

## THE EXECUTIVE



Governor Tony Evers delivers his inaugural address on January 3, 2023, before he is sworn in for a second term as the 46th Governor of Wisconsin.

### Office of the Governor

**Governor:** Tony Evers

**Chief of staff:** Maggie Gau

**Location:** 115 East, State Capitol, Madison

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

**Number of employees:** 37.25

**Total budget 2021-23:** \$8,474,600

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

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

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

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **COUNCIL ON MILITARY AND STATE RELATIONS**

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

### **COUNCIL ON VETERANS EMPLOYMENT**

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

### **STATE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE**

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

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

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### DISABILITY BOARD

**Members:** Tony Evers (governor), Annette K. Ziegler (chief justice of the supreme court), Senator Kapenga (senate president), Senator Agard (senate minority leader), Representative Vos (assembly speaker), Representative Neubauer (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

### THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, INC.

**President and CEO:** John R. Raymond Sr.

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

**Website:** [www.mcw.edu](http://www.mcw.edu)

**Total state appropriation 2021–23:** \$22,215,000

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

### WISCONSIN HUMANITIES COUNCIL

**Executive director:** Dena Wortzel

**Contact:** [contact@wisconsinhumanities.org](mailto:contact@wisconsinhumanities.org); 608-262-0706; 3801 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705

**Website:** [www.wisconsinhumanities.org](http://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.



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Governor Tony Evers greets Senator Tim Carpenter (*top*) and Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Petersen (*above*) before delivering the 2023 State of the State Address on January 24, 2023. The annual speech offers the governor an opportunity to outline his policy priorities before the public and a joint session of the legislature.

### **Governor's special committees**

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

### **BICYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Transportation

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

### **BIRTH TO THREE EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Health Services

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

First established by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1987, reestablished by Governor Thompson in 1998, and continued most recently by Governor Evers, the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council was created pursuant to federal law. The council assists the Department of Health Services in the development and administration of early intervention services commonly referred to as the “Birth to Three Program,” for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and their families. The council’s members include parents of children with disabilities.

The Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council works to ensure that all children in Wisconsin have access to early childhood programs and services. Below, Governor Tony Evers—a former educator, principal, and superintendent—visits with students in a school cafeteria.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**COUNCIL ON AUTISM**

**Aligned to:** Department of Health Services

**Contact:** [dhsautismcouncil@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsautismcouncil@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

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

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

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Justice

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

Created by Governor Walker in 2012, and continued by Governor Evers, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is tasked with assisting the governor in directing, collaborating with, and coordinating the services of state, local, and private actors in the criminal justice system to increase public safety and the system's efficiency and effectiveness. Members of the council represent various aspects of the state's criminal justice system.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Children and Families

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

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

**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Aligned to:** Department of Health Services

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

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

### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CAPABILITY**

**Aligned to:** Department of Financial Institutions

**Website:** <https://www.wdfi.org/ofl/govcouncilfinlit>

Created by Governor Jim Doyle in 2005 as the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, this council was continued and renamed by Governor Evers. The Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability works with state agencies, private entities, and nonprofit associations to improve financial literacy among Wisconsin citizens. The council promotes the financial literacy awareness and education campaign called Money Smart Week and identifies barriers to financial inclusion, such as systemic racism, in certain sectors.

### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**Aligned to:** Office of the Governor

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

### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT**

**Aligned to:** Department of Workforce Development

**Contact:** 414-874-1680

**Website:** [www.wi-cwi.org](http://www.wi-cwi.org)

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

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

**Aligned to:** Department of Administration

Governor Evers created the Governor's Green Ribbon Commission on Clean Energy and Environmental Innovation in 2023 to advise the Department of Administration and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation on the

establishment of an environmental and clean energy fund and to gather public input relating to such a fund.

#### **GOVERNOR'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Aligned to:** Department of Administration

Created by Governor Walker in 2003 and continued by Governor Evers, the Governor's Information Technology Executive Steering Committee is responsible for the effective and efficient application of information technology assets across state agencies.

#### **GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Aligned to:** Office of the Governor

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

#### **GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**Aligned to:** Department of Justice

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

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

#### **GOVERNOR'S PARDON ADVISORY BOARD**

**Aligned to:** Office of the Governor

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

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

#### **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON BROADBAND ACCESS**

**Aligned to:** Public Service Commission

Governor Evers created this task force in 2020 to research and recommend policies to address broadband needs and facilitate broadband access across the state. The



task force must report to the governor and the legislature on recommendations for facilitating broadband expansion, measures for addressing gaps and inequities in broadband access, opportunities for coordination among various public and private entities, the role of broadband in specific sectors and industries, advances in broadband technology, and the extent to which certain institutions have access to federal broadband expansion funds.

#### **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON RETIREMENT SECURITY**

**Aligned to:** Office of the State Treasurer

**Website:** <https://statetreasurer.wi.gov/pages/retirement.aspx>

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

#### **HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD**

**Aligned to:** State Historical Society of Wisconsin

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

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

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL**

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

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

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

#### **INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN**

**Contact:** [ilcwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ilcwinfo@gmail.com); 608-206-1581; 3810 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714

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

Governor Tommy G. Thompson created the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin in 1994; Governor Jim Doyle established the council as a nonprofit entity in 2004. Governor Evers has continued it. In coordination with the Division

of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Workforce Development, the council maintains the state's plan for independent living services for people with disabilities. The majority of the council's members are persons with disabilities. At least one member must be a director of a center for independent living, and at least one member must represent Native American vocational rehabilitation programs.

#### **JOINT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE ON PAYROLL FRAUD AND WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION**

**Aligned to:** Department of Workforce Development

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

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

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Public Service Commission

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

#### **WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Administration

**Contact:** [coastal@wisconsin.gov](mailto:coastal@wisconsin.gov)

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

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

#### **WISCONSIN PFAS ACTION COUNCIL (WISPAC)**

**Aligned to:** Department of Natural Resources

**Contact:** [dnrpfasinquiries@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dnrpfasinquiries@wisconsin.gov)

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

Governor Evers created the PFAS Coordinating Council in 2019 to assess the public health risks of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and develop a

statewide plan to address those risks. The council is now known as the Wisconsin PFAS Action Council, or WisPAC, and its tasks include developing protocols to inform and engage the public on PFAS, best practices for identifying PFAS sources, and standard testing and treatment protocols. The council must also engage academic institutions and other experts to collaborate on joint projects and explore various avenues of public and private funding to support their efforts to address PFAS.

#### **WISCONSIN REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

**Aligned to:** Department of Workforce Development

**Contact:** [dvrwirehabcouncil@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dvrwirehabcouncil@dwd.wisconsin.gov)

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

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

#### **WISCONSIN SHARED SERVICES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Aligned to:** Department of Administration

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

#### **WISCONSIN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Aligned to:** Wisconsin Technology Council

**Contact:** 608-442-7557

**Website:** <http://wisconsintechnologycouncil.com>

Created by Governor Walker in 2011 and continued by Governor Evers in 2019, 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-based and technology-based businesses.

## Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Lieutenant governor:** Sara Rodriguez

**Chief of staff:** Justin Koestler

**Location:** 19 East, State Capitol, Madison



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Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez is sworn in for her first term as the 46th Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin on January 3, 2023.

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608-266-3516; PO Box 2043, Madison,  
WI 53702

**Website:** [www.ltgov.wisconsin.gov](http://www.ltgov.wisconsin.gov)

**Number of employees:** 5,00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$941,000

The lieutenant governor is the state's second-ranking executive officer, a position analogous to that of the vice president of the United States. If the incumbent governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the lieutenant governor becomes governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The lieutenant governor serves as acting governor 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 that the governor is directed by law to coordinate.

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

## Department of Administration

**Department secretary-designee:** Kathy Blumenfeld

**Deputy secretary:** Chris Patton

**Location:** 101 East Wilson Street, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 1,425.78

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$1,817,747,400

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

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

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **CERTIFICATION STANDARDS REVIEW COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Paul Junio

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

### **COUNCIL ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

**Chair:** Adin Palau

**Contact:** 608-266-5709; PO Box 7855, Madison, WI 53707-7855

**Website:** [https://dpm.wi.gov/pages/hr\\_admin/state-council-on-affirmative-action-diversity-awards.aspx](https://dpm.wi.gov/pages/hr_admin/state-council-on-affirmative-action-diversity-awards.aspx)

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

**COUNCIL ON SMALL BUSINESS, VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES** (inactive)**Contact:** [supplierdiversity@wi.gov](mailto:supplierdiversity@wi.gov); PO Box 7970, Madison, WI 53707-7970

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

**STATE EMPLOYEES SUGGESTION BOARD** (inactive)

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

**Independent entities attached for administrative purposes****BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES****Chair:** Gregory Meyer**Executive Director:** Beth Swedeen**Contact:** 608-266-7826; 101 East Wilson Street, Room 219, Madison, WI 53703**Website:** <https://wi-bpdd.org>**Number of employees:** 7.00**Total budget 2021–23:** \$3,468,700

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

**BOARD ON AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE****Chair:** James Surprise**Executive director:** Jessica Trudell**Contact:** [boaltc@wisconsin.gov](mailto:boaltc@wisconsin.gov); 608-246-7013; Ombudsman Program, 800-815-0015 (toll free); Medigap Helpline, 800-242-1060 (toll free); Medigap Part D Helpline, 855-677-2783 (toll free); 1402 Pankratz Street, Suite 111, Madison, WI 53704**Website:** <https://longtermcare.wi.gov>**Number of employees:** 44.50**Total budget 2021–23:** \$7,436,800

The Board on Aging and Long-Term Care reports to the governor and the legislature on matters relating to long-term care for the aged and disabled. The board monitors the development and implementation of federal, state, and local laws

and regulations related to long-term care facilities and investigates complaints from people receiving long-term care. The board operates the Medigap Helpline, which provides information on insurance designed to supplement Medicare.

### **CLAIMS BOARD**

**Chair:** Corey Finkelmeyer

**Secretary:** Anne Hanson

**Contact:** [stateclaimsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:stateclaimsboard@wisconsin.gov); PO Box 7864, Madison, WI 53707-7864

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

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

### **DIVISION OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**Administrator:** Brian Hayes

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

**Contact:** [dhamail@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhamail@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-7709; PO Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875

**Website:** <https://doa.wi.gov/divisions/hearings-and-appeals>

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

### **DIVISION OF TRUST LANDS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Executive secretary:** Tom German

**Deputy secretary:** vacant

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

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

The Division of Trust Lands and Investments assists the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in its work and is under the direction and supervision of

that board. The division is headed by an executive secretary who is appointed by the board. See the entry for the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands on page 220.

#### **ELECTRONIC RECORDING COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Sharon Martin

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

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

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

#### **INCORPORATION REVIEW BOARD**

**Chair:** Dawn Vick

**Contact:** [wimunicipalboundaryreview@wi.gov](mailto:wimunicipalboundaryreview@wi.gov); 608-264-6102; PO Box 1645, Madison, WI 53701

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

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

#### **INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**

**Director:** Michael Basford

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

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

#### **LABOR AND INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMISSION**

**Chair:** Michael Gillick

**Location:** 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison

**Contact:** [lirc@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lirc@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-9850; PO Box 8126, Madison, WI 53708-8126

**Website:** <https://lirc.wisconsin.gov>

**Number of employees:** 18.70

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$5,593,600

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



### **NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD**

**Chair:** Christine Beatty

**Executive director:** Jeanne M. Duffy

**Contact:** [servewisconsin@wisconsin.gov](mailto:servewisconsin@wisconsin.gov); 608-261-6716; 101 East Wilson Street, Sixth Floor, Madison, WI 53703-3405

**Website:** <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov>

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

### **OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**Contact:** [doaabd@wisconsin.gov](mailto:doaabd@wisconsin.gov)

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

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

### **PUBLIC RECORDS BOARD**

**Chair:** Paul Ferguson

**Contact:** 101 East Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53703

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

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

### **SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD**

**Contact:** [doaabd@wisconsin.gov](mailto:doaabd@wisconsin.gov)

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

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

### **STATE CAPITOL AND EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE BOARD**

**Members:** Senator Roys, Senator Wanggaard, Senator Jacque, Representative Duchow, Representative Binsfeld, Representative Subeck, John Fernholz, Arlan Kay, Melissa Destree, Janis Ringhand, Lesley Sager, Ron Siggelkow, Marcel Maul, Christian Overland, Rafeeq Asad, Thomas List, Megan Wolf

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



GREG ANDERSON, LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

The State Capitol and Executive Residence Board is responsible for approving all renovations, repairs, furnishings, and fixtures on the grounds of the Wisconsin State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion, pictured here. The mansion sits on Lake Mendota and has been the home of the governor's family for over 50 years.

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

Increasing awareness of and concern for preserving and protecting the special nature of the people's buildings led to the creation of a mechanism for ensuring that the public interest and appropriate standards be carefully considered when altering or redecorating historic facilities. Building upon the State Capitol Restoration Guidelines prepared in 1980 by the Department of Administration's Division of State Facilities, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Legislative Organization in 1987 approved the Capitol Master Plan, which envisioned a full-scale renovation of the capitol, balancing the integrity of the building with the need to maintain it as a modern, functioning seat of government. After approval of the plan by SCERB and the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, renovation of the capitol, whose construction had been completed in 1917, commenced in 1990 and concluded in 2001. The project included extensive updating and improvements to the plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling systems and largely restored office spaces to their original décor. The board is also responsible for overseeing the upkeep of the Classical Revival home on the shores of Lake

Mendota in the Village of Maple Bluff that has served as the official residence of the governor's family for over 50 years.

#### **STATE USE BOARD**

**Chair:** Tracy Nelson

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

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

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

#### **TAX APPEALS COMMISSION**

**Commissioners:** Elizabeth Kessler, *chair*

**Contact:** [taxappeals@wisconsin.gov](mailto:taxappeals@wisconsin.gov); 101 East Wilson Street, Fifth Floor, Madison, WI 53703

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

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

#### **WASTE FACILITY SITING BOARD**

**Chair:** Dale Shaver

**Executive director:** Brian Hayes

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

**Contact:** [dhamail@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhamail@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-7709; PO Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875

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

The Waste Facility Siting Board supervises a mandated negotiation-arbitration procedure between applicants for new or expanded solid or hazardous waste facility licenses and local committees comprising representatives from the municipalities affected by proposed facilities. It is authorized to make final awards in arbitration hearings and can enforce legal deadlines and other obligations of applicants and local committees during the process.

#### **WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Denise Gaumer Hutchison

**Contact:** [womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov](mailto:womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-2219; 101 East Wilson Street, Fifth Floor, Madison, WI 53703

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

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

## Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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

**Department secretary:** Randy Romanski

**Deputy secretary:** Aileen Switzer

**Location:** 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 633.29

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$221,844,800

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

is administered by a secretary. Among many other responsibilities, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regulates food production and promotes agricultural development in Wisconsin. Below, DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski tours a farm with Venice Williams, the interim executive director of Fondy Market, a nonprofit that aims to bring healthy food and economic opportunity to Greater Milwaukee.

The members of the board and the secretary are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department regulates agriculture, trade, and commercial activity in Wisconsin for the protection of the state's citizens. It enforces the state's primary consumer protection laws, including those relating to deceptive advertising, unfair business practices, and consumer product safety. The department oversees the enforcement of Wisconsin's animal health and disease control



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laws and conducts a variety of programs to conserve and protect the state's vital land, water, and plant resources. The department licenses and inspects food-related businesses to ensure the safety of food produced or sold in Wisconsin. The department administers financial security programs to protect agricultural producers, facilitates the marketing of Wisconsin agricultural products in interstate and international markets, and promotes agricultural development.

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SECURITY COUNCIL**

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

### **FARM TO SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Contact:** [wifarmtoschool@wisconsin.gov](mailto:wifarmtoschool@wisconsin.gov)

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

### **FERTILIZER RESEARCH COUNCIL**

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

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

### **VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Hunter Lang

**Contact:** [datcpveb@wi.gov](mailto:datcpveb@wi.gov); 608-224-4353

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

## **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

### **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Chair:** Mark E. Cupp

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

### LIVESTOCK FACILITY SITING REVIEW BOARD

**Contact:** [sitingboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sitingboard@wisconsin.gov);  
608-224-5006

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

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The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regulates livestock facilities in Wisconsin, promulgating rules covering odor control, runoff management, and the storage of waste, among other things. Above, Governor Tony Evers (*left*) and DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski (*third from left*) talk with farmers at Peters Farm in Vernon County.

## Department of Children and Families

**Department secretary:** Emilie Amundson

**Deputy secretary:** Jeff Pertl

**Assistant secretary:** Nadya Perez-Reyes

**Location:** 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison

**Contact:** [dcfweb@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dcfweb@wisconsin.gov); 608-422-7000; PO Box 8916, Madison, WI 53703-8916

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

**Number of employees:** 798.17

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$2,883,541,900

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

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

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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

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

### RATE REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Contact:** [dcfwlratereg@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dcfwlratereg@wisconsin.gov)

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

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

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

**Chair:** Vicki Tylka

**Executive director:** Rebecca K. Murray

**Contact:** [preventionboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:preventionboard@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-6871; 125 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53703

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

**Number of employees:** 7.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$6,442,400



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Emilie Amundson, secretary of children and families, plays with a child during a tour of Corinne's Little Explorers in New Glarus. The department is responsible for licensing and monitoring Wisconsin's child care centers.

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:** Christine Holmes

**Contact:** [dcfmilwaukeechildwelfare@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dcfmilwaukeechildwelfare@wisconsin.gov); 414-343-5500; 635 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233

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

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

## Department of Corrections

**Department secretary:** Kevin A. Carr

**Deputy secretary:** Jared Hoy





Correctional officers share congratulations after graduating from the Department of Corrections' Officer Pre-Service Academy.

**Location:** 3099 East Washington Avenue, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 10,261.52

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$2,838,410,000

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

## 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

### COUNCIL ON OFFENDER REENTRY

**Chair:** Silvia Jackson

**Website:** <https://doc.wi.gov/pages/aboutdoc/reentryunit.aspx> (council annual reports)

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

### INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION BOARD

**Chair:** Joselyn López, *commissioner/compact administrator*

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

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

The Interstate Adult Offender Supervision Board appoints the Wisconsin 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.

### PAROLE COMMISSION

**Chair:** Jon Erpenbach

**Contact:** [parolecommission@wisconsin.gov](mailto:parolecommission@wisconsin.gov); 608-240-7280; PO Box 7960, Madison, WI 53707-7960

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

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

### PRISON INDUSTRIES BOARD

**Chair:** David Hagemer

**Contact:** P.O. Box 8990, Madison, WI 53708

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

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

### STATE BOARD FOR INTERSTATE JUVENILE SUPERVISION

**Chair:** Christopher Dee

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

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

## Educational Communications Board

**Chair:** James Zylstra

**Executive director:** Marta Bechtol

**Location:** 3319 West Beltline Highway,  
Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 54.18

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$41,873,100

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



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The Educational Communications Board maintains the infrastructure of the state's public broadcasting system, including the candelabra tower pictured above, which hosts both public and private TV and radio broadcasters.

## Elections Commission

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

**Administrator:** Meagan Wolfe

**Location:** 201 West Washington Avenue, Second Floor, Madison

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



Don Millis, pictured above, has served as chair of the Wisconsin Elections Commission since June 2022.

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

**Number of employees:** 31.75

**Total budget 2021–23** \$11,960,200

The Elections Commission consists of six members and can include additional members in certain circumstances. The majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leaders of the senate and assembly each appoint one member. The governor appoints two members who were formerly county or municipal clerks, selecting one each from lists prepared by the legislative leadership of the two major political parties. If another political party qualified for a separate ballot and received at least 10 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial election, the governor must appoint

an additional member selected from a list prepared by that party. The governor's appointees must be confirmed by a majority of the members of the senate, but they can serve on the commission prior to confirmation. The commission appoints an administrator to direct and supervise the commission's staff. This appointment must be confirmed by the senate, but the commission can select a person to serve as interim administrator while the confirmation is pending. The administrator serves as the chief election officer of the state. The commission is responsible for ensuring compliance with state election laws and with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, which established certain requirements regarding the conduct of federal elections in the state. In this capacity, the commission trains and certifies all municipal clerks and chief election inspectors in the state to promote uniform election procedures. In addition, the commission is responsible for the design and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system. Every municipality in the state must use this system to administer federal, state, and local elections.

## Department of Employee Trust Funds

**Employee Trust Funds Board:** William Ford, *chair*

**Department Secretary:** John Voelker

**Deputy Secretary:** Shirley Eckes

**Location:** 4822 Madison Yards Way, Eighth Floor, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 275.20

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$101,922,900

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

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD**

**Website:** [https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board\\_dc.htm](https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_dc.htm)

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

### **GROUP INSURANCE BOARD**

**Website:** [https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board\\_gib.htm](https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_gib.htm)

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

### **TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Website:** [https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board\\_tr.htm](https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_tr.htm)

The Teachers Retirement Board advises the Employee Trust Funds Board about

retirement matters related to teachers, approves administrative rules related to teachers, authorizes the payment of disability annuities to teachers, and hears appeals of staff determinations regarding disability annuities for teacher participants.

#### WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD

**Website:** [https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board\\_wr.htm](https://etf.wi.gov/boards/board_wr.htm)

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

## Ethics Commission

**Commissioners:** Pat Strachota, *chair*; Andrew Weininger, Gerald Ptacek, Maryann Sumi, Carousel Bayrd, Timothy Van Akkeren

**Administrator:** Daniel A. Carlton Jr.

**Location:** 101 East Wilson Street, Suite 127, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 8.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$3,017,000

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

The commission administers Wisconsin's campaign finance laws, lobbying laws, and ethics laws. The commission is the campaign finance filing officer for political organizations that are required to file campaign finance reports with the

state, 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-designee:** Cheryll Olson-Collins

**Deputy secretary:** Patti Epstein

**Location:** 4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, Madison

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

**Website:** [www.wdfi.org](http://www.wdfi.org)

**Number of employees:** 141.54

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$39,086,800

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.

The Department of Financial Institutions' Office of Financial Literacy Director David Mancl (*standing*) and Secretary-designee Cheryll Olson-Collins (*seated*) speak with high school students during the annual Finance & Investment Challenge Bowl tournament.



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 and maintains a filing system for homeowners' association notices.

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **BANKING INSTITUTIONS REVIEW BOARD**

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

## **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

### **COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM BOARD**

**Administrator:** Jessica Wetzel

**Contact:** 608-264-7899; PO Box 8861, Madison, WI 53708-8861

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

The College Savings Program Board administers the Edvest and Tomorrow's Scholar programs, which provide for tax-advantaged investment accounts used to pay higher education expenses. The board also has continuing responsibility for a legacy college Tuition Units program.

### **OFFICE OF CREDIT UNIONS AND CREDIT UNION REVIEW BOARD**

**Director:** Kim Santos

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

**Website:** [www.wdfi.org/fi/cu](http://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.

### **REMOTE NOTARY COUNCIL**

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



## Department of Health Services

**Secretary-designee:** Kirsten Johnson

**Deputy secretary:** Deb Standridge

**Location:** 1 West Wilson Street, Madison

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

**Website:** [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov)

**Number of employees:** 6,341.92

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$30,163,074,200

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

The Department of Health Services administers a wide range of services to clients in the community and at state institutions; regulates certain care providers, including emergency medical services practitioners; oversees vital records, including birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates; and supervises and consults with local public agencies. The department promotes and protects public health in Wisconsin through various services and regulations addressing environmental and occupational health, family and community health, chronic and communicable disease prevention and control, and maternal and child health. The department provides access to health care for low-income persons, the elderly, and people with disabilities and administers the Medical Assistance (Medicaid), BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, chronic disease aids, general relief, and FoodShare programs. Additionally, the department administers programs that provide long-term support for the elderly and people with disabilities, including Family Care, IRIS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and the Employment First Initiative. The department licenses and regulates programs and facilities that provide general and mental health services, long-term care, and substance abuse services, including assisted living facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, and facilities serving people with developmental disabilities, including three state-operated centers for persons with developmental disabilities. The department administers programs to meet mental health disorder and substance abuse prevention, diagnosis, early intervention, and treatment needs in community and institutional settings, including two state-owned, inpatient mental health institutes, Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Mendota Mental Health Institute houses a secure treatment unit to meet the mental health needs of male adolescents from the Department of Corrections' juvenile institutions. The department also operates the Wisconsin Resource Center as a maximum security facility for prison inmates whose mental health treatment needs cannot be met by the Department of Corrections and provides treatment at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center for individuals civilly committed under the sexually violent persons law.



The Department of Health Services' Maternal and Child Health Program aims to strengthen health outcomes for families across Wisconsin by combatting maternal and infant mortality. At an event pictured above, DHS Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jasmine Zapata (*far right*) joins representatives from the Medical College of Wisconsin and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health to announce the recipients of \$16 million in maternal and child health grant funding.

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

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

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

### **COUNCIL ON BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE**

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

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

### **COUNCIL ON BLINDNESS**

**Contact:** [dhsobvi@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsobvi@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

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

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

### **COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**Contact:** [wcmh@wisconsin.gov](mailto:wcmh@wisconsin.gov)



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

A staff member at the Wisconsin Resource Center reviews a patient's electronic health records. The center develops innovative treatment methods for state prison residents in need of specialized mental health services.

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

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

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL**

**Contact:** [dhspublichealthcouncil@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhspublichealthcouncil@wisconsin.gov)

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

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

#### **TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Contact:** [dhstrauma@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhstrauma@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

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

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

### **Other statutorily required advisory entities**

#### **MEDICAID PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Website:** <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/wiportal/content/provider/pac/index.htm>  
page

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

#### **NEWBORN SCREENING ADVISORY GROUP: UMBRELLA COMMITTEE**

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

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

#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

### **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

#### **COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

**Chair:** Benjamin Barrett

**Contact:** 608-266-5364

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

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

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD**

**Chair:** Jerry Biggart

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

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

## **Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Members:** Stephen Willett, *chair*; Jennifer Kammerud, *vice chair*; Jeff Cichon, *secretary*;

Efremn Dana, Rosa Faustino, Jennifer Garrett, Jeff Neubauer, Timothy Opgenorth,

Susan Teerink, Justin Wesolek, Kyle M. Weatherly

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

**Executive secretary:** Connie Hutchison

**Location:** 4822 Madison Yards Way, Seventh Floor, Madison

**Contact:** [heabmail@wisconsin.gov](mailto:heabmail@wisconsin.gov); 608-267-2206; PO Box 7885, Madison, WI 53707-7885

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

**Number of employees:** 10.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$295,822,600

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

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### DISTANCE LEARNING AUTHORIZATION BOARD

**Members:** Anny Morrobel-Sosa, *chair*; Morna Foy, *vice chair*; Rolf Wegenke, *secretary*; Russell Swagger

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

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

## State Historical Society of Wisconsin

**Board of Curators:** Angela Bartell, *president*; Donald Schott, *president-elect*; Greg Huber, *past president*; Walter Rugland, *treasurer*; Christian Overland, *secretary*; Cindy Arbiture (president, Wisconsin Council for Local History), Patrick Fee (chair, Wisconsin Historical Foundation Board of Directors), Laura Cramer (president, Friends of the Wisconsin Historical Society), Marcia Anderson, Sherman Banker, Representative Billings, Eric Borgerding, Mary Buestrin, Jeffrey Cheney, Ramona Gonzalez, Mary Jane Herber, Joanne Huelsman, Susan McCleod, Janan Najeeb, Representative Penterman, Lowell Peterson, Julie Ragland, Thomas Shriner Jr., Robert Smith, Leonard Sobczak, Senator Taylor, John Thompson, Chia Youyee Vang, Senator Wanggaard, Keene Winters, Terri Yoho, Cate Zeuske, Aharon Zorea

**Director:** Christian Overland

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

**Contact:** 608-264-6400 (general); 608-264-6535 (library); 608-264-6460 (archives); 608-264-6555 (museum); 608-261-9582 (historic preservation); 608-264-6456 (programs and outreach); 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706



The headquarters of the Wisconsin Historical Society anchors Library Mall on the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus. It houses extensive library and archival collections, including the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theatre Research, a noteworthy collection of materials relating to the entertainment industry.

**Website:** [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)

**Number of employees:** 177.70

**Total budget 2021–23** \$59,877,300

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

The mission of the society is to help connect people to the past. The society has a statutory duty to collect and preserve historical and cultural resources related to Wisconsin and to make them available to the public. To meet these objectives, the society maintains a major history research collection in Madison and, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin System, operates 13 other area research centers, including the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The society operates the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison and 10 other museums and historic sites throughout the state. The society also leases Circus World Museum, which is operated by the Circus World Museum Foundation. The society provides statewide school services programs and public history programming, such as National History Day; publishes a magazine and books related

to Wisconsin history; and provides travelling exhibits and speakers on historical topics. The society also provides technical services and advice to approximately 400 affiliated local historical societies throughout the state. The society serves as the state's historic preservation office, which facilitates the preservation of historic structures and archaeological sites and administers the state and national registers of historic places. The society is also responsible for administering the state's Burial Sites Preservation Law and assisting the Wisconsin semiquincentennial commission in commemorating, on July 4, 2026, the 250th anniversary of the country's founding.

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD

**Members:** Melinda Young, *chair*; Cynthia Stiles, *vice chair*; David J. Grignon, Jennifer Haas, Christian Overland, Katherine Stevenson, Corina Williams

**Nonvoting members:** James Skibo, Daina Penkiunas

**Contact:** 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

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

The Burial Sites Preservation Board assists in the administration of the state's burial sites laws. The board's duties include reviewing decisions of the Wisconsin Historical Society director to record burial sites in the catalog or to remove land from the burial sites catalog, determining which Native American tribes in Wisconsin have an interest in cataloged burial sites, approving applicants for a registry of persons having an interest in cataloged burial sites, reviewing decisions on permit applications to disturb cataloged burial sites, reviewing decisions regarding the disposition of human remains and burial objects removed from burial sites, and approving the transfer of burial sites from the state or a political subdivision to private ownership.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

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

**Contact:** 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

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

The Historic Preservation Review Board approves nominations to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places upon recommendation of the state historic preservation officer. The board approves the distribution of federal grants-in-aid for preservation and approves the state preservation plan; advises the State Historical Society; and requests comments

from planning departments of affected cities, villages, towns, counties, local landmark commissions, and local historical societies regarding properties being considered for nomination to the state and national registers.

## Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

**Commissioner:** Nathan Houdek

**Deputy commissioner:** Rachel Cissne Carabell

**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>

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

**Number of employees:** 134.83

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$520,114,200

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

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

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSURANCE SECURITY FUND

**Chair:** Raina Zanow

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

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

The Board of Directors of the Insurance Security Fund administers a fund that protects certain insurance policyholders and claimants from excessive delay and loss in the event of insurer liquidation. The fund consists of accounts for



life insurance, 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.

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

**Chair:** Nathan Houdek

**Contact:** PO Box 7873, Madison, WI 53707-7873; Injured Patients and Families

Compensation Fund: [ociipfcf@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ociipfcf@wisconsin.gov); 608-707-5481; Wisconsin Health Care

Liability Insurance Plan: [whclip@wausaumms.com](mailto:whclip@wausaumms.com); 715-841-1690

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

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

**INJURED PATIENTS AND FAMILIES COMPENSATION FUND PEER REVIEW COUNCIL**

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

## State of Wisconsin Investment Board

**Chair:** Barbara Nick

**Executive director/chief investment officer:** Edwin Denson

**Location:** 121 East Wilson Street, Madison

**Contact:** [info@swib.state.wi.us](mailto:info@swib.state.wi.us); 608-266-2381; PO Box 7842, Madison, WI 53707-7842

**Website:** [www.swib.state.wi.us](http://www.swib.state.wi.us)

**Number of employees:** 236.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$135,329,400

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, 2021, the board managed nearly \$166 billion in assets. The largest portion of the assets managed by the board, more than \$147 billion, is the trust funds of the Wisconsin Retirement System. For purposes of investment, the retirement system's assets are divided into two funds: the core fund, which is a broadly diversified portfolio that includes stocks, bonds, and other assets, and the variable fund, which is an all-stock fund. As of December 31, 2021, more than \$20 billion of the assets under management by the board are in the State Investment Fund, which is the state's cash management fund, and which is also available to local units of government through the Local Government Pooled-Investment Fund, a separate fund within the State Investment Fund. The board also manages the assets of the following trust funds, which together account for less than 1 percent of the board's total assets under management: the State Life Insurance Fund, the Historical Society Trust Fund, the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, and the UW System Trust Funds.

## Department of Justice

**Attorney general:** Joshua L. Kaul

**Deputy attorney general:** Eric Wilson

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

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

**Website:** <https://www.doj.state.wi.us>

**Number of employees:** 712.14

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$314,712,100

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 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



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Attorney General Josh Kaul delivers remarks after being sworn in for a second term as Wisconsin's 45th attorney general.

state in criminal cases on appeal in federal court.

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### CRIME VICTIMS COUNCIL

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

**Contact:** [ocvs@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:ocvs@doj.state.wi.us)

**Website:** <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/not-crime-victim/crime-victims-council>

The Crime Victims Council provides advice and recommendations

to the attorney general on the rights of crime victims, how to improve the criminal justice response to victims, and other issues affecting crime victims.

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS BOARD

**Operations Director:** Julie Braun

**Members:** Jen Dunn, Adam Gerol, Christine Nolan, Nela Kalpic, Andre Sayles

**Contact:** [cvrb@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:cvr@doj.state.wi.us)

**Website:** <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/victim-rights/crime-victims-rights-board>

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

### LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD

**Chair:** Christopher Domagalski

**Members:** Kalvin Barrett, Benjamin Bliven, Robert Botsch, Timothy Carnahan, Jean Galasinski, Timothy Gruenke, Casey Krueger, Jessie Metoyer, Nicole Miller, Katie Rosenberg, James Small, Charles Tubbs, Steven Wagner, 2 vacancies

**Contact:** [wilenet@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:wilenet@doj.state.wi.us)

**Website:** <https://wilenet.widog.gov>

The Law Enforcement Standards Board sets minimum education and training standards for law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, and jail and juvenile detention 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 juvenile detention officers.

## Department of Military Affairs

**Commander in chief:** Tony Evers (governor)

**Adjutant general:** Major General Paul E. Knapp

**Deputy adjutant general for civil authority support:** Brigadier General Timothy D. Covington

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

**Deputy adjutant general for air:** Brigadier General David W. May

**Administrator, Division of Emergency Management:** Greg Engle

**Location:** 2400 Wright Street, Madison

**Contact:** 608-242-3000 (general); 800-335-5147 (toll free public affairs); 800-943-0003 (toll free 24-hour duty officer); PO Box 7865, Madison, WI 53707-7865

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

**Number of state employees:** 556.50

**Total state budget 2021–23:** \$283,263,900 (Additional federal funding pays for National Guard salaries, benefits, and training.)

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



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(top) The Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing pays tribute to the legacy of the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during a ceremony held at Truax Field in Madison. (bottom) Members of the Wisconsin National Guard's 54th Civil Support Team plan their entrance into a building during a hazardous materials training exercise in Poynette.

state governments. When it is called up for active federal duty, the president of the United States, rather than the governor, becomes its commander in chief. The federal mission of the National Guard is to provide trained units to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in time of war or national emergency. Its state mission is to assist civil authorities; protect life and property; and preserve peace, order, and public safety in times of natural or human-caused emergencies. The federal government provides the National Guard with arms and ammunition, equipment and uniforms, and major outdoor training facilities and pays for military and support personnel, training, and supervision. The state provides personnel; con-

ducts training as required under the National Defense Act; and shares the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating armories and other military facilities.

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

## Independent entities attached for administrative purposes

### INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL

**Chair:** Matthew Joski

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

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

## Department of Natural Resources

**Natural Resources Board:** Bill Smith, *chair*

**Secretary-designee:** Adam Payne

**Deputy secretary:** Sarah Barry

**Location:** 101 South Webster Street, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 2,510.93

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$1,123,846,500

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

### COUNCIL ON FORESTRY

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

### DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COUNCIL (inactive)

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

### METALLIC MINING COUNCIL (inactive)

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

### NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

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

### NONMOTORIZED RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION TRAILS COUNCIL

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

### OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL

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

portation, the governor, and the legislature on all matters relating to all-terrain vehicle trails and routes.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

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

#### **SNOWMOBILE RECREATIONAL COUNCIL**

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

#### **SPORTING HERITAGE COUNCIL**

The Sporting Heritage Council advises the governor, the legislature, and the Natural Resources Board about issues relating to hunting, trapping, fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation activities.

#### **STATE TRAILS COUNCIL**

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

#### **WETLAND STUDY COUNCIL**

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

### **Other advisory entities**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Fire Department Advisory Council was chartered in 1994 as an official advisory council to the state forester. The purpose of the council is to strengthen partnerships between the department and the rural fire service in Wisconsin. The council advises and assists the state forester on operational issues relating to the department's forest fire management program to provide for an effective





In 2022, the Department of Natural Resources issued more than 800,000 hunting licenses and over one million fishing licenses, including around 13,000 sturgeon spearing licenses. Above, two hunters hike through the woods (*left*), and a spearer poses with the fish she harvested during the 2023 sturgeon spearing season (*right*).

rural community fire protection program. In addition, the council provides fundamental guidance on the administration of the Forest Fire Protection Grant.

#### **URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL**

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

### **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

#### **GROUNDWATER COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Chair:** James Zellmer

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

#### **COUNCIL ON RECYCLING**

**Chair:** Mark Walter

The Council on Recycling promotes implementation of the state's solid waste reduction, recovery, and recycling programs; helps public agencies coordinate recycling programs and exchange information; advises state agencies about creat-

ing administrative rules and establishing priorities for market development; and advises the department and the University of Wisconsin System about education and research relating to solid waste recycling. The council also works with the packaging industry on standards for recyclable packaging and works with counties, municipalities, and the auto service industry to promote the recycling of oil filters. The council advises the department about statewide public information activities and advises the governor and the legislature.

#### **INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Thomas Buechel

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

#### **LAKE MICHIGAN COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD**

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

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

#### **LAKE SUPERIOR COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD**

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

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

#### **LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD**

**Chair:** Gigi La Budde

**Executive Director:** Mark E. Cupp

**Contact:** PO Box 187, Muscoda, WI 53573

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

**Number of employees:** 2.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$513,200

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

#### **WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION**

**Chair:** Roger Walsh

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

#### **Affiliated entity**

##### **CONSERVATION CONGRESS**

The Conservation Congress is a publicly elected citizen advisory group, and its district leadership council advises the Natural Resources Board on all matters under the board's jurisdiction.

The Lower Wisconsin Riverway, pictured below, extends 92.3 miles from below the dam at Prairie du Sac to the confluence with the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien.



## Office of the State Public Defender

**Public Defender Board:** James M. Brennan, *chair*

**State public defender:** Kelli S. Thompson

**Deputy state public defender:** Katie York

**Location:** 17 South Fairchild Street, Fifth Floor, Madison

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

**Website:** [www.wisspd.gov](http://www.wisspd.gov)

**Number of employees:** 619.85

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$227,505,200

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

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

## Department of Public Instruction

**State superintendent of public instruction:** Jill Underly

**Deputy state superintendent:** John Johnson

**Location:** 125 South Webster Street, Madison

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

**Website:** [www.dpi.wi.gov](http://www.dpi.wi.gov)

**Number of employees:** 644.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$16,249,627,000

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 State-wide 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,



Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly (*far right*) poses with the 2023 Teachers of the Year. Each year, the agency selects five outstanding teachers to represent the state's elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools on the Teacher of the Year Council.

and library professionals. The department distributes state and federal aids to supplement local tax revenue, improve curriculum and school operations, ensure education for children with disabilities, offer professional guidance and counseling, and develop school and public library resources. The department also administers the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

The Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council provides advice on statewide activities that will benefit students who are blind or visually impaired; makes recommendations for improvements in services provided by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and proposes ways to improve the

preparation of teachers and staff and coordination between the department and other agencies that offer services to the visually impaired.

#### **COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT**

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

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

#### **COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

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

#### **DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING EDUCATION COUNCIL**

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

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

#### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL**

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

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

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY APPEAL BOARD**

**Website:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/school-district-boundary-appeal-board>

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

#### **STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS**

**Website:** <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda/wi-dpis-state-superintendents-aoda>

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

## Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

**Members:** Sarah Godlewski (secretary of state), *chair*; Joshua L. Kaul (attorney general); John Leiber (state treasurer)

**Division of Trust Lands and Investments:** Tom German, *executive secretary*; Richard Sneider, *chief investment officer*

**Location:** 101 East Wilson Street, Second Floor, Madison

**Contact:** 608-266-1370 (Madison); 715-277-3366 (Lake Tomahawk); PO Box 8943, Madison, WI 53708-8943

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

**Number of employees:** 9.50

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$3,313,400

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

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

## Public Service Commission

**Commissioners:** Rebecca Cameron Valcq, *chair*; Tyler Huebner, Summer Strand

**Executive assistant to the chair:** Heather Young

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

**Contact:** [pscrecordsmail@wisconsin.gov](mailto:pscrecordsmail@wisconsin.gov) (general); [pscpublicrecordsrequest@wisconsin.gov](mailto:pscpublicrecordsrequest@wisconsin.gov) (public records requests); 608-266-5481; 888-816-3831 (toll free); 608-266-2001



Wisconsin's Public Service Commission is responsible for regulating more than 1,100 public utilities, which provide electric, gas, water, sewer, and telephone services to households and businesses across the state. Above, Chairperson Rebecca Valcq (*second from left*) tours the Bay Front Generating Station, a biomass facility that produces renewable energy in Ashland County.

(consumer complaints); 800-225-7729 (consumer complaints, toll free); PO Box 7854,  
Madison, WI 53707-7854

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

**Number of employees:** 154.75

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$64,390,800

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

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



plants, transmission lines, and wind farms. In addition to ensuring public utility compliance with statutes, administrative codes, and record-keeping requirements, commission staff investigates and mediates consumer complaints.

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

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND COUNCIL**

**Contact:** PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

The Universal Service Fund Council advises the commission on the administration of the Universal Service Fund. The purposes of the fund include assisting low-income customers, customers in areas where telecommunications service costs are relatively high, and customers with disabilities in obtaining affordable access to basic telecommunications services. The Universal Service Fund director acts as the liaison between the Public Service Commission and the council.

### **WIND SITING COUNCIL**

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

## **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

### **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS**

**Commissioner of railroads:** Yash P. Wadhwa

**Contact:** 608-261-8221; [ocr@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ocr@wisconsin.gov); PO Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854

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

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

## Department of Revenue

**Department secretary:** Peter Barca

**Deputy secretary:** Maria Guerra Lapacek

**Location:** 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison

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

**Website:** [www.revenue.wi.gov](http://www.revenue.wi.gov)

**Number of employees:** 1,178.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$476,631,000

The Department of Revenue is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The department administers all major state tax laws except the insurance premiums tax and enforces the state's alcohol beverage and tobacco laws. It estimates state revenues, forecasts state economic activity, helps formulate tax policy, and administers the Wisconsin Lottery. The department also determines the equalized value of taxable property and assesses manufacturing and telecommunications company property for property tax purposes. It administers the tax incremental financing program, shared revenue, and other local financial assistance programs and assists local governments in their property assessments and financial management. The department also oversees Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property program, which matches taxpayers with unclaimed financial assets.

### Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

#### FARMLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**STATE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

**Independent entities attached for administrative purposes****INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD** (inactive)

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

The Investment and Local Impact Fund Board administers the Investment and Local Impact Fund, created to help municipalities alleviate costs associated with social, educational, environmental, and economic impacts of metalliferous mineral mining. The board certifies to the Department of Administration the amount of the payments to be distributed to municipalities from the fund. It also provides funding to local governments throughout the development of a mining project and distributes federal mining revenue received by the state to municipalities that are affected by mining on federal land.

**Department of Safety and Professional Services**

**Secretary-designee:** Dan Hereth

**Deputy secretary:** Donna V. Moreland

**Location:** 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

**Contact:** [dsp5@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dsp5@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-2112; 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705

**Website:** <http://dsp5.wi.gov>

**Number of employees:** 244.14

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$127,482,600

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

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

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.

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

## **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

### **AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN COUNCIL**

The Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Contractors and Journeymen Council advises the department on rules for credentials required for installing and maintaining automatic fire sprinkler systems.

### **COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

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

### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD**

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

### **CONVEYANCE SAFETY CODE COUNCIL**

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

### **MANUFACTURED HOUSING CODE COUNCIL**

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

### **PLUMBERS COUNCIL**

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

### **UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL**

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

## **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

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:** Michael E. Friedman

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

**Chair:** Kurt A. Fielding

### **AUCTIONEER BOARD**

**Chair:** Jerry L. Thiel

### **BOARD OF NURSING**

**Chair:** Robert W. Weinman

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

**Chair:** E. Glen Porter III

### **CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Amy L. Heffernan

### **COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Megan A. Jackson

**DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Matthew R. Bistan

**DIETITIANS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD** (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

**Chair:** Tara L. LaRowe

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

**Chair:** Rosheen Styczinski

**Architect section chair:** Steven L. Wagner

**Designer section chair:** Michael J. Heberling

**Engineer section chair:** Kristine A. Cotharn

**Landscape architect section chair:** Rosheen M. Styczinski

**Land surveyor section chair:** Daniel Fedderly

**Registered interior design section chair:** Robin A. Stroebel

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

**Chair:** Trevor W. Nobile

**Geologist section chair:** Trevor W. Nobile

**Hydrologist section chair:** Ann D. Hirekatur

**Soil scientist section:** (all seats currently vacant)

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Joseph B. Schinkten

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Kathleen A. Pazak

**GENETIC COUNSELORS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

**Chair:** vacant

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

**Chair:** Tammy H. Scheidegger

**Marriage and family therapist section chair:** Patrick J. Stumbras

**Professional counselor section chair:** vacant

**Social worker section chair:** Sheng B. Lee Yang

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

**Chair:** Jaime L. Ehmer

**MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Sheldon A. Wasserman

**Advisory councils assisting the board:** Council on Anesthesiologists Assistants, Michael L. Bottcher, *chair*; Perfusionists Examining Council, Shawn E. Mergen, *chair*; Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council, Chris R. Becker, *chair*

**NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Jill Crista

**NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** David L. Larson

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

**Chair:** Laura O'Brien

**OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Robert C. Schulz

**PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** John G. Weitekamp

**PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** John F. Greany

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD** (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

**Chair:** Jennifer L. Jarrett

**PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD** (affiliated to Medical Examining Board)

**Chair:** Robert M. Sage

**PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Daniel A. Schroeder

**RADIOGRAPHY EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Donald A. Borst

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD**

**Chair:** Daniel J. Figurski

**REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD**

**Chair:** Thomas J. Richie

**Advisory councils assisting the board:** Council on Real Estate Curriculum and Examinations, Robert Blakely, *chair*; Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Council, Sonya G. Mays, *chair*

## Office of the Secretary of State

**Secretary of state:** Sarah Godlewski

**Location:** B41 West, State Capitol, Madison

**Contact:** [statesec@wi.gov](mailto:statesec@wi.gov); 608-266-8888; PO Box 7848, Madison, WI 53707-7848

**Website:** <https://sos.wi.gov>

**Number of employees:** 2.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$562,800

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, such as 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:** John S. Leiber

**Location:** Room B38 West, State Capitol, Madison

**Contact:** [treasurer@wisconsin.gov](mailto:treasurer@wisconsin.gov); 608-266-1714; PO Box 7871, Madison, WI 53707

**Website:** <https://statetreasurer.wi.gov>

**Number of employees:** 1.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$253,600

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:** Rodney Pasch, *president*

**System president:** Morna K. Foy

**Location:** 4622 University Avenue, Madison

**Contact:** 608-266-5311; PO Box 7874, Madison, WI 53707-7874

**Website:** <https://wtcsystem.edu>

**Number of employees:** 55.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$1,221,629,400

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





TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The Wisconsin Technical College System prepares students for a variety of careers. Above, students at Blackhawk Technical College who are training to become dental technicians practice mixing materials for dental molds.

College System. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoints 10 of the board's 13 members, nine to serve six-year terms and a technical college student to serve a two-year term. Of the nine nonstudent appointees, there must be at least one employer, one nonmanagerial employee, and one farmer. The three remaining board members are the state superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of workforce development, and the

president of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (but each of these officers may designate another individual to serve in his or her place).

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

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

## Department of Tourism

**Secretary:** Anne Sayers

**Location:** 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 34.00

**Total budget 2021–2023:** \$37,103,600

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

Wisconsin's public murals, monuments, sculptures, statues, and historical markers attract visitors from across the Midwest. Below, friends pose for a photo at the Waves of Giving Mural in Janesville.

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### ARTS BOARD

**Chair:** Brian Kelsey

**Executive director:** George Tzougros

**Contact:** [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)

gov; 608-266-0190; PO Box 8690,  
Madison, WI 53708-8690

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

The Arts Board studies and assists artistic and cultural activities in the state, assists communities in developing their own arts programs, and plans and implements financial support programs for individuals and organizations engaged in the arts, including creation and presentation grants, folk art apprenticeships, creative communities



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

grants, and challenge grants to organizations that exceed fundraising goals. The board also provides matching grants to local arts agencies and municipalities through the Wisconsin Regranting Program.

### **COUNCIL ON TOURISM**

**Chair:** Ben Popp

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

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

## **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

### **KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**Chair:** Scott Lind

**Executive director:** Lynn Kronschnabel

**Contact:** [kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us](mailto:kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us); 608-625-2960; 53661 State Road 131, La Farge, WI 54639

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

**Number of employees:** 4.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$2,069,600

The Kickapoo Reserve Management Board manages the approximately 8,600-acre Kickapoo Valley Reserve through a joint management agreement with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Kickapoo Valley Reserve exists to preserve and enhance the area's environmental, scenic, and cultural features and provides facilities for the use and enjoyment of visitors. Subject to the approval of the governor, the board may purchase land for inclusion in the reserve and may trade land in the reserve under certain conditions. The board also may lease land for purposes consistent with the management of the reserve or for agricultural purposes.

### **STATE FAIR PARK BOARD**

**Chair:** John Yingling

**Chief executive officer:** Shari Black

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

**Website:** <https://wistatefair.com/wsfp>

**Number of employees:** 47.00

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$45,570,100

The State Fair Park Board manages the Wisconsin State Fair Park, including the development of new facilities. The park provides a permanent location for the

annual Wisconsin State Fair and for major sports events, agricultural and industrial expositions, and other programs of civic interest.

## Department of Transportation

**Secretary:** Craig Thompson

**Deputy secretary:** Paul Hammer

**Location:** 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705

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

**Website:** <https://wisconsindot.gov>

**Number of employees:** 3,238.91

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$6,600,533,600

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

### Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

#### COUNCIL ON HIGHWAY SAFETY

**Acting chair:** John Mesich

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

#### COUNCIL ON UNIFORMITY OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

**Chair:** Sharon Olson

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

#### RUSTIC ROADS BOARD

**Chair:** Marion Flood

**Contact:** [wirusticroads@dot.wi.gov](mailto:wirusticroads@dot.wi.gov); 608-267-3614; PO Box 7913, Madison, WI 53705

**Website:** <https://wisconsindot.gov/pages/travel/road/rustic-roads/create.aspx>



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Wisconsin's Rustic Roads program was established in 1973 to help citizens and local governments preserve the state's remaining scenic country roads. Above, cyclists enjoy a winding ride on State Highway 42 in Door County.

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

## University of Wisconsin System

**Board of Regents:** Angela Adams, Robert Atwell, Amy Blumenfeld Bogost, Evan Brenkus, Héctor Colón, Mike Jones, Jim Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds III, John W. Miller, Rodney Pasch, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Jennifer Staton, Jill Underly, Dana Wachs, Karen Walsh, Kyle M. Weatherly

**Executive director and corporate secretary:** Megan Wasley

**System Administration:** Jay Rothman, *president*

**Contact:** 608-262-2321; 1860 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706

**Website:** [www.wisconsin.edu](http://www.wisconsin.edu)

**Number of employees:** 35,672.25

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$12,931,895,300

The University of Wisconsin System is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents, which consists of 14 citizen members, 2 student members, the president of the Technical College System Board or his or her designee, and the state superintendent of public instruction. The citizen and student members are appointed by the governor subject to senate confirmation. The Board of Regents appoints

the president of the UW System, who has executive responsibility for system operation and management, and the chancellors for each four-year university.

The prime responsibilities of the UW System are teaching, public service, and research. The system provides postsecondary academic education for approximately 160,000 students, including approximately 140,000 undergraduates. The system consists of 13 four-year universities, an additional 13 branch campuses, and a statewide extension network with offices in every county. All of the four-year universities offer bachelor's degrees. Two of the four-year universities (UW–Madison and UW–Milwaukee) offer comprehensive master's and doctoral degree programs, including professional doctorate 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 more limited master's degree programs, and some also offer associate degrees and clinical or professional doctorate degrees in select areas. The 13 branch campuses, aligned with seven of the four-year universities, offer Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degrees, as well as transfer programs for students wishing to satisfy general education requirements and then transfer to a four-year university. Many branch campuses also offer bachelor's degrees in certain fields of study through collaboration with a four-year university. The system provides extension services, including access to system resources and research, through UW–Madison and the UW System administration.

#### UW–EAU CLAIRE

**Chancellor:** James Schmidt

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

**Website:** [www.uwec.edu](http://www.uwec.edu)

#### UW–GREEN BAY

**Chancellor:** Michael Alexander

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

**Website:** [www.uwgb.edu](http://www.uwgb.edu)

#### UW–LA CROSSE

**Chancellor:** Joe Gow

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

**Website:** [www.uwlax.edu](http://www.uwlax.edu)

A new simulation center is ready to train the next generation of nurses at UW–Milwaukee. Melissa Melcher (*left*), a clinical assistant professor, and Bayan Alqam (*right*), a PhD nursing student and teaching assistant, prepare a mannequin before class.



UWM PHOTO/ELORA HENNESSEY



Participants in UW–Stout’s Stoutward Bound program attempt the campus ropes course. The program, which received the Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award in 2022, supports students each year from historically underrepresented and underserved backgrounds.

#### **UW–MADISON**

**Chancellor:** Jennifer L. Mnookin

**Contact:** 608-262-9946; 500 Lincoln Drive, Madison, WI 53706

**Website:** [www.wisc.edu](http://www.wisc.edu)

#### **UW–MILWAUKEE**

**Chancellor:** Mark Mone

**Contact:** 414-229-4331; PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201

**Website:** [www.uwm.edu](http://www.uwm.edu)

#### **UW OSHKOSH**

**Chancellor:** Andrew J. Leavitt

**Contact:** 920-424-1234; 800 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Website:** [www.uwosh.edu](http://www.uwosh.edu)

#### **UW–PARKSIDE**

**Chancellor:** Deborah Ford

**Contact:** 262-595-2211; PO Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000

**Website:** [www.uwp.edu](http://www.uwp.edu)

#### **UW–PLATTEVILLE**

**Interim Chancellor:** Tammy Evetovich

**Contact:** 833-200-6869 (toll free); 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818

**Website:** [www.uwplatt.edu](http://www.uwplatt.edu)

#### **UW–RIVER FALLS**

**Interim Chancellor:** Maria Gallo

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

**Website:** [www.uwrf.edu](http://www.uwrf.edu)

#### **UW–STEVENS POINT**

**Chancellor:** Thomas Gibson

**Contact:** 715-346-0123; 2100 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

**Website:** [www.uwsp.edu](http://www.uwsp.edu)

#### **UW–STOUT**

**Chancellor:** Katherine P. Frank

**Contact:** 715-232-1122; 712 South Broadway, Menomonie, WI 54751

**Website:** [www.uwstout.edu](http://www.uwstout.edu)

#### **UW–SUPERIOR**

**Chancellor:** Renée Wachter

**Contact:** 715-394-8101; P. O. Box 2000, Superior, WI 54880

**Website:** [www.uwsuper.edu](http://www.uwsuper.edu)

#### **UW–WHITEWATER**

**Interim Chancellor:** Corey A. King

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

**Website:** [www.uww.edu](http://www.uww.edu)

### **Programs required by statute**

#### **AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS**

**Director:** Elizabeth Bush

**Contact:** [ahec@ahec.wisc.edu](mailto:ahec@ahec.wisc.edu); 608-263-1712; 4251 Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

**Website:** [www.ahec.wisc.edu](http://www.ahec.wisc.edu)

#### **GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY**

**Interim director and state geologist:** Eric Carson

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

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

#### **INSTITUTE FOR URBAN EDUCATION**

**Chair:** Denise Ross

**Contact:** [iue-info@uwm.edu](mailto:iue-info@uwm.edu); 414-251-9490; UW-Milwaukee, 2400 East Hartford Avenue, Room 568, Milwaukee, WI 53211

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

#### **JAMES A. GRAASKAMP CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE**

**Executive director:** Mark Eppli

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

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



#### **OFFICE OF THE STATE CARTOGRAPHER**

**State cartographer:** Howard Veregin

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

**Website:** www.sco.wisc.edu

#### **PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH-EMOTIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**Director:** Ned Kalin

**Contact:** 608-232-3171; 6001 Research Park Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719

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

#### **ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Director:** Susan Yackee

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

**Website:** www.lafollette.wisc.edu

#### **SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Dean:** Mark D. Markel

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

**Website:** www.vetmed.wisc.edu

#### **STATE SOILS AND PLANT ANALYSIS LABORATORY**

**Lab Manager:** Andrew Stammer

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

**Website:** https://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu

#### **UW CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

**Safety Engineering and Agricultural Health Specialist:** John Shutske

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

**Website:** http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/agsafety

#### **WISCONSIN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

**Contact:** wcee@uwsp.edu; 715-346-4854; 110 Trainer Resources Building, 800 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

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

#### **WISCONSIN STATE HERBARIUM**

**Director:** Kenneth Cameron

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

**Website:** http://herbarium.wisc.edu

### **Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees**

#### **LABORATORY OF HYGIENE BOARD**

**Members:** Gregory Pils, *chair*; Robert Corliss, *vice chair*; Anjon Audhya, Jessica Blahnik,

Jennifer Buchholz, Gina Green-Harris, Gil Kelley, Jeff Kindrai, Jon Meiman, Christopher Strang, Mark Werner

**Nonvoting member and laboratory director:** James Schauer

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

**Website:** <http://www.slh.wisc.edu/about/board>

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

#### **RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Contact:** 800-385-0005 (toll free), Ext. 2; Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, 310 North Midvale Boulevard, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53705

**Website:** <http://www.worh.org/rhdc>

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

### **Independent entities attached for administrative purposes**

#### **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP BOARD**

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

**Thompson Center Director:** Alexander Tahk

**Contact:** [thompsoncenter@wisc.edu](mailto:thompsoncenter@wisc.edu); 608-265-4087; 445 Henry Mall, Madison, WI 53706

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

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

#### **VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY BOARD**

**Members:** Laurence Bauman, Kristen Bernard, Barry Kleppe, Darlene Konkle, Paul Kunde, Sandra Madland, Mark Markel, Rory Meyer, Rebecca Suchla

**Nonvoting member and laboratory director:** Keith Poulsen

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

**Website:** <https://www.wvdl.wisc.edu/index.php/about-wvdl/board-of-directors>

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

## Department of Veterans Affairs

**Department secretary-designee:** James Bond

**Deputy secretary:** Christopher J. McElgunn

**Board of Veterans Affairs:** William Schrum, *chair*

**Location:** 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 1,242.43

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$288,243,000

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

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

**Chair:** Larry Hill

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

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

### WISCONSIN COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

**Chair:** Chris Kolakowski

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

## Department of Workforce Development

**Department secretary-designee:** Amy Pechacek

**Deputy secretary:** Pamela McGillivray

**Location:** 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison

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

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

**Number of employees:** 1,610.45

**Total budget 2021–23:** \$732,400,700

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

The department administers the unemployment insurance program and

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, an educational enterprise of the Department of Veterans Affairs, preserves and shares the stories of Wisconsin veterans dating back to the Civil War.



oversees the worker’s compensation program. The department also operates the state’s job center network (<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com>); manages the Fast Forward worker training grant program (<https://wisconsinfastforward.com>); operates adult and youth apprenticeship programs; collects, analyzes, and distributes labor market information; monitors migrant workers services; provides vocational rehabilitation services to help people with disabilities achieve their employment goals; and offers comprehensive employment and training programs and services to youth and adults, including veterans with service-connected disabilities. Finally, the department enforces wage and hour laws; leave and benefits laws; child labor laws; civil rights laws; plant closing laws; and laws regulating migrant labor contractors and camps.

## Subordinate statutory boards, councils, and committees

### GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON MIGRANT LABOR

**Contact:** [dwdet@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dwdet@dwd.wisconsin.gov); 608-266-0327; PO Box 7972, Madison WI 53707

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

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

### HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Steve Peters

**Contact:** 608-266-1340; [dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov); 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

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

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

### SELF-INSURERS COUNCIL

**Contact:** [dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov); 608-266-1340; PO Box 7901, Madison, WI 53707-7901

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

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

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL****Chair:** Janell Knutson**Contact:** 608-267-1405; PO Box 8942, Madison, WI 53708-8942**Website:** <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uibola/uiac>

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

**WISCONSIN APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL****Cochairs:** Henry Hurt, Corey Gall**Website:** <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/advisory-council.htm>

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

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL****Chair:** Steve Peters**Contact:** 608-266-1340; [dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dwdwc@dwd.wisconsin.gov); 201 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703**Website:** <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/wcac>

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

**Independent entities attached for administrative purposes****EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION****Chair:** James J. Daley**Location:** 2418 Crossroads Drive, Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718-7896**Contact:** [werc@werc.state.wi.us](mailto:werc@werc.state.wi.us); 608-243-2424**Website:** <http://werc.wi.gov>**Number of employees:** 6.00**Total budget 2021–23:** \$2,006,000

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

## Authorities

### Fox River Navigational System Authority

**Board of directors chair:** Ron Van De Hey

**Executive director:** Phil Ramlet

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

**Website:** [www.foxlocks.org](http://www.foxlocks.org)

**Total state appropriation 2021–23:** \$250,800

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

### Lower Fox River Remediation Authority (inactive)

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

### University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority

**Board of directors chair:** Paul W. Seidenstricker

**Chief executive officer:** Alan Kaplan

**Contact:** 608-263-6400; 800-323-8942 (toll free); [corporategovernance@uwhealth.org](mailto:corporategovernance@uwhealth.org); 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792

**Website:** [www.uwhealth.org](http://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 cochair of the Joint Committee on Finance and six appointees of the governor. The authority operates the UW Hospital and Clinics, including the American Family Children's Hospital, and related clinics and health care facilities. Through the UW Hospital and Clinics and its other programs, the authority delivers health care, including care for the indigent; provides an environment for instruction of

physicians, nurses, and other health-related disciplines; sponsors and supports health care research; and assists health care programs and personnel throughout the state. The authority is self-financing. It derives much of its income from charges for clinical and hospital services. The authority also may issue bonds to support its operations, which, however, do not create a debt of the state, and may seek financing from the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

### **Wisconsin Aerospace Authority** (inactive)

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

### **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation**

**Board of directors chair:** Henry C. Newell

**Chief executive officer:** Missy Hughes

**Chief operating officer:** Sam Ridders

**Location:** 201 West Washington Avenue, Madison

**Contact:** 855-INWIBIZ (855-469-4249, toll free); PO Box 1687, Madison, WI 53701

**Website:** <https://wedc.org>

**Total state appropriation 2021–23** \$83,101,400

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 an 18-member board that consists of six appointees of the governor, ten appointees of legislative leaders—four appointees each of the speaker of the assembly and senate majority leader and one appointee each of the minority leaders of both houses—and the secretaries of administration and revenue as nonvoting members. WEDC may issue bonds and incur other debt to achieve its public purposes. WEDC's bonds and other debt do not create a debt of the state.

### **Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority**

**Board of directors chair:** James Dietsche

**Executive director:** Larry D. Wiemer II

**Contact:** [info@whefa.com](mailto:info@whefa.com); 262-792-0466; 18000 West Sarah Lane, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53045-5841

**Website:** [www.whefa.com](http://www.whefa.com)



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

WHEFA issues bonds on behalf of private nonprofit facilities to help them finance their capital costs.

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

## Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority

**Board of directors chair:** Ranell Washington

**Executive director and CEO:** Elmer Moore Jr.

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

**Website:** www.wheda.com

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority is a public corporation governed by a 12-member board that includes six appointees of the governor and four legislators representing both parties and both houses. WHEDA administers numerous loan programs and other programs and projects that provide housing and related assistance to Wisconsin residents, including single and multifamily housing for individuals and families of low and moderate income, and that promote and support home ownership. WHEDA also finances loan guarantees and administers other programs to support business and agricultural development in the state. WHEDA issues bonds to support its operations, which, however, do not create a debt of the state.

## Nonprofit corporations

**Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation** (inactive and dissolved)

The Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation is a public nonprofit corporation that was created as an instrumentality of the state to receive and operate the Bradley Center, a sports and entertainment facility located in Milwaukee County

and donated by the Bradley Center Corporation. The Bradley Center was the home of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team from 1988 to 2018 and hosted other sporting events as well as numerous entertainment shows and concerts. The Bradley Center has been replaced by a new facility, the Fiserv Forum, which is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Center District, a local governmental entity (see page 251). In 2019, the Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation submitted its final audited financial statements to state officials, announced completion of its business affairs, and transferred its remaining assets (\$4.29 million) to the state.

### **Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation** (inactive)

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

## Regional planning commissions

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

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

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

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

Membership of regional planning commissions varies according to 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; 1861 Nimitz Drive, De Pere, WI 54115

**Website:** [www.baylakerpc.org](http://www.baylakerpc.org)

## **Capital Area Regional Planning Commission**

**County in region:** Dane

**Chair:** David Pfeiffer

**Agency director:** Steve Steinhoff

**Contact:** [info@capitalarearpc.org](mailto:info@capitalarearpc.org); 608-474-6017; 100 State Street, Suite 400, Madison, WI 53703

**Website:** [www.capitalarearpc.org](http://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:** Jeff Nooyen

**Executive director:** Melissa Kraemer-Badtke

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

**Website:** [www.ecwrpc.org](http://www.ecwrpc.org)

## **Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission**

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

**Chair:** James Kuhn

**Executive director:** Jon Bingol

**Contact:** [plan@mrrpc.com](mailto:plan@mrrpc.com); 608-785-9396; 1707 Main Street, Suite 435, La Crosse, WI 54601

**Website:** [www.mrrpc.com](http://www.mrrpc.com)

## **North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

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

**Chair:** Paul Millan



**Executive director:** Dennis L. Lawrence

**Contact:** [info@ncwrpc.org](mailto:info@ncwrpc.org); 715-849-5510; 210 McClellan Street, Suite 210, Wausau, WI 54403

**Website:** [www.ncwrpc.org](http://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:** Tom Mackie

**Executive director:** Sheldon Johnson

**Contact:** [info@nwrpc.com](mailto:info@nwrpc.com); 715-635-2197; 1400 South River Street, Spooner, WI 54801

**Website:** [www.nwrpc.com](http://www.nwrpc.com)

## **Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

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

**Chair:** Charles L. Colman

**Interim executive director:** Benjamin McKay

**Contact:** [sewrpc@sewrpc.org](mailto:sewrpc@sewrpc.org); 262-547-6721; W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive, PO Box 1607, Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

**Website:** [www.sewrpc.org](http://www.sewrpc.org)

## **Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

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

**Chair:** Bob Keeney

**Executive director:** Troy Maggied

**Contact:** [info@swwrpc.org](mailto:info@swwrpc.org); 608-342-1636; 20 South Court Street, Platteville, WI 53818

**Website:** [www.swwrpc.org](http://www.swwrpc.org)

## **West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

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

**Chair:** Louie Okey

**Executive director:** Lynn Nelson

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

**Website:** [www.wccwrpc.org](http://www.wccwrpc.org)

## **Other regional entities**

### **Professional Football Stadium District**

**Board of directors chair:** Leah Weycker

**Executive director:** Patrick Webb

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

**Website:** [www.gbbcstadiumdistrict.com](http://www.gbbcstadiumdistrict.com)

The Professional Football Stadium District is an owner and the landlord of Lambeau Field, the designated home of the Green Bay Packers football team. It is a local governmental unit that may acquire, construct, equip, maintain, improve, operate, and manage football stadium facilities or hire others to do the same. Maintenance and operation of the stadium 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

**Board of directors chair:** Tim Sheehy

**Executive director:** Pat Goss

**Contact:** [contact@wibaseballdistrict.com](mailto:contact@wibaseballdistrict.com); 414-902-4040; 1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214

**Website:** [www.wibaseballdistrict.com](http://www.wibaseballdistrict.com)

The Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District is the majority owner of American Family Field, the home of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club. It is a local governmental unit that may acquire, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and manage baseball park facilities, which include parking lots, garages, restaurants, parks, concession facilities, entertainment facilities, and other related structures. The district is also authorized to 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, known as the baseball stadium tax. As of April 1, 2020, however, retailers may no longer collect the baseball stadium tax; the district's board certified in March 2020 that the district's bonds had been paid and other required obligations had been met. 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:** James Kanter

**President and CEO:** Marty Brooks

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

**Website:** <https://wcd.org>

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

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

## 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:** Tony Evers (governor); Camille Crary (governor's proxy); Senator Jacque; Zach Madden; Anju Reehsinghani; Amy Traynor; Jill Underly (state superintendent of public instruction); Dean Haen, *alternate commissioner*  
**Contact:** 303-299-3600; 700 Broadway Street, Suite 810, Denver, CO 80203  
**Website:** [www.ecs.org](http://www.ecs.org)

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

### GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

**Wisconsin delegation:** Todd Ambs, *commission chair*; Melonee Montano; 1 vacancy  
**Contact:** 734-971-9135; 1300 Victors Way, Suite 1350, Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
**Website:** [www.glc.org](http://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:** Demetria Smith; Erin Deeley

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

**Website:** [www.glpf.org](http://www.glpf.org)

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

#### **GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL**

**Wisconsin members:** Tony Evers (governor), *council chair*

**Contact:** [gsgp@gsgp.org](mailto:gsgp@gsgp.org); 312-407-0177; 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60606

**Website:** [www.glscompactcouncil.org](http://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:** Tony Evers (governor)

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

**Website:** [www.glsregionalbody.org](http://www.glsregionalbody.org)

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

### **INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES**

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

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

**Website:** [www.juvenilecompact.org](http://www.juvenilecompact.org)

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

### **INTERSTATE COMMISSION OF NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS**

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

**Contact:** info@ncsbn.org; 312-525-3600; 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601

**Website:** [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)

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

#### **INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin member:** Nathan Houdek (commissioner of insurance)

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

**Website:** [www.insurancecompact.org](http://www.insurancecompact.org)

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

#### **INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin members:** Sheldon Wasserman, Clarence Chou

**Contact:** [inquiry@imlcc.net](mailto:inquiry@imlcc.net); 303-997-9842

**Website:** [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org)

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

#### **INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS**

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

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

**Website:** [www.naclec.org/wvc](http://www.naclec.org/wvc)

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

that state. The compact also requires each member state to recognize the 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 between Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the U.S. government.

#### **MIDWEST INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin member:** Mark Paulson (Nuclear Safety Manager, Department of Health Services)

**Website:** [www.midwestcompact.org](http://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 Rogers, Senator Wanggaard, 2 vacancies

**Contact:** [miprc@miprc.org](mailto:miprc@miprc.org); 630-925-1922; 701 East 22nd Street, Suite 110, Lombard, IL 60148

**Website:** [www.miprc.org](http://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, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

#### **MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin members:** Senator Ballweg, Connie Hutchison, Rebecca Larson, Representative Murphy, Julie Underwood

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

**Website:** [www.mhec.org](http://www.mhec.org)

The Midwestern Higher Education Commission was organized to further higher

educational opportunities for residents of states participating in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. The commission may enter into agreements with states, universities, and colleges to provide student programs and services. The commission also studies the compact's effects on higher education.

#### **MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin commissioner:** Shelley Joan Weiss

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

**Website:** [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)

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

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

#### **MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin commission chair:** Sherry Quamme

**Contact:** [mrpc@pilchbarnet.com](mailto:mrpc@pilchbarnet.com); 866-763-8310 (toll free); PO Box 7395, Madison, WI 53707-7395

**Website:** <https://mrpcmembers.com>

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

#### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin representative:** Teri Black

**Website:** <https://otcompact.org>

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

#### **PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin representative:** Kathryn Zalewski

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

**Website:** <http://ptcompact.org>

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

#### **PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Wisconsin representative:** Daniel Schroeder

**Contact:** [info@psypact.org](mailto:info@psypact.org)

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

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

#### **UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION**

**Wisconsin representative:** Steve G. Galarneau; Jim Fischer, *alternate*

**Contact:** 651-224-2880; 7831 East Bush Lake Road, Suite 302, Bloomington, MN 55439

**Website:** [www.umrba.org](http://www.umrba.org)

The Upper Mississippi River Basin Association is a nonprofit regional organization created by Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin to facilitate cooperative action regarding the basin's water and related land resources. The association consists of one voting member from each state and sponsors studies of river-related issues, cooperative planning for use of the region's resources, and an information exchange. The organization also enables the member states to develop regional positions on resource issues and to advocate for the basin states' collective interests before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies. The association is involved with programs related to commercial navigation, ecosystem restoration, water quality, aquatic nuisance species, hazardous spills, flood risk management, water supply, and other water resource issues. Six federal agencies with major

water resources responsibilities serve as advisory members: the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Homeland Security, the Interior, and Transportation.

## **Interstate compacts without interstate entities**

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

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

### **INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

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

### **INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION**

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

### **INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT**

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

### **INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON DETAINEES**

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

### **INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH**

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

### **NORTHERN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

An international mutual aid agreement created to facilitate the sharing of resources

between certain Midwestern states and Canadian provinces during major disasters and to allow for joint planning, exercising, and training for emergencies. The Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs administers the compact in Wisconsin.

**INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN**

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

**INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL**

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