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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS  
AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS  
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison  
Contact: Will Johnson (608) 266-2112  
March 31, 2026**

*The following agenda describes the issues that the Section plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions of the Section.*

**AGENDA**

**9:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-4)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2025 (5-7)**
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- E. Administrative Matters**
  - 1. Department, Staff and Section Updates
  - 2. **2026 Meeting Dates (8)**
  - 3. **Annual Policy Review (9-12)**
  - 4. **Election of Officers, Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates, Delegation of Authorities (13-32)**
  - 5. Section Members – Term Expiration Dates
    - a. Hook, Steven J. – 7/1/2014
    - b. Kuchenbecker, David G. – 7/1/2029
    - c. Liegeois, John J. – 7/1/2027
    - d. Scholl, Colleen M. – 7/1/2027
- F. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (33-34)**
  - 1. Update on certificates of authorization rule
  - 2. Pending and Possible Rulemaking Items
- G. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Matters – Discussion and Consideration

- H. Credentialing Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- I. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- J. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:
  - 1. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
  - 2. Administrative Matters
  - 3. Election of Officers
  - 4. Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
  - 5. Delegation of Authorities
  - 6. Education and Examination Matters
  - 7. Credentialing Matters
  - 8. Practice Matters
  - 9. Legislative and Policy Matters
  - 10. Administrative Rule Matters
  - 11. Liaison Reports
  - 12. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
  - 13. Informational Items
  - 14. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
  - 15. Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
  - 16. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
  - 17. Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
  - 18. Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
  - 19. Presentation of Interim Orders
  - 20. Petitions for Re-Hearing
  - 21. Petitions for Assessments
  - 22. Petitions to Vacate Orders
  - 23. Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
  - 24. Motions
  - 25. Petitions
  - 26. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
  - 27. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

**K. Public Comments**

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).**

**L. Credentialing Matters**

- 1. **Full Board Review**
  - a. I.V.B. – Education Review (IA-823881) **(35-68)**
  - b. A.F. – Waiver Request (IA-770782) **(69-93)**
  - c. A.K. – Waiver Request (IA-729900) **(94-116)**
  - d. J.F.T. – Renewal Application (IA-827543) **(117-151)**

**M. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters**

- 1. **Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**
  - a. 25 ENG 0006 – Justin D. Sprague, Nicholas J. Rowe and ProAg Engineering, Inc. **(152-159)**

2. **Administrative Warnings**
  - a. 21 ENG 014 – M.L.M. (160-182)
  - b. 25 ENG 0028 – M.P.L. (183-186)
3. **Case Closings**
  - a. 21 ENG 014 – M.B. (187-207)
  - b. 21 ENG 014 – A.D.A. & E.G.P.C. (208-228)
  - c. 24 ENG 0023 – G.A. and T.A.T.S. (229-233)
  - d. 25 ENG 0009 – A.D.L. (234-238)

N. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

1. Education and Examination Matters
2. Credentialing Matters
3. DLSC Matters
4. Monitoring Matters
5. Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
6. Petitions for Summary Suspensions
7. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
8. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
9. Proposed Interim Orders
10. Administrative Warnings
11. Review of Administrative Warnings
12. Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
13. Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
14. Case Closings
15. Board Liaison Training
16. Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
17. Petitions to Vacate Orders
18. Remedial Education Cases
19. Motions
20. Petitions for Re-Hearing
21. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

O. Consulting with Legal Counsel

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

P. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate

Q. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 17, 2026**

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 MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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consider materials or items filed after the transmission of this notice. Times listed for the commencement of any agenda item may be changed by the board for the convenience of the parties. The person credentialed by the board has the right to demand that meeting at which final action may be taken against the credential be held in open session. Requests for interpreters for the hard of hearing, or other accommodations, are considered upon request by contacting the Affirmative Action Officer or reach the Meeting Staff by calling 608-267-7213.

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ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS AND REGISTERED  
INTERIOR DESIGNERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Steven Hook, David Kuchenbecker, John Liegeois, Colleen Scholl

**STAFF:** Will Johnson, Executive Director; Joseph Ricker, Legal Counsel; Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rule Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administrative Specialist and other Department staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Colleen Scholl, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with three (3) members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** John Liegeois moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2025**

**MOTION:** David Kuchenbecker moved, seconded by John Liegeois, to approve the Minutes of October 17, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

*Steven Hook arrived at 9:04 a.m.*

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Recognition: Karl Linck, Engineer Member (Replaced: 9/12/2025)**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to recognize and thank Karl Linck for their years of dedicated service to the Board and State of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition: Kristine Cotharn, Engineer Member (Replaced: 9/12/2025)**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to recognize and thank Kristine Cotharn for their years of dedicated service to the Board and State of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING (NCEES)  
MATTERS – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

**Travel Request: NCEES Central Zone Meeting – May 14-16, 2026 – Columbus, OH**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to designate John Liegeois and David Kuchenbecker, to attend the NCEES Central Zone Meeting, May 14-16 in Columbus, OH. Motion carried unanimously.

**Travel Request: NCEES Annual Meeting – August 18-21, 2026 – Henderson, NV**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by John Liegeois, to designate David Kuchenbecker, to attend the NCEES Annual Meeting, August 18-21 in Henderson, NV. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** David Kuchenbecker moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Colleen Scholl, Vice Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Steven Hook-yes; David Kuchenbecker-yes; John Liegeois-yes; and Colleen Scholl-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section convened into Closed Session at 9:41 a.m.

**DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC)  
MATTERS**

**Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings of the following cases:  
24 ENG 003 – Ryan D. Quam and Quam Engineering  
25 ENG 0007 – Josh G. Petersen, Christina B. Preszler, and Paul R. Mordorski  
Motion carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by John Liegeois, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** David Kuchenbecker moved, seconded by John Liegeois, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the closed session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by David Kuchenbecker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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2026 Meeting Dates**

| <b>Board/Section/Council</b>             | <b>Meeting Date</b>                 | <b>Start time</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Agenda Item Deadline</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| AE Board                                 | Wednesday, April 1, 2026            | 11:00 AM          | Hybrid          | 3/20/26                     |
| AE Board                                 | Wednesday, October 7, 2026          | 11:00 AM          | Virtual         | 9/25/26                     |
| AE Rules                                 | Wednesday, April 1, 2026            | 9:00 AM           | Hybrid          | 3/20/26                     |
| AE Rules                                 | Wednesday, October 7, 2026          | 9:00 AM           | Virtual         | 9/25/26                     |
| AE: Architect Section                    | Thursday, March 19, 2026            | 9:00 AM           | Hybrid          | 3/9/26                      |
| AE: Architect Section                    | Tuesday, October 6, 2026            | 9:00 AM           | Virtual         | 9/24/26                     |
| <b>AE: Professional Engineer Section</b> | <b>Tuesday, March 31, 2026</b>      | <b>9:00 AM</b>    | <b>Virtual</b>  | <b>3/19/26</b>              |
| <b>AE: Professional Engineer Section</b> | <b>Wednesday, June 17, 2026</b>     | <b>9:00 AM</b>    | <b>Virtual</b>  | <b>6/5/26</b>               |
| <b>AE: Professional Engineer Section</b> | <b>Thursday, September 17, 2026</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b>   | <b>Virtual</b>  | <b>9/7/26</b>               |
| AE: Designer Section                     | Thursday, March 19, 2026            | 11:00 AM          | Virtual         | 3/9/26                      |
| AE: Designer Section                     | Thursday, October 1, 2026           | 11:00 AM          | Virtual         | 9/21/26                     |
| AE: Landscape Architect Section          | Thursday, March 26, 2026            | 9:00 AM           | Virtual         | 3/16/26                     |
| AE: Landscape Architect Section          | Thursday, October 1, 2026           | 9:00 AM           | Virtual         | 9/21/26                     |
| AE: Professional Land Surveyor Section   | Tuesday, March 31, 2026             | 11:00 AM          | Virtual         | 3/19/26                     |
| AE: Professional Land Surveyor Section   | Thursday, September 17, 2026        | 9:00 AM           | Virtual         | 9/7/26                      |
| AE: Registered Interior Designer Section | Thursday, March 26, 2026            | 1:00 PM           | Virtual         | 3/16/26                     |
| AE: Registered Interior Designer Section | Wednesday, June 17, 2026            | 1:00 PM           | Virtual         | 6/5/26                      |
| AE: Registered Interior Designer Section | Tuesday, October 6, 2026            | 1:00 PM           | Virtual         | 9/24/26                     |

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

- 1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Audra Cohen-Plata, DPD Division Administrator
  - 2) Date When Request Submitted: 12/11/2025
  - 3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Section: **All Boards**
  - 4) Meeting Date: **First Meeting of 2026**
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- 5) Attachments: **Yes**
  - 6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? **Administrative Matters: Annual Policy Review**
  - 7) Place Item in: **Open Session**
  - 8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? No
  - 9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A
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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:

**Please be advised of the following policy item attachments:**

- 1) 2026 Annual Policy Review Memo
- 2) Timeline of a Meeting
- 3) Sample Per Diem Report



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**DATE: January 1, 2026**  
**TO: DSPS Board, Council, and Committee Members**  
**FROM: Division of Policy Development**  
**SUBJECT: 2026 Administrative Policy Reminders**

**Please be advised of the following policy items:**

1. In-Person and Virtual Meetings: Depending on the frequency of scheduled meetings, discussion topics, and member availability, DSPS may host one or more in-person meetings. Virtual connection options are available for all board meetings. If you are traveling internationally, please see item 9 below.
2. Attendance/Quorum: Thank you for your service and commitment to meeting attendance. If you cannot attend a meeting or have scheduling conflicts impacting your attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. A quorum is required for Boards, Sections, and Councils to meet pursuant to Open Meetings Law. Connect to / arrive at meetings 10 minutes before posted start time to allow for audio/connection testing, and timely Call to Order and Roll Call. Virtual meetings include viewable onscreen materials and A/V (speaker/microphone/video) connections.
3. Walking Quorum: Board/Section/Council members must not collectively discuss the body's business outside a properly noticed meeting. If several members of a body do so, they could be violating the open meetings law.
4. Mandatory Training: All Board Members must complete Public Records and Ethics Training, annually. [Register to set up an account](#) in the Cornerstone LearnCenter online portal or [Log in](#) to an existing account.
5. Agenda Deadlines: Please communicate agenda topics to your Executive Director before the agenda submission deadline at 12:00 p.m., eight business days before a meeting. (Attachment: Timeline of a Meeting)
6. Travel Voucher and Per Diem Submissions: Please submit all Per Diem and Reimbursement claims to DSPS within 30 days of the close of each month in which expenses are incurred. (Attachment: Per Diem Form) Travel Vouchers are distributed on travel approval.
7. Lodging Accommodations/Hotel Cancellation Policy: Lodging accommodations are available to eligible members for in-person meetings. Standard eligibility: the member must leave home before 6:00 a.m. to attend an in-person meeting by the scheduled start time.
  - a. If a member cannot attend a meeting, they must cancel their reservation with the hotel within the applicable cancellation timeframe.
  - b. If a meeting is changed to occur remotely, is canceled, or rescheduled, DSPS staff will cancel or modify reservations as appropriate.
8. Inclement Weather Policy: In inclement weather, the DSPS may change a meeting from an in-person venue to a virtual/teleconference only.
9. International Travel: Use of State-managed IT resources and access of State data outside the United States are strictly prohibited, as they cause an unacceptable level of cybersecurity risk. This prohibition includes all State-provided or State-managed IT resources housed on personal devices. Please advise your Executive Director of any planned international travel commitments that may coincide with board meetings or other board business in advance of your departure.

# Timeline of a Meeting

## At least 2 weeks (10 business days) prior to the meeting

Submit Agenda Item suggestions to the Board's Executive Director. Include background materials. Copyright-protected materials must be accompanied by written permission from the publisher to share documents.

## 8 business days prior to the meeting

The Agenda is drafted. (All agenda materials are due to the Department by 12:00 p.m.)

## 7 business days prior to the meeting

The draft agenda is submitted to the Executive Director; the Executive Director transmits it to the Chair for review and approval.

## 5 business days prior to the meeting

The approved agenda is returned to the Board Administration Specialist (BA) for agenda packet production and compilation.

## 4 business days prior to the meeting

Agenda packets are posted on the DSPS Board SharePoint site and on the Board webpage.

### Agenda Item Examples:

- Open Session Items
  - Public Hearings and Administrative Rules Matters
  - Administrative Matters
  - Legislation and Policy Matters
  - Credentialing Matters
  - Education and Exam Issues
  - Public Agenda Requests
  - Current Issues Affecting the Profession
- Closed Session items
  - Deliberations on Proposed Disciplinary Actions
  - Monitoring Matters
  - Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Issues
  - Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
  - Orders Fixing Costs/Matters Relating to Costs
  - Credentialing Matters
  - Education and Exam Issues

## Thursday of the Week Prior to the Meeting

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## 1 business day after the Meeting

"Action" lists are distributed to Department staff detailing board actions on closed session business.

## 5 business days after the Meeting

"To Do" lists are distributed to staff to ensure that board open session decisions are acted on and/or implemented within the appropriate divisions in the Department. Minutes approved by the board are published on the Wisconsin Public Notices and Meeting Minutes website: [publicmeetings.wi.gov](http://publicmeetings.wi.gov).



**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION**

**EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
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AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS  
2025 Elections and Liaisons**

| <b>2025 ELECTION RESULTS</b> |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Chairperson</b>           | <b>Karl Linck</b> |
| <b>Vice Chairperson</b>      | Colleen Scholl    |
| <b>Secretary</b>             | Steven Hook       |

**Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates**

| <b>LIAISON APPOINTMENTS</b>                               |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Credentialing Liaison(s)</b>                           | Steven Hook<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Karl Linck</b>                       |
| <b>Education and Examination Liaison(s)</b>               | Karl Linck<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Kristine Cotharn</b>                  |
| <b>Monitoring Liaison(s)</b>                              | Colleen Scholl<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Karl Linck</b>                    |
| <b>Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison(s)</b> | Colleen Scholl<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Karl Linck</b>                    |
| <b>Legislative Liaison(s)</b>                             | Karl Linck<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Kristine Cotharn</b>                  |
| <b>Travel Authorization Liaison(s)</b>                    | Colleen Scholl<br><i>Alternate:</i> Steven Hook                          |
| <b>A-E Rules Committee Designee (Professional Member)</b> | <b>Kristine Cotharn</b><br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Karl Linck</b>           |
| <b>Screening Panel</b>                                    | Colleen Scholl, Steven Hook<br><i>Alternate:</i> <b>Kristine Cotharn</b> |

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**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1) Name and title of person submitting the request:<br>Paralegal Richanda Turner, on behalf of Attorney Joseph Ricker   |  | 2) Date when request submitted:<br>03/16/26<br>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting |  |
| 3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:<br>Professional Engineer Section  |  |   |  |
| 4) Meeting Date:<br>03/31/26  | 5) Attachments:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  | 6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?<br>Reaffirming 2025 delegations and new 2026 delegations   |  |
| 7) Place Item in:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session<br><input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session  | 8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)</i><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable:<br>N/A   |  |
| 10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:<br>The Section members need to review and consider reaffirming 2025 delegations and new delegations for 2026.   |  |   |  |
| 11) Authorization   |  |   |  |
| <i>Richanda Turner</i>  |  | 03/16/26  |  |
| Signature of person making this request   |  | Date  |  |
| Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items)   |  | Date  |  |
| Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items)  |  | Date  |  |
| Directions for including supporting documents:<br>1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the <a href="#">Agenda Items</a> folders.<br>2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director.<br>3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting. |  |   |  |



**State of Wisconsin**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: January 1, 2026**

**TO: Board, Council, and Committee Members**

**FROM: Legal Counsel**

**SUBJECT: Liaison Definitions and Delegations Explanations**

### **Executive Summary**

This memorandum provides an overview of the liaison roles and common delegation authorities that enable DSPS Boards, Sections, and Committees to efficiently fulfill their statutory responsibilities. It explains the function of each liaison position, such as, Credentialing, Monitoring, PAP, Education and Examination, Legislative, Travel Authorization, and Communication Liaisons, as well as Screening Panel Members, and outlines how these roles support Board operations between meetings. This memorandum also includes model motions for liaisons, Department staff, and Department attorneys to ensure timely processing of credential applications, monitoring requests, disciplinary matters, and administrative tasks. The delegations promote consistency, reduce delays, and allow the Department and Boards to respond promptly to legal and operational needs while maintaining their responsibility to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

### **Overall Purpose of Liaison Appointments**

Each Board/Section (Board) has inherent authority that is established in our Wisconsin Statutes. This authority may change from Board to Board. Further information on your Board's authority can be found in Wis. Stat. ch. 15. Generally, each Board has authority to grant credentials, discipline credential holders, and set standards for education and examinations and unprofessional conduct. In order to efficiently accomplish these tasks, Boards may appoint Liaisons. Liaisons assist with the operations of the Boards' purpose by weighing in on legislative matters, traveling to national conferences, or communicating with stakeholders.

At the first Board meeting of each year, the Department asks the Boards to make Liaison appointments. Your practical knowledge and experience as an appointed member of a professional board are essential in making determinations regularly. The Liaison positions listed below assist

the Department to complete operations between Board meetings. In most cases, Liaisons can make decisions for the full Board in their designated area. However, these areas are determined through the delegation process. Please note a Liaison may also decide to send the delegated matter to the full Board for consideration as appropriate. Delegations assist the Board in defining the roles and authorities of each Liaison and other Board functions.

## **Liaison Definitions**

**Credentialing Liaison:** The Credentialing Liaison is empowered by the Board to review and make determinations regarding certain credential applications. The Credentialing Liaison may be called on by Department staff to answer questions that pertain to qualifications for licensure, which may include whether a particular degree is suitable for the application requirements, whether an applicant's specific work experience satisfies the requirements in statute or rule for licensure, or whether an applicant's criminal or disciplinary history is substantially related to the practice of the profession in such a way that granting the applicant a credential would create a risk of harm to the public. The Credentialing Liaison serves a very important role in the credentialing process. If the Credentialing Liaison has a question on a request, it is advisable for the Liaison to consult further with Department staff or bring the matter to the full Board for consideration.

**Monitoring Liaison:** The Monitoring Liaison is empowered by the Board to make decisions on any credential that is subject to Monitoring either through a disciplinary order or initial licensure. The Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the Monitoring Liaison. A common request could be to remove a limitation that has been placed on a credential or to petition for full licensure. The Monitoring Liaison can review these requests and make decisions on behalf of the Board. If the Monitoring Liaison has a question on a request, it is advisable for the Liaison to consult further with Department staff or bring the matter to the full Board for consideration.

**Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison:** PAP is a voluntary program open to credential holders with substance abuse issues who wish to seek help by being held accountable through treatment and monitoring by the Department and Board. As part of PAP, the credential holder enters into an agreement with the Department to undergo testing, counseling, or other rehabilitation. The PAP Liaison's role includes responding to credential holders' requests for modifications and terminations of provisions of the agreement. Similar to the Monitoring Liaison, the Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the PAP Liaison for further review.

**Education and Examination Liaison:** Some Boards are required by statute or rule to approve qualifying education and examinations. The Education and Examination Liaison provides guidance to Department staff to exercise authority of the Board to approve or decline examinations and educational programs and related requests. This determination requires a level of professional expertise and should be performed by a professional member of the Board. For some Boards, the Education and Examination Liaison will also be tasked with approving continuing education programs and courses.

**Legislative Liaison:** The Legislative Liaison is not the Board's designated lobbyist and should exercise their delegated authority carefully. The Legislative Liaison is permitted to act and speak

on the Board's behalf regarding pending and enacted legislation or actions being considered by the legislature outside of Board meetings. Please review Wis. Stat. ch. 13 for important reminders on lobbying.

**Travel Authorization Liaison:** The Travel Authorization Liaison is authorized to approve a Board member to travel to events and speak or act on the Board's behalf between Board meetings. The Travel Authorization Liaison is called upon to make decisions when sufficient notice was not received, and the full Board could not determine a representative to travel. The Travel Authorization Liaison is tasked with making determinations if the Board appointed representative is not able to attend or if the Board becomes authorized to send additional members as scholarship and funding streams can be unpredictable.

**Communication Liaison:** The Communication Liaison responds to questions that arise on behalf of the Board. The Communication Liaison works with the Department to cultivate an appropriate response which will be sent by the Executive Director or Board Counsel. The Communication Liaison **can** be responsible for all types of communication on behalf of the Board. However, the Board can appoint a separate **Website Liaison** to work with DSPS staff to make changes and ensure the Board webpage contains updated and accurate information. Additionally, for the Boards that are required by statute to produce a newsletter or digest, the Board can appoint a separate **Newsletter/Digest Liaison** to assemble and approve content for those communications.

**Screening Panel Members:** Screening Panel Members review incoming complaints against credential holders and determine which complaints should be opened for investigation and which complaints should be closed without further action. The complexity and amount of work in this role depends substantially on your Board. As a member of the Screening Panel, you are asked to apply your professional expertise to determine if a complaint alleges unprofessional conduct.

## **Delegations Explanations**

### **CREDENTIALING DELEGATIONS**

*The overall purpose of credentialing delegations is to allow the credentialing process to proceed as efficiently and effectively as possible.*

#### **Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison (Generic)**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications.

PURPOSE: To allow a representative of the Board to assist Department staff with credentialing applications and eliminate the need for the entire Board to convene to consider credential application content or questions. Additionally, it is most efficient to have the designated liaison

who has assisted with the credentialing process be able to effectuate decisions which require a signature.

### **Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review.

PURPOSE: To permit Department staff to efficiently issue credentials and eliminate the need for Board/Section/Liaison review when all credentialing legal requirements are met in an application. This delegation greatly decreases the workload of Board members and cuts down processing time on applications.

### **Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f).

PURPOSE: In general, the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act (codified in Wis. Stat. Ch. 111) prohibits licensing agencies from discriminating against applicants because of their arrest and/or conviction record. However, there are exceptions which permit denial of a license in certain circumstances. Individuals who do not possess a license have a legal right to apply for a determination of whether they are disqualified from obtaining a license due to their conviction record. This process is called “Predetermination.” Predetermination reviews must be completed within 30 days. This delegation allows Department attorneys to conduct predetermination reviews and efficiently make these legal determinations without need for Board/Section/Liaison review.

### **Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the relevant professional practice.

PURPOSE: As used here, “substantially related” is a legal standard that is used in the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act. The concept of what is “substantially related” is informed by case law. This delegation permits Department attorneys to independently conduct conviction reviews and efficiently approve applications if convictions are not substantially related to the practice of the profession. Applications that contain conviction records that may be substantially related to the practice of a profession will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

### **Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Disciplinary History Has Been Previously Reviewed**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant's prior discipline has been approved for a previous credential and there is no new discipline.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison for a lower-level credential.

### **Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous credential and there is no new conviction record.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of conviction history that has already been reviewed and approved for a lower-level credential.

### **Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out-of-state license requirements meet Wisconsin license requirements. (Specific legal standards are referenced in the motion depending on credential/profession type.)

PURPOSE: Applications via reciprocity or endorsement require comparison of Wisconsin licensing requirements to the licensing requirements of another jurisdiction. These reviews consider the legal standard for reciprocity, which varies by profession, as well as the specified legal requirements to obtain licensure in the profession. This delegation permits Department attorneys to independently conduct reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

### **Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09.

PURPOSE: The law permits service members, former service members, and their spouses to be licensed if they hold licensure in other jurisdictions that qualify them to perform acts authorized by the credential they are seeking in Wisconsin. This is a shortened path to licensure that does not require meeting the specific requirements/standards for licensure/reciprocity in a profession. By law, the Department/Board must expedite the issuance of a reciprocal license via military

reciprocity. This delegation permits Department attorneys to independently conduct military reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

### **Delegation of Authority for Application Denial Reviews**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department's attorney supervisors to serve as the Board designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

PURPOSE: When an application is denied, the applicant has a legal right to appeal the denial determination. Applicants must meet a specified legal standard in order to have an appeal granted. Additionally, Wisconsin law sets specific time frames for appeal decisions. This delegation permits Department attorney supervisors to independently review and efficiently act on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

### **Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed by the Board and there are no new legal issues for that credential holder.

PURPOSE: The intent of this delegation is to be able to approve prior discipline by the Board for the renewal applicant. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison.

### **Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing.

PURPOSE: In order to continue improving processing application legal reviews in a timely matter, this delegation gives Department attorneys authority to approve prior professional discipline which meets all of the following criteria: (1) it is at least ten years old; (2) it resulted in a monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand; and (3) the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing.

### **MONITORING DELEGATIONS**

*The overall purpose of monitoring delegations is to be able to enforce the Boards orders and limited licenses as efficiently and effectively as possible. Monitoring delegations have two categories: delegations to the Monitoring Liaison and delegations to the Department Monitor.*

## **Delegation of Authority to Department Monitor**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Monitor:

- a. to grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the only limitation and credential holder has submitted the required proof of course completion.
- b. to suspend the credential if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education, paid costs, paid forfeitures, within the time specified by the Board Order.
- c. to lift a suspension when compliance with education and costs provisions have been met.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow for the Department Monitor to automatically act on requests when certain criteria are met or not met without needing to burden the Monitoring Liaison. The Board can set their own criteria for what actions they would like to be handled by the Department, the Monitoring Liaison, and the full Board.

## **Delegation of Authority to Monitoring Liaison**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison to approve or deny all requests received from the credential holder.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow the Board to set criteria for what decisions can be made by the Board member(s) serving as the Monitoring Liaison and what matters should be decided by the full Board.

## **Education and Examination Delegations**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to qualifying education, continuing education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously. (Differs by Board.)

PURPOSE: Some Boards are responsible for approving qualifying educational programs or continuing education courses. A delegation is executed in order for an Education and Examination Liaison to make these determinations on behalf of the Board and with assistance of the Department. Additionally, some Boards review examinations and individual scores to qualify for a credential.

## **MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATIONS**

### **Document Signature**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the

Executive Director, Board Counsel, or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a Board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: To take the action approved at Board meetings, the Department may need to draft correspondence and/or Orders after the meetings have adjourned. These actions then need to be signed by a Board Member. This interaction usually takes place over email and a Board member can authorize the use of their signature that is kept on file.

### **Urgent Matters**

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

### **Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel-Due to Loss of Quorum**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Sometimes Boards can struggle to meet quorum necessary to conduct business. This happens for a multitude of reasons, but this delegation allows for the Boards to have disciplinary cases decided by Chief Legal Counsel if the Board fails to meet quorum for two consecutive meetings.

### **Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel-Stipulated Resolutions**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that Chief Legal Counsel only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department, and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: For matters of public safety, it may be necessary to take immediate action on a stipulated agreement rather than allowing a credential holder to continue practicing unencumbered until the next scheduled meeting. This delegation allows Chief Legal Counsel to act on behalf of the Board when there is a stipulated agreement. A stipulated agreement is an agreement to which all relevant parties have consented to the terms.

## **Voluntary Surrenders**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter.

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

PURPOSE: Credential holders can ask the Boards to accept surrender of their credentials at any time. These delegations are in place for the different situations that arise from those requests. If a credential holder is seeking to surrender their credential because they wish to leave the profession, that can be processed with this delegation by the Department if they have no pending disciplinary complaints. If the credential holder wishes to surrender while they have a pending disciplinary complaint, that request is reviewed by the individual Board member assigned to the case.

## **DLSC Pre-screening**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint).

PURPOSE: Pre-screening delegations exist so the Board can define specific parameters where the Department can review disciplinary complaints and open those cases if they meet certain criteria. Boards also have the authority to set certain criteria that would allow the Department to review and close a case if the criteria is met.

## **Delegation to Handle Administrative Rule Matters**

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to act on behalf of the Board regarding administrative rule matters between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: In order to advance the administrative rules process, action may need to occur between meetings. This allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS  
AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS  
2025 DELEGATIONS  
MARCH 18, 2025**

*New Delegations for 2025*

**Pre-Screening Authority Delegation, Amended**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate to the screening attorney the authority to immediately open cases that consist solely of any one of the following, or combination of the following: practice by an individual holding an expired professional engineer credential issued by the Section, practice by an individual on behalf of a firm that does not have a valid certificate of authorization and practice by a firm with an expired certificate of authorization. Motion carried unanimously.

**Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the March 19, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the March 19, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*All Combined Delegations for 2025*

**Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the March 19, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the March 19, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Document Signature Delegations**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving section member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Section in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Kristine Cotharn moved, seconded by Steven Hook, in order to carry out duties of the Section, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving section member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Section hereby delegate to the Executive Director, Board Counsel or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a section member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Delegated Authority for Urgent Matters**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, that in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Section delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving section member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after one scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel for Stipulated Resolutions**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, to delegate to DSPS Chief Legal Counsel the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## Monitoring Delegations

### Delegation to Monitoring Liaison

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison(s) to make any determination on Orders under monitoring and to refer to the Full Section any matter the Monitoring Liaison deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

### Delegation to Department Monitor

**MOTION:** Colleen Scholl moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to delegate authority to the Department Monitor as outlined below:

1. to grant reinstatement of licensure if education and/or costs are the sole condition of the order and the credential holder has submitted the required proof of completion for approved courses and paid the costs.
2. to suspend the license if the credential holder has not completed Section ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Section order. The Department Monitor may remove the suspension and issue an order when proof of completion and/or payment has been received.
3. to suspend the license (or remove stay of suspension) if a credential holder fails to enroll and participate in an Approved Program for drug and alcohol testing within 30 days of the order, or if credential holder ceases participation in the Approved Program without Section approval. This delegated authority only pertains to respondents who must comply with drug and/or alcohol testing requirements.
4. to grant or deny approval when a credential holder proposes treatment providers, mentors, and supervisors unless the Order specifically requires full-Section or Section designee approval.
5. to grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete Section ordered continuing, disciplinary, or remedial education.
6. to grant a maximum of one 90-day extension or payment plan for proceeding costs and/or forfeitures if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder.
7. to grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete a Section ordered evaluation or exam. Motion carried unanimously.

### Delegation of Authorities for Legal Counsel to Sign Monitoring Orders

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to delegate to Legal Counsel the authority to sign Monitoring orders that result from Section meetings on behalf of the Section Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Credentialing Authority Delegations**

### **Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Section in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications, except that potential denial decisions shall be referred to the full Section for final determination. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Section or Section liaison review. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of professional engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Discipline History Has Been Previously Reviewed**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant's prior

discipline has been approved for a previous professional engineering credential and there is no new discipline. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous professional engineering credential and there is no new conviction record. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed by the Board and there are no new legal issues. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements are of a standard not lower than required by the Section. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegated Authority for Application Denial Reviews**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Section's designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Pre-Screening Authority Delegation, Amended**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate to the screening attorney the authority to immediately open cases that consist solely of any one of the following, or combination of the following: practice by an individual holding an expired professional engineer credential issued by the Section, practice by an individual on behalf of a firm that does not

have a valid certificate of authorization and practice by a firm with an expired certificate of authorization. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Voluntary Surrenders**

**MOTION:** Kristine Cotharn moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Kristine Cotharn moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Education and Examination Liaison(s) Delegation**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to education, continuing education, and examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Authorization for DSPS to Provide Section Member Contact Information to National Regulatory Related Bodies**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to authorize the Department staff to provide national regulatory related bodies with all section member contact information that the Department retains on file. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Optional Renewal Notice Insert Delegation**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to designate the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to provide a brief statement or link relating to section-related business within the license renewal notice at the Section's or Section designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Legislative Liaison Delegation**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Karl Linck, to delegate authority to the Legislative Liaisons to speak on behalf of the Section regarding legislative matters. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation**

**MOTION:** Karl Linck moved, seconded by Kristine Cotharn, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison to approve any section member travel to, and/or participation in, events germane to the Section, and to designate representatives from the Section to speak and/or act on the Section's behalf at such events. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Pre-Screening Delegation of Authority When Credential Holder Has Failed to Respond to Allegations in Intake Complaint**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint). Motion carried [                      ].

### **Pre-Screening Delegation of Authority for Closing Cases**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for closing cases where the only violation is that the credential holder was disciplined in another state for practice without a valid certificate of authorization as long as the credential holder holds a valid certificate of authorization in Wisconsin. Motion carried [                      ].

### **Pre-Screening Delegation of Authority for Opening Cases Practice Without Valid Authorization**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the only violation is that the credential holder was disciplined in another state for practice without a valid certificate of authorization and the credential holder also lacks a valid certificate of authorization in Wisconsin. Motion carried [                      ].

### **Pre-Screening Delegation of Authority for Opening Cases Based on Discipline in Another State**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases based on discipline in another state (other than the aforementioned exceptions regarding valid COAs). Motion carried [                      ].

### **Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Section and to act on behalf of the Section in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications. Motion carried [                      ].

**OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE**

**Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Decisions**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f). For matters where the Department Attorney has indicated underlying convictions may result in a denial, the Credentialing Liaison(s) can act on behalf of the Section in regard to any denial due to predetermination decisions. Motion carried [ ].

**Review and Approval of 2025 Delegations including new modifications**

**MOTION:** [Section member name] moved, seconded by [Section member name], to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2025, as reflected in the March 31, 2026 agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the March 31, 2026 meeting. Motion carried [ ].

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

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| <b>1) Name and title of person submitting the request:</b><br>Jake Pelegrin<br>Administrative Rules Coordinator   |   | <b>2) Date when request submitted:</b><br>3/19/26<br>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting  |  |            |                      |  |                      |  |         |  |  |             |                                 |  |             |   |  |             |
| <b>3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:</b><br>Engineers Section   |   |  |  |            |                      |  |                      |  |         |  |  |             |                                 |  |             |   |  |             |
| <b>4) Meeting Date:</b><br>3/31/26  | <b>5) Attachments:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  | <b>6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?</b><br><b>Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration</b><br><br>1. Update on certificates of authorization rule<br>2. Pending or possible rulemaking items |  |            |                      |  |                      |  |         |  |  |             |                                 |  |             |   |  |             |
| <b>7) Place Item in:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session<br><input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session   | <b>8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled?</b> <i>(If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)</i><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <b>9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:</b><br>N/A   |  |            |                      |  |                      |  |         |  |  |             |                                 |  |             |   |  |             |
| <b>10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:</b><br><br>Attachments:<br>-AE Rules Chart   |   |  |  |            |                      |  |                      |  |         |  |  |             |                                 |  |             |   |  |             |
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| 25-082                           | 029-25         | 11/5/2027               | A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14 | <b>Certificates of Authorization.</b> Clarifying and adding detail to the statutory requirements for certificates of authorization. | Clearinghouse Report received, there were no Clearinghouse comments. | Hold public hearing at Rules Committee on April 1, 2026.                             |
|                                  | 078-25         | 5/24/2028               | A-E 6                     | <b>Examination Requirements.</b> Considering updating Land Surveyor examination requirements.                                       | Scope published.   | Hold preliminary public hearing at Rules Committee on April 1, 2026.                 |
|                                  |                |                         | A-E 3 and 12              | <b>Architects Continuing Education.</b> Considering adding required subject matter to architects' continuing education.             | Drafting scope statement.  | Presentation of the scope statement to the section, rules committee, and full board. |