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**Organizing a Wisconsin
Nuclear Power Summit**

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Nuclear Power Summit Board

The act creates a state Nuclear Power Summit Board (the Board) with six voting members, as follows:

- Two members of the Senate, one appointed from each party, as specified in the act.
- Two members of the Assembly, one appointed from each party, as specified in the act.
- The chief executive officer (CEO) of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) or the CEO's designee.
- A member appointed by the Governor.

The Board also must include, as nonvoting members, one member appointed by the chairperson of the Public Service Commission and all of the following appointed by the CEO of WEDC:

- A representative of the Nuclear Energy Institute or its successor.
- A representative of the Fusion Industry Association or its successor.
- A faculty member in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison.
- Any other members appointed by the CEO of WEDC in their discretion.

At its first meeting, the Board must elect a chairperson as its only officer. The Board must meet at least one time in 2025, and three times each year thereafter, for the purpose of organizing, promoting, and hosting a Wisconsin nuclear power summit. The Board's meetings must be open in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, and the Board's records must be open to inspection in accordance with the Public Records Law. The Board must complete its duties and cease to exist no later than 180 days after the summit. Any remaining property must be disbursed to the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics for the benefit of the nuclear engineering program.

Wisconsin Nuclear Power Summit

The summit organized by the Board must provide participants with education and information sharing opportunities designed to advance nuclear power and fusion energy technology and development and to showcase Wisconsin's leadership and innovation in the nuclear industry. The summit must be held in the City of Madison no later than one month after instruction commences at the new engineering building at UW-Madison. The Board may establish registration fees for the summit that vary based on admittance level and may allow state residents to attend without paying registration fees.

Administrative Support

WEDC must expend any moneys appropriated for purposes relating to the summit at the direction of the Board and in support of the Board's work, as specified in the act. The Board's decisions regarding summit-related expenditures are final and must preempt WEDC's authority, as specified in the act. WEDC must provide administrative support services to the Board and may expend moneys described above to provide those services. This may include expenditures for WEDC staff time that is requested and used by the Board. The act specifies that WEDC must provide the Board with at least all of the following services at the Board's request:

- Open records and public meeting notice compliance.
- Staffing and other assistance at meetings.
- Accounts receivable and accounts receivable services.
- Communication services with attendees of the nuclear power summit hosted by the Board, as well as communication and coordination with potential and actual event service providers, and on-site event support, at the summit event.

Sunset Provision

Pursuant to a sunset provision included in the act, the statutes created under the act will be repealed on July 1, 2030.

Effective date: July 5, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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