.

The authority is a public corporation whose board consists of the director of the consortium, six appointees of the governor, one senator appointed by the president of the senate, and one assembly representative appointed by the speaker of the assembly. Other than the director of the consortium, board members must be Wisconsin residents with experience in the commercial space industry, education, finance, or some other significant experience related to the functions of the authority.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Board of directors chair: Lisa Mauer

Chief executive officer: Mark Hogan

Chief operating officer: Tricia Braun

Location: 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison

Contact: 855-469-4249; PO Box 1687, Madison, WI 53701

Website: <http://inwisconsin.com>

Total state appropriation 2015–17: \$65,001,400

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 a 14-member board that includes six appointees of the governor and four appointees of legislative leaders of both parties from both houses. 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.

Fox River Navigational System Authority

Board of directors chair: S. Timothy Rose

Chief executive officer: Robert J. Stark

Contact: 920-759-9833; 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130-1608

Website: www.foxlocks.org

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 that includes six appointees of the governor, two each from Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties.

Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority

Board of directors chair: James Dietsche

Executive director: Dennis P. Reilly

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.

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: Ivan Gamboa

Executive director: Wyman B. Winston

Contact: info@wheda.com; 608-266-7884 or 800-334-6873 (Madison); 414-227-4039 or 800-628-4833 (Milwaukee); PO Box 1728, Madison, WI 53701-1728; 201 West Washington Avenue, Suite 700, 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.

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, and including any portion of Green Bay in Lake Michigan that contains sediments discharged from the river. The state is not liable for the authority's bonds, and the bonds are not a debt of the state. The authority is governed by a seven-member board, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and no more than four members may be from the same political party.

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority

Board of directors chair: Robert Golden

Chief executive officer: Alan Kaplan

Contact: 608-263-6400 or 800-323-8942; 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792

Website: www.uwhealth.org

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; spon-

sors 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.

Nonprofit corporations

Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation

Board of directors chair: Ted D. Kellner

Contact: 414-227-0400; 1001 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Website: www.bmoharrisbradleycenter.com

The Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation is a public nonprofit corporation, created as an instrumentality of the state to receive the donation of the Bradley Center, a sports and entertainment facility located in Milwaukee County, from the Bradley Center Corporation. The corporation's board of directors is made up of nine members appointed by the governor, none of whom may be an elected public official. Its responsibility is to own and operate the center for the economic and recreational benefit of the residents of Wisconsin. The Bradley Center is the home of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team and the Marquette University men's basketball team. Other events held at the facility include family entertainment shows and concerts. The corporation and the Wisconsin Center District must enter into transfer agreements under which the corporation must transfer to the district, upon the completion of new sports and entertainment arena facilities that will be home to the Milwaukee Bucks, the Bradley Center and land under its control. Following the transfer, the Bradley Center is to be demolished, although its parking structure may continue to exist and operate.

Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation (inactive)

The legislature created the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation as a public nonprofit corporation for the purpose of supporting the arts, distributing funds, and facilitating the conversion of donated property into cash to support the arts. It is currently inactive. 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. The functions of commissions are solely advisory to the political subdivisions comprising the region.

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 conditions 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: Cindy J. Wojtczak

Contact: 920-448-2820; 425 South Adams Street, Suite 201, Green Bay, WI 54301

Website: www.baylakerpc.org

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Dane

Chair: Larry Palm

Deputy director: Steve Steinhoff

Contact: info@capitalarearpc.org; 608-266-4137; City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Room 362, 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, Winnebago

Chair: Jerry Erdmann

Executive director: Eric W. Fowle

Contact: 920-751-4770; 400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100, Menasha, WI 54952-3100

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: Gregory D. Flogstad

Contact: plan@mrrpc.com; 608-785-9396; 1707 Main Street, Suite 435, La Crosse, WI 54601

Website: www.mrrpc.com

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Counties in region: Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage (not participating), 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: Douglas Finn

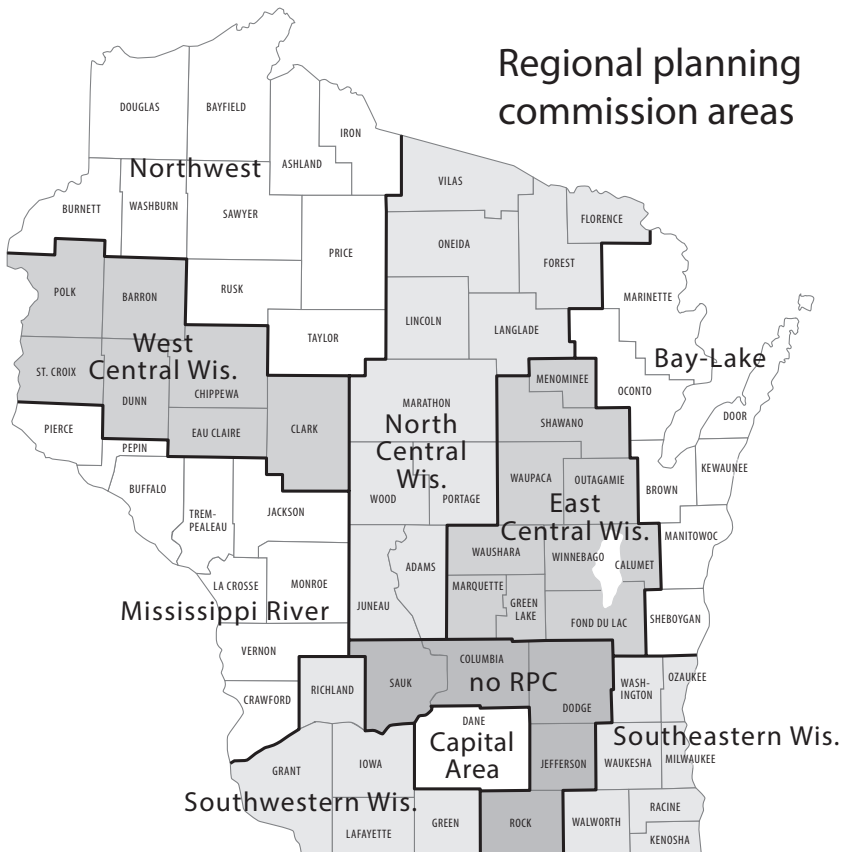
Executive director: Sheldon Johnson

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: Michael G. Hahn

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: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick

Executive director: Troy Maggied

Contact: info@swwrpc.org; 608-342-1636; 20 South Court Street, PO Box 262, 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: Jess Miller

Executive director: Lynn Nelson

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

Madison Cultural Arts District Board (inactive)

Arts districts are local governmental units that may acquire, construct, operate, and manage cultural arts facilities. A local district may issue revenue bonds, invest funds, set standards for the use of facilities, and establish and collect fees for usage. The Madison Cultural Arts District Board's activities are suspended until requested otherwise.

Professional Football Stadium District

Board of directors chair: Ann Patteson

Executive director: Pat Webb

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

The Professional Football Stadium District is an owner and 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 is governed by provisions of the Lambeau Field Lease Agreement by and among 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.

Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District

Governing board chair: Don Smiley

Executive director: Michael R. Duckett

Contact: contact@millerparkdistrict.com; 414-902-4040; Miller Park, One Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214

Website: www.millerparkdistrict.com

The Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District is the majority owner of Miller Park, 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 issue bonds for certain purposes related to baseball park facilities. To pay off the bonds, the district may impose a sales tax and a use tax. A city or county within the district's jurisdiction may make loans or grants to the district, expend funds to subsidize the district, borrow money for baseball park facilities, or grant property to the state dedicated for use by a professional baseball park.

The district includes Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, and Waukesha counties. The district's governing board consists of 13 members appointed by the governor and elected officials from within its jurisdiction. The governor appoints the chair of the governing board.

Wisconsin Center District

Board of directors chair: Scott Neitzel

President and CEO: Russ Staerkel

Contact: 414-908-6000; 400 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Website: www.wcd.org

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 Wisconsin Center District operates the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena, the Milwaukee Theatre, and the Wisconsin Center. It will also assist in the development and construction of sports and entertainment facilities, including a new arena for the Milwaukee Bucks. Following the completion of the sports and entertainment facilities, the Wisconsin Center District will oversee the demolition of the Bradley Center.

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.

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

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

Wisconsin delegation: Scott Walker (governor), *chair*

Contact: 303-299-3600; 700 Broadway, Suite 810, Denver, CO 80203

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: Patrick Stevens, *chair*

Executive director: Tim A. Eder

Contact: 734-971-9135; 2805 South Industrial Highway, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791

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: Richard Meeusen, Kevin L. Shafer

Executive director: Russell Van Herik

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 representatives from this state.

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

Wisconsin members: Scott Walker (governor); Cathy Stepp (secretary of natural resources), *governor's designated alternate*

Executive director: David Naftzger

Contact: cglg@cglg.org; 312-407-0177; 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60606

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 members: Scott Walker (governor); Cathy Stepp (secretary of natural resources), *governor's designated alternate*

Secretary: David Naftzger

Contact: cglg@cglg.org; 312-407-0177; 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60606

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 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 withdrawals, consumptive uses, conservation and efficient use, and diversions 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 governor serves as Wisconsin’s representative on the regional body. 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: Shelley Hagan (compact administrator, Office of Juvenile Offender Review, Division of Juvenile Corrections, Department of Corrections)

Contact: icjadmin@juvenilecompact.org; 859-721-1061; 836 Euclid Avenue, Suite 322, Lexington, KY 40502

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 INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION

Wisconsin member: Ted Nickel (commissioner of insurance)

Contact: 202-471-3962; 444 North Capitol Street NW, Hall of the States, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001-1509

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 WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Wisconsin member: Jennifer McDonough (compact administrator, Department of Natural Resources)

Contact: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; 608-267-0859; PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

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 revocation 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 (designated by secretary of natural resources)

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 among Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the U.S. government.

MIDWEST INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Wisconsin member: Stanley York

Contact: mwllrwc@midwestcompact.org; 608-267-4793; PO Box 2659, Madison, WI 53701-2659

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: Scott Walker (governor); Representative E. Brooks; Senator Miller; 1 vacancy (private sector representative appointed by governor)

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

Website: www.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, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Wisconsin members: Representative Ballweg; Margaret Farrow; Senator Harsdorf; Donald G. Madelung; Rolf Wegenke; Morna K. Foy (alternate); Jessica Tormey (alternate)

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

State Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Tony Evers (state superintendent of public instruction); John Hendricks (Sparta school district superintendent); Lt. Col. John Blaha (Wisconsin National Guard); Ryan Nilsestuen (Department of Public Instruction); Gregg Curtis (Department of Public Instruction); Senator Testin; Shelley Joan Weiss (nonvoting member); Becky Walley (military school liaison, nonvoting member)

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: Sherry Quamme, *chair*

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Website: <http://mrpcmembers.com>

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

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION

Wisconsin representative: Dan Baumann (appointed by governor)

Executive director: Dave Hokanson

Contact: 651-224-2880; 415 Hamm Building, 408 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

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

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 DETAINERS

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

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 MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Provides an expedited process for physicians to become licensed to practice medicine in multiple states. The Medical Examining Board administers the compact in Wisconsin.

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.

NURSE LICENSURE 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 Department of Safety and Professional Services 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.