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# Citizen Participation in Wisconsin Government

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# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT

Wisconsin has a long tradition of encouraging direct participation by citizens in the workings of government affairs. Looking back 100 years, the Laws of 1915 provided that, at the local level, residents could be members of the City Plan Commission, Board of Park Commissioners, or Police and Fire Commission. At the state level, the law provided for public members on the Board of Public Affairs and the State Fair Advisory Board, among others.

Today, there are numerous opportunities for Wisconsin residents to directly and formally participate in government activities. Residents of Wisconsin may choose to serve in unelected positions on advisory, oversight, supervisory, and regulatory boards, commissions, councils, or committees at either the state or local government level. Service on these bodies is uncompensated, except for the payment of per diem and reimbursement of travel and other necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

Those who volunteer for or are appointed to serve on these governmental bodies do so because the work of the body is related to their technical skills, professional knowledge, occupational or work experience, educational background, membership in a particular organization, or area of residence. There are many opportunities for persons with specific expertise to regulate their professions through licensing, credentialing, and certification activities. In addition, citizens, without regard to membership in any group, may serve on bodies simply to represent the interests of the public at large, thus promoting democracy and diversity of perspective. This report focuses on governmental bodies on which members of the public may serve, as specifically provided for in the statutes.

## LOCAL AND REGIONAL BODIES

Among the local or regional governmental bodies on which members of the public may serve are municipal library boards (§ 43.54), municipal recreation authorities (§ 66.0123), technical college district boards (§ 38.08), community relations-social development commissions (§ 66.0125), municipal housing authorities (§ 66.1201), and regional planning commissions (§ 66.0309). Municipal election officials and trainees may choose to volunteer their services.

## STATE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The following are descriptions of various types of statewide bodies on which members of the public may serve and how those members are appointed:

A **board** is “a part-time body functioning as the policy-making unit for a department or independent agency or a part-time body with policy-making or quasi-judicial powers” (§ 15.01 (1r)). For a department or independent agency under the direction and supervision of a board, the public members are generally nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate (§ 15.07).

A **commission** is a governing body in charge of a department, an independent agency, or a division or other subunit within a department, and members are generally nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate (§§ 15.01 (2), 15.06).

A **committee** is a part-time body that is intended to terminate on the completion of its assignment and is appointed to study a specific problem and recommend a solution or policy alternative with respect to that problem. Because of their temporary nature, committees may be established at the discretion of agency heads or are created by session law rather than by statute. Members of committees are appointed by agency heads or as provided by law (§ 15.01 (3)).

A **council** is a part-time body that is appointed to advise the head of a department or independent agency and operate on a continuing basis for the study of, and the recommendation of solutions and policy alternatives for, the problems arising in an area of state government. Unless otherwise provided by law, public members of councils are appointed by the governor (§§ 15.01 (4), 15.09).

An **examining board or council** is a part-time body that sets standards of professional competence and conduct for the profession under its supervision; prepares, conducts, and grades the examinations of prospective new practitioners; grants licenses; investigates complaints of alleged unprofessional conduct; and performs other functions, such as disciplinary action, assigned to it by law. An **affiliated credentialing board** is attached to an examining board to regulate a profession that does not practice independently of the profession regulated by the examining board or that practices in collaboration with the profession regulated by the examining board. All members of these bodies must be Wisconsin residents and, unless otherwise provided by law, are nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms and may not be an officer, director, or employee of a private organization that promotes or furthers the profession or occupation regulated by that board. Public members may not prepare questions for or grade any licensing examinations. Generally, they also may not be, or ever have been, licensed, certified, registered, or engaged in any profession or occupation licensed or otherwise regulated by the board or married, employed by, or professionally associated with any person so licensed, certified, registered, or engaged (§§ 15.01 (1g) and (7), 15.08, 15.085).

The following is a list of many of the state governmental bodies on which public members may serve:

**Agency advisory bodies.** A head of a department or independent agency may create and appoint members to councils or committees to study an issue and provide advice (§ 15.04).

**State agency volunteers.** For the purposes of emergency management response preparation and operation, a state agency may register or preregister volunteers to assist the agency during a disaster, an imminent threat of a disaster, or a related training exercise (§ 323.18).

**Governor's special committees.** Section 14.019 (1) authorizes the governor to create, by executive order, nonstatutory committees, with such membership as the governor specifies, to conduct studies and advise the governor in public policy matters as directed. Persons appointed to a committee may be removed or replaced, or the committee may be abolished, at the pleasure of the governor. Unless terminated sooner, a committee will expire on the fourth Monday of January of the year in which a new gubernatorial term of office begins unless the new governor, by executive order, provides for its continued existence, and, in that case, persons then serving on such committee remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by an action of the new governor.

Some of the currently active committees that include public members or members representing affected interest groups or organizations are the Council on Autism, the Bicycle Coordinating Council, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, the Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council, the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, the Historical Records Advisory Board, the Homeland Security Council, the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin, the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee, the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health, the State Rehabilitation Council, the Telecommunications Relay Service Council, and the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment.

**State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse** in the office of the governor. The council includes six public members; one of whom is a consumer representing the public at large, with demonstrated

professional, research, or personal interest in alcohol and other drug abuse problems; one of whom is a representative of an organization or agency that is a direct provider of services to alcoholics and other drug abusers; and one of whom is a member of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association, Inc. (§ 14.017 (2)).

**Great Lakes Compact Commission.** The commission includes members of the public that have knowledge of and an interest in problems of the Great Lakes basin (§ 14.78).

**Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission.** The member representing Wisconsin may be a member of the public (§ 14.81).

**Great Lakes Protection Fund.** Two persons are appointed by the governor, with senate consent, to represent Wisconsin on the board of directors of the fund (§ 14.84).

**Mississippi River Parkway Commission.** The commission includes one member each from the counties of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Vernon (§ 14.85).

**Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission.** The commission includes one member representing the private sector (§ 14.86).

**Midwestern Higher Education Commission.** The commission includes two members representing higher education (§ 14.90).

**Tax Appeals Commission,** attached to the Department of Administration (DOA). The commission consists of individuals experienced in tax matters (§ 15.105 (1)).

**Public Records Board,** attached to DOA. The board includes a representative of a school board or the governing body of a municipality and one other public member (§15.105 (4)).

**State Capitol and Executive Residence Board,** attached to DOA. The board includes seven citizen members, consisting of at least two architects, one landscape architect, and two interior designers (§ 15.105 (5)).

**Board for People with Developmental Disabilities,** attached to DOA. The board is primarily composed of representatives of individuals with developmental disabilities, including developmentally disabled persons, parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities, and immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities (§ 15.105 (8)).

**Board on Aging and Long-Term Care,** attached to DOA. The board consists of seven members who have demonstrated a continuing interest in the problems of providing long-term care for the aged or disabled and at least four public members with no interest in or affiliation with any nursing home (§ 15.105 (10)).

**Waste Facility Siting Board,** attached to DOA. The board includes two town officials and one county official (§ 15.105 (12)).

**State Use Board,** attached to DOA. The board includes two representatives of private businesses, one of whom represents a small business, and one representative of a work center (§ 15.105 (22)).

**Incorporation Review Board,** attached to DOA. The board includes two members appointed by the Wisconsin Towns Association, one member appointed by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and one member appointed by the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities (§ 15.105 (23)).

**National and Community Service Board**, attached to DOA. The board includes at least one member who has expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly of disadvantaged youth; at least one member who has experience in promoting volunteerism among older adults; at least one member who is a representative of private nonprofit organizations that are representative of a community, or a significant segment of a community, and that are engaged in meeting the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of that community; at least one member who is a representative of a school board or of a county, city, village, or town government; at least one member who is a representative of organized labor; at least one member who is a representative of the business community; at least one member who is at least 16 years of age and not more than 25 years of age and who is a participant or a supervisor in a national service program; and at least one other member who is a representative of a national service program (§ 15.105 (24)).

**College Savings Program Board**, attached to DOA. The board includes six public members (§ 15.105 (25m)).

**Small Business Regulatory Review Board**, attached to DOA. The board includes seven representatives of small businesses (§ 15.105 (33)).

**Council on Small Business, Veteran-Owned Business and Minority Business Opportunities**, in DOA. Among the 13 members, all appointed by the secretary of administration, most are representatives of the affected constituent groups, and at least one is a public member to represent consumers (§ 15.107 (2)).

**Council on Affirmative Action**, in DOA's Division of Personnel Management. A majority of the 15 members of the council are public members, and a majority of the members are minority persons, women, or persons with disabilities (§ 15.107 (3)).

**Electronic Recording Council**, attached to DOA. The council includes one or more members who formerly served as registers of deeds for at least five years and representatives of title insurance companies, associations of bankers, and attorneys who practice real property law (§ 15.107 (6)).

**Women's Council**, attached to DOA. The council includes 10 public members (§ 15.107 (11)).

**Certification Standards Review Council**, in DOA. The council includes eight members representing various interests relating to wastewater treatment (§ 15.107 (12)).

**Interoperability Council**, attached to DOA. The council includes 10 members with professional experience or expertise in interoperable communications (§ 15.107 (18)).

**Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**. The board includes seven members with an agricultural background and two members who represent consumers (§ 15.13).

**Livestock Facility Siting Board**, attached to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The board includes members representing towns, counties, environmental interests, livestock farming interests, and three other public members (§ 15.135 (1)).

**Land and Water Conservation Board**, attached to DATCP. The board includes three members of county land conservation committees; one public member; and four members representing cities, a governmental unit involved in river management, a farm, and a charitable corporation related to protecting natural or environmental resources or quality (§ 15.135 (4)).

**Veterinary Examining Board**, in DATCP. The board includes five veterinarians, one veterinary technician, and two public members (§ 15.135 (5)).

**Agricultural Producer Security Council**, in DATCP. The council includes members representing various agricultural groups (§ 15.137 (1)).

**Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council**, in DATCP. The council includes members representing various educational and agricultural organizations and occupations (§ 15.137 (2)).

**Farm to School Council**, in DATCP. The council includes farmers, experts in child health, school food service personnel, and other persons with interests in agriculture, nutrition, and education (§ 15.137 (3)).

**Fertilizer Research Council**, in DATCP. The council includes three representatives from the fertilizer industry, three farmers, and a member knowledgeable about water quality (§ 15.137 (5)).

**Parole Commission**, in the Department of Corrections (DOC). The commission consists of eight members with knowledge of or experience in corrections or criminal justice (§ 15.145 (1)).

**Council on Offender Reentry**, attached to DOC. The council includes a law enforcement officer; a district attorney; an academic in the field of criminal justice; and representatives of a crime victims' rights or crime victim services organization, organizations involved with reintegrating offenders into the community, a county department of human services, an American Indian tribe or band, and the Wisconsin Technical College System (§ 15.145 (5)).

**Corrections System Formulary Board**, in DOC. The board includes two physicians, one of whom specializes in psychiatry, and a pharmacist (§ 15.145 (6)).

**Employee Trust Funds Board**. The board includes members from various groups affected by state and local government pension and benefit systems (§ 15.16 (1)).

**Group Insurance Board**, in the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF). The board includes six members representing participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System and those involved with state and local government that participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System (§ 15.165 (2)).

**Teachers Retirement Board**, in ETF. The board includes current and retired teachers and representatives of school administration (§ 15.165 (3) (a)).

**Wisconsin Retirement Board**, in ETF. The board includes employee and employer representatives of state and local government (§ 15.165 (3) (b)).

**Banking Review Board**, in the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). The board includes at least three bankers (§ 15.185 (1)).

**Savings Institutions Review Board**, in ETF. The board includes five members, at least three of whom are industry members (§ 15.185 (3)).

**Credit Union Review Board**, in ETF's Office of Credit Unions. The board includes five industry members (§ 15.185 (7) (b)).

**Emergency Medical Services Board**, attached to the Department of Health Services (DHS). The board includes 11 members with an interest and expertise in emergency medical services issues (§ 15.195 (8)).

**Council on Mental Health**, in DHS. The council includes up to 25 members representing those concerned with mental health issues (§ 15.197 (1)).

**Council on Blindness**, in DHS. The council includes nine members, at least seven of whom are blind or visually impaired (§ 15.197 (2)).

**Council on Physical Disabilities**, attached to DHS. The council includes 13 members, six of whom are persons with physical disabilities and at least one of whom is a provider of services to physically disabled persons (§ 15.197 (4)).

**Council on Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance**, in DHS. The council includes medical providers and persons affected by birth defects (§ 15.197 (12)).

**Public Health Council**, in DHS. The council includes representatives of health care consumers, health care providers, health professions educators, local health departments and boards, American Indian tribes or bands, public safety agencies, and, if created by the secretary of health services, the public health advisory committee (§ 15.197 (13)).

**Trauma Advisory Council**, in DHS. The council includes various representatives of health care providers who have an interest and expertise in emergency medical services (§ 15.197 (25)).

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board**, attached to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The board includes 10 public members with expertise, experience, leadership, or advocacy in the prevention of child abuse and neglect (§ 15.205 (4)).

**Read to Lead Development Council**, in DCF. The council includes teachers and representatives of various affected interest groups (§ 15.207 (3)).

**Council on Domestic Abuse**, in DCF. The council consists of members who have a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems and treatment of victims of domestic abuse (§ 15.207 (16)).

**Council on Unemployment Insurance**, in the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The council includes five representatives of employers and five representatives of employees from the industrial, commercial, construction, small business, nonprofit, and public sectors of the state's economy (§ 15.227 (3)).

**Council on Worker's Compensation**, in (DWD). The council includes five representatives of employers, five representatives of employees, and three representatives of worker's compensation insurers (§ 15.227 (4)).

**Council on Migrant Labor**, in DWD. The council includes six representatives of employers of migrant workers and six representatives of migrant workers and their organizations (§ 15.227 (8)).

**Wisconsin Apprenticeship Council**, in DWD. The council consists entirely of persons familiar with apprenticeable occupations, including nine representatives of employers and nine representatives of employees (§ 15.227 (13)).

**Law Enforcement Standards Board**, in the Department of Justice (DOJ). The board includes seven law enforcement representatives and one public member (§ 15.255 (1)).

**Crime Victims Rights Board**, attached to DOJ. The board includes one representative of local law enforcement and two public members (§ 15.255 (2)).

**Crime Victims Council**, in DOJ. The council includes 10 citizen members and two members representing organizations providing victim support services (§ 15.257 (2)).

**Natural Resources Board.** The board consists of seven members, at least three of whom are from the northern part of the state and at least three of whom are from the southern part of the state. At least one member has an agricultural background, and at least three members held a hunting, fishing, or trapping license in at least seven of the 10 years prior to the year in which they were nominated for the board (§ 15.34 (1) and (2)).

**Wisconsin Waterways Commission,** attached to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The commission includes one resident each from the Lake Superior area, the Lake Michigan area, the Mississippi River area, the Lake Winnebago watershed area, and the inland area of the state (§ 15.345 (1)).

**Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board,** attached to DNR. The board includes five members who reside in counties contiguous to Lake Superior, three of whom are active commercial fishers, one of whom is a fish dealer, and one of whom is a public member (§ 15.345 (2)).

**Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board,** attached to DNR. The board includes seven members who reside in counties contiguous to Lake Superior, five of whom are active commercial fishers, one of whom is a fish dealer, and one of whom is a public member (§ 15.345 (3)).

**Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board,** attached to DNR. The board includes one member each from the counties of Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, and Sauk, and three other members representing recreational user groups who are not residents of those counties (§ 15.345 (8)).

**Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Council,** in DNR. The council includes three members representing dry cleaning operations; one member representing distributors of dry cleaning solvent; one engineer, professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist with knowledge, experience, or education concerning remediation of environmental contamination; and one member representing manufacturers and sellers of dry cleaning equipment (§ 15.347 (2)).

**Snowmobile Recreational Council,** in DNR. Of the 15 members, at least five must be from the northern part of the state, and at least five must be from the southern part of the state (§ 15.347 (7)).

**Small Business Environmental Council,** in DNR. The council includes three public members and four representatives of industry (§ 15.347 (8)).

**Off-Road Vehicle Council,** in DNR. The council consists of seven members who are involved in all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and outdoor recreation issues and are knowledgeable about trails (§ 15.347 (9)).

**Metallic Mining Council,** in DNR. The council consists of nine persons representing a variety and balance of economic, scientific, and environmental viewpoints (§ 15.347 (12)).

**State Trails Council,** in DNR. The council consists of 11 members who are knowledgeable in, and who engage in one or more of, the various recreational uses of trails (§ 15.347 (16)).

**Council on Recycling,** attached to DNR. The council consists of seven public members (§ 15.347 (17)).

**Invasive Species Council,** attached to DNR. The council includes seven members representing public and private interests that are affected by the presence of invasive species (§ 15.347 (18)).

**Council on Forestry,** in DNR. The council includes 14 members representing interest groups affected by or interested in forests and forest products (§ 15.347 (19)).

**Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council**, in DNR. The council includes an unspecified number of members involved with various types of trails (§ 15.347 (20)).

**Sporting Heritage Council**, in DNR. The council includes one public member, one member of the Conservation Congress, and five members who represent sporting organizations that promote hunting, fishing, or trapping (§ 15.347 (21)).

**School District Boundary Appeal Board**, in the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The board consists of 12 school board members from various district sizes and geographic areas (§ 15.375 (2)).

**Blind and Visual Impairment Education Council**, in DPI. The council includes 17 members involved with the education of blind or visually impaired persons (§ 15.377 (1)).

**Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education Council**, in DPI. The council includes nine members involved with the education of deaf or hard-of-hearing persons, and three other public members (§ 15.377 (2)).

**Council on Special Education**, in DPI. The council consists of an unspecified number of members who are involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities (§ 15.377 (4)).

**Council on Library and Network Development**, in DPI. The council includes nine library professionals and 10 public members with an interest in libraries and information services (§ 15.377 (6)).

**Professional Standards Council for Teachers**, in DPI. The council includes 20 representatives from various groups involved with teaching (§ 15.377 (8)).

**Accounting Examining Board**, in the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The board consists of five certified public accountants and two public members (§ 15.405 (1)).

**Building Inspector Review Board**, attached to DSPS. The board includes one member representing building contractors and developers and one building inspector (§ 15.405 (1m)).

**Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors**, in DSPS. The board consists of three architects, three landscape architects, three professional engineers, three designers, three professional land surveyors, and 10 public members (§ 15.405 (2)).

**Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists**, in DSPS. The board consists of three geologists, three hydrologists, three soil scientists, and three public members (§ 15.405 (2m)).

**Auctioneer Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four members from the auction industry and three public members (§ 15.405 (3)).

**Cemetery Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four members representing cemeteries and two public members (§ 15.405 (3m)).

**Chiropractic Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four chiropractors and two public members (§ 15.405 (5)).

**Controlled Substances Board**, in DSPS. The board includes one psychiatrist and one pharmacologist (§ 15.405 (5g)).

**Dentistry Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board includes six dentists, three dental hygienists, and two public members (§ 15.405 (6)).

**Hearing and Speech Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three hearing instrument specialists, one otolaryngologist, two audiologists, two speech-language pathologists, and two public members, one of whom must be a hearing aid user (§ 15.405 (6m)).

**Medical Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of nine doctors of medicine, one doctor of osteopathy, and three public members (§ 15.405 (7)).

**Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four social workers, three marriage and family therapists, three professional counselors, and three public members (§ 15.405 (7c)).

**Radiography Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three radiographers, one physician, one radiologic physicist, and two public members (§ 15.405 (7e)).

**Board of Nursing**, in DSPS. The board consists of five registered nurses, two practical nurses, and two public members (§ 15.405 (7g)).

**Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board includes five nursing home administrators, one physician, one nurse, and two public members (§ 15.405 (7m)).

**Physical Therapy Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant, and one public member (§ 15.405 (7r)).

**Optometry Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of five optometrists and two public members (§ 15.405 (8)).

**Pharmacy Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of five pharmacists and two public members (§ 15.405 (9)).

**Psychology Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four psychologists and two public members (§ 15.405 (10m)).

**Real Estate Appraisers Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three appraisers, one assessor, and three public members (§ 15.405 (10r)).

**Real Estate Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of five real estate brokers or salespersons and two public members (§ 15.405 (11m)).

**Funeral Directors Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four funeral directors and two public members (§ 15.405 (16)).

**Cosmetology Examining Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four aestheticians or cosmetologists, two public members, one representative of a private school of cosmetology, one representative of a public school of cosmetology, and one electrologist (§ 15.405 (17)).

**Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three dietitians and one public member (§ 15.406 (2)).

**Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three podiatrists and one public member (§ 15.406 (3)).

**Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of four athletic trainers, one member licensed to practice medicine or surgery who also has experience with athletic training and sports medicine, and one public member (§ 15.406 (4)).

**Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of three occupational therapists, two occupational therapy assistants, and two public members (§ 15.406 (5)).

**Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board**, in DSPS. The board consists of six massage therapists or bodywork therapists and one public member (§ 15.406 (6)).

**Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of three respiratory care practitioners, one physician, and one public member (§ 15.407 (1m)).

**Council on Physician Assistants**, in DSPS. The council consists of one public member, three physician assistants, and one person who teaches physician assistants (§ 15.407 (2)).

**Perfusionists Examining Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of three perfusionists, one physician who is a cardiothoracic surgeon or a cardiovascular anesthesiologist, and one public member (§ 15.407 (2m)).

**Council on Real Estate Curriculum and Examinations**, in DSPS. The council consists of five real estate brokers or salespersons and two public members (§ 15.407 (5)).

**Council on Anesthesiologist Assistants**, in DSPS. The council includes one member of the medical examining board, two anesthesiologists, one anesthesiologist assistant, and one public member (§ 15.407 (7)).

**Sign Language Interpreter Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of five deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals, two interpreters, and one person who represents a person who has obtained sign language interpreter services for the benefit of another who is deaf or hard of hearing (§ 15.407 (9)).

**Uniform Dwelling Code Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of representatives of building trade labor organizations; building inspectors employed by local units of government; building contractors; manufacturers, retailers, or installers of manufactured or modular one-family and two-family housing; architects, engineers, or designers; construction material suppliers; remodeling contractors; persons with disabilities; and fire prevention professionals (§ 15.407 (10)).

**Contractor Certification Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of three building contractors (§ 15.407 (11)).

**Manufactured Housing Code Council**, in DSPS. The council consists of two members representing manufacturers of manufactured homes, two members representing manufactured home dealers, two members representing owners of manufactured home communities, two members representing installers of manufactured homes, one member representing an association of the manufactured housing industry, one member representing suppliers of materials or services to the manufactured housing industry, one public member, one member representing labor, and one member representing inspectors of manufactured homes (§ 15.407 (13)).

**Conveyance Safety Code Council**, in DSPS. The council includes one member representing a manufacturer of elevators; one member representing an elevator servicing business; one member representing an architectural design or elevator consulting profession; one local government representative; one member representing a labor organization whose members are involved in the

installation, maintenance, and repair of elevators; one member representing an owner or manager of a building in this state containing an elevator; one public member; and a building contractor involved in commercial construction that includes the construction or installation of conveyances (§ 15.407 (14)).

**Plumbers Council**, in DSPS. The council includes a master plumber and a journeyman plumber (§ 15.407 (16)).

**Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Contractors and Journeymen Council**, in DSPS. The council includes two journeymen automatic fire sprinkler fitters and two representatives of licensed automatic fire sprinkler contractors (§ 15.407 (17)).

**Commercial Building Code Council**, in DSPS. The council includes two members representing the skilled building trades; two local government building inspectors; two members representing the fire services, at least one of whom is a fire chief; two members representing building contractors, each of whom is actively engaged in on-site construction of public buildings and buildings that are places of employment; and two members representing architects, engineers, and designers, each of whom is actively engaged in the design or evaluation of public buildings and buildings that are places of employment (§ 15.407 (18)).

**Investment and Local Impact Fund Board**, attached to the Department of Revenue. The board includes three public members; five local officials, two of whom are municipal officials, two of whom are county officials, and one of whom is a school board member; and one Native American (§ 15.435(1)).

**Arts Board**, in the Department of Tourism. The board consists of 15 members who are known for their concern for the arts, with representation from all portions of the state (§ 15.445 (1)).

**Kickapoo Reserve Management Board**, attached to the Department of Tourism. The board includes six members representing various areas of the Kickapoo River watershed; three members who are not residents of the watershed, one representing education and two representing recreation and tourism interests; and two members with an interest in and knowledge of the cultural resources within the watershed (§ 15.445 (2)).

**State Fair Park Board**, attached to the Department of Tourism. The board includes five members representing business, including three with experience in general business, one with experience in agriculture, and one with experience in technology; one resident of the city of West Allis; and one public member (§ 15.445 (4)).

**Council on Tourism**, in the Department of Tourism. The council includes 14 members affected by or involved in the tourism industry (§ 15.447 (1)).

**Rustic Roads Board**, in the Department of Transportation (DOT). The board includes eight public members, at least four of whom were selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Wisconsin Counties Association (§ 15.465 (2)).

**Council on Highway Safety**, in DOT. The council includes five public members (§ 15.467 (3)).

**Council on Uniformity of Traffic Citations and Complaints**, in DOT. The council includes representatives of the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association, the County Traffic Patrol Association, the Chiefs of Police Association, the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Council of Safety, the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, the judicial conference, and the director of state courts (§ 15.467 (4)).

**Board of Veterans Affairs.** The board consists of nine members, all of whom are veterans, with at least one member from each congressional district (§ 15.49 (2)).

**Council on Veterans Programs,** in the Department of Veterans Affairs. The council consists of 25 members representing various veterans' organizations, and one member representing the American Red Cross (§ 15.497 (2)).

**Educational Communications Board.** The board includes two public members, two representatives of education, one member with a demonstrated interest in public television who resides within the coverage area of an education television channel, one member appointed by the Technical College System Board, and one member appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (§ 15.57).

**Elections Commission.** The commission consists of at least six members. Four are appointed by the leadership of the majority and the minority parties in the assembly and the senate. Two, nominated by the governor from lists of nominees submitted by the two major political parties, must have served as county or municipal clerks. In addition, for each political party, other than the two major political parties, whose candidate for governor received at least 10 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial election, one member selected by the governor from a list of three nominees (§ 15.61).

**Ethics Commission.** The commission consists of at least six members. Four are appointed by the leadership of the majority and the minority parties in the assembly and the senate. Two, nominated by the governor from lists of nominees submitted by the two major political parties, must be former judges who were elected to a court of record in this state. In addition, for each political party, other than the two major political parties, whose candidate for governor received at least 10 percent of the vote in the most recent gubernatorial election, one member selected by the governor from a list of three nominees (§ 15.62).

**Higher Educational Aids Board.** The board includes members representing financial aids administrators, students, institutions of higher education, and one public member (§ 15.67).

**Burial Sites Preservation Board,** attached to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The board includes three members who have professional qualifications in the fields of archaeology, physical anthropology, history, or a related field and three members of federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands who are knowledgeable in the field of tribal preservation planning, history, archaeology, or a related field or are elders, traditional persons, or spiritual leaders of their tribes (§ 15.705 (1)).

**Historic Preservation Review Board,** attached to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The board includes at least nine members with professional qualifications in the fields of architecture, archaeology, art history, and history and up to six members qualified in related fields including landscape architecture, urban and regional planning, law, or real estate (§ 15.705 (2)).

**Investment Board.** The board includes one local government representative, five members with investment experience, and two participants in the Wisconsin Retirement System, one of whom is a teacher and one of whom is not (§ 15.76).

**Public Defender Board.** The board consists of nine members, at least five of whom are members of the State Bar of Wisconsin. No member may be, or be employed on the staff of, a judicial or law enforcement officer, district attorney, corporation counsel, or the state public defender (§ 15.78).

**Wind Siting Council,** in the Public Service Commission. The council includes two members representing wind energy system developers, one county representative, two energy industry representatives, two environmental group representatives, two realtor representatives, two landowners

living near a wind energy system who have not received compensation from the system, two public members, and a University of Wisconsin System faculty member with expertise regarding the health impacts of wind energy systems (§ 15.797).

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.** The board includes 14 citizen members, at least one of whom resides in each congressional district, and two students enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System (§ 15.91).

**Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board,** attached to the University of Wisconsin System (UW System). The board includes a veterinarian employed by the federal government and five members representing persons served by the veterinary diagnostic laboratory, at least one of whom is a livestock producer, at least one of whom represents the animal agriculture industry, and at least one of whom is a practicing veterinarian member of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (§ 15.915 (1)).

**Laboratory of Hygiene Board,** in the UW System. The board includes one representative of local health departments, one physician representing clinical laboratories, one member representing private environmental testing laboratories, one member representing occupational health laboratories, and three additional members, one of whom shall be a medical examiner or coroner (§ 15.915 (2)).

**Environmental Education Board,** attached to the UW System. The board includes members representing elementary and secondary environmental educators; conservation and environmental organizations; business and industry; agriculture; labor; higher education faculty; nature centers, zoos, museums, and other informal environmental educational organizations; forestry; and the energy industry (§ 15.915 (6)).

**Rural Health Development Council,** in the UW System. The council includes a representative of a private lender that makes loans in rural areas; representatives of a hospital and a clinic located in rural areas; a physician, a dentist, a nurse, and a dental hygienist, all of whom practice in rural areas; a representative of public health services; a representative of an economic development organization operating in a rural area; and a public member from a rural area (§ 15.917 (1)).

**Technical College System Board.** The board includes one employer, one employee who does not have employing or discharging power, one farmer, one student, and six public members (§ 15.94).

**Educational Approval Board,** attached to the Technical College System Board. The board includes persons with a demonstrated interest in educational programs (§ 15.945 (1)).

**Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority.** The authority consists of seven members who are residents of the state (§ 231.02 (1)).

**Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.** The authority includes six public members (§ 234.02 (1)).

**Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation.** The board of directors includes eight members representing diverse artistic interests, from different geographic regions, at least one of whom is knowledgeable in marketing and fundraising (§ 247.03).

**Judicial Council.** The council includes two citizens at large (§ 758.13).

NOTE: Detailed descriptions of the responsibilities, powers and duties, history, and full membership of the state governmental agencies may be found in the *Wisconsin Blue Book*.