



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
MESSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD**

Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

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February 24, 2026

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board 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 record of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-4)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2025 (5-7)**
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration (8-31)**
 - 1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
 - 2. 2026 Meeting Dates (8)**
 - 3. Annual Policy Review (9-12)**
 - 4. Election of Officers, Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates, Delegation of Authorities (13-31)**
 - 5. Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Ehmer, Jaime L. – 7/1/2027
 - b. Kue, Ab O. – 7/1/2027
 - c. McNeil, Lisa L. – 7/1/2027
 - d. Novak, Laura A. – 7/1/2027
 - e. Townsend-Davila, Charisma J. – 7/1/2027
 - f. Trudeau, Ramona J. – 7/1/2027
 - 6. Wis. Stat. s. 15.085 (3)(b) – Biannual Meeting with the Medical Examining Board to Consider Matters of Joint Interest – Update
- F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (32-36)**
 - 1. Updated Preliminary Rule Draft: MTBT 3, Relating to Education (33-35)
 - 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects (36)

H. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Matters – Discussion and Consideration

I. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:

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

J. 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.).

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

- 1. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**
 - a. 23 MAB 028 – Qingcui Lan **(36-44)**
 - b. 24 MAB 0026 – Lihua Liu **(45-51)**
- 2. Case Closings**
 - a. 25 MAB 0017 – N.A. **(52-54)**
 - b. 25 MAB 0021 – J.A.R. **(55-68)**

- L. 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 Order
 - 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

M. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- N. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate
- O. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session
- P. Delegation of Ratification of Examination Results and Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: MAY 5, 2026

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

Times listed for meeting items are approximate and depend on the length of discussion and voting. All meetings are held virtually unless otherwise indicated. In-person meetings are typically conducted at 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, Wisconsin, unless an alternative location is listed on the meeting notice. In order to confirm a meeting or to request a complete copy of the board's agenda, please visit the Department website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>. The board may also 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 the 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.

**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
 MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY
 AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
 NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

PRESENT: Jaime Ehmer, Lisa McNeil, Laura Novak, Charisma Townsend-Davila,

ABSENT: Ab Kue, Ramona Trudeau

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration Specialist.; and other Department Staff

Jaime Ehmer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Lisa McNeil moved, seconded by Charisma Townsend-Davila, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2025

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Preliminary Rule Draft: MTBT 3, Relating to Education

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, to approve the preliminary rule draft of MTBT 3, Relating to Education, for posting for economic impact comments and submission to the Clearinghouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Scope Statement: MTBT 2 and 4, Relating to CPR Requirements

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to approve the Scope Statement revising MTBT 2 and 4, Relating to CPR Requirements, for submission to the Department of Administration and Governor's Office and for publication. Additionally, the Board authorizes the Chairperson to approve the Scope Statement for implementation no less than 10 days after publication. If the Board is directed to hold a preliminary public hearing on the Scope Statement, the Chairperson is authorized to approve the required notice of hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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 448.02(8), 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.). Jaime Ehmer, Chairperson, read the language of the motion aloud for the record. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Jaime Ehmer-yes; Lisa McNeil-yes; Laura Novak-yes and Charisma Townsend-Davila-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:54 a.m.

DELIBERATION ON DLSC MATTERS

Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

24 MAB 002 – Scott A. Wang, Jr.

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Laura Novak, to delegate to DSPS Chief Legal Counsel the Board’s authority to preside over and resolve the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Scott A. Wang, Jr., DLSC Case Number 24 MAB 002. Motion carried unanimously.

24 MAB 0022 – Xiuzhi Cheng

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Laura Novak, to delegate to DSPS Chief Legal Counsel the Board’s authority to preside over and resolve the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Xiuzhi Cheng, DLSC Case Number 24 MAB 0022. Motion carried unanimously.

Case Closings

24 MAB 0020 – Q.S.

MOTION: Laura Novak moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to close DLSC Case Number 24 MAB 0020 for Insufficient Evidence, against Q.S.. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Laura Novak moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:06 a.m.

VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Laura Novak moved, seconded by Charisma Townsend-Davila, 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).

**DELEGATION OF RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS AND RATIFICATION
OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lisa McNeil moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

**MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK
AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2026 MEETING DATES**

Meeting Date	Start time	Location	Agenda Item Deadline
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	2/12/2026
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	4/23/2026
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	9:30 AM	Virtual	7/23/2026
Tuesday, November 10, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	10/29/2026

**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



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

Agendas are published for public notice on the Wisconsin Public Notices and Meeting Minutes website: publicmeetings.wi.gov.

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.

**MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY
AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2025 Elections & Liaisons**

Election of Officers

2025 ELECTION RESULTS	
Chairperson	Jaime Ehmer
Vice Chairperson	Ramona Trudeau
Secretary	Charisma Townsend-Davila

Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison(s)	Charisma Townsend-Davila, Jaime Ehmer, Laura Novak <i>Alternate: Ramona Trudeau</i>
Education and Examinations Liaison(s)	Laura Novak <i>Alternate: Ramona Trudeau</i>
Monitoring Liaison(s)	Ramona Trudeau <i>Alternate: Jaime Ehmer</i>
Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison(s)	Ab Kue <i>Alternate: Lisa McNeil</i>
Legislative Liaison(s)	Lisa McNeil <i>Alternate: Charisma Townsend-Davila</i>
Travel Authorization Liaison(s)	Jaime Ehmer <i>Alternate: Charisma Townsend-Davila</i>
Website Liaison(s)	Laura Novak <i>Alternate: Ramona Trudeau</i>
Screening Panel	Charisma Townsend-Davila, Lisa McNeil <i>Alternate: Ramona Trudeau, Ab Kue</i>

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

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Paralegal Richanda Turner, on behalf of Attorney Jameson Whitney		2) Date when request submitted: 02/06/26 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: Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 02/24/2026	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Reaffirming 2025 delegations and new 2026 delegations	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Board members need to review and consider reaffirming 2025 delegations and new delegations for 2026.			
11) Authorization			
<i>Richanda Turner</i>		02/06/26	
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: 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the Agenda Items folders. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 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.

**MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY
AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2025 DELEGATIONS
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

New Delegations for 2025

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, 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 to Handle Administrative Rule Matters

MOTION: Ramona Trudeau moved, seconded by Charisma Townsen-Davila, 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.

Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications

MOTION: Lisa McNeil moved, seconded by Ramona Trudeau, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the February 24, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the February 24, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

All Combined Delegations for 2025

Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications

MOTION: Lisa McNeil moved, seconded by Ramona Trudeau, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the February 24, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the February 24, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Document Signature Delegations

MOTION: Jeff Miller moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, 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: Laura Novak moved, seconded by Ramona Trudeau, 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.

Delegated Authority for Urgent Matters

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jeff Miller, that 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.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION: Jeff Miller moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel for Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jeff Miller, 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 of Authorities for Legal Counsel to Sign Monitoring Orders

MOTION: Robert Coleman, Jr. moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, to delegate to Legal Counsel the authority to sign Monitoring orders that result from Board meetings on behalf of the Board Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Monitoring Liaison

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison(s) to make any determination on Orders under monitoring and to refer to the Full Board any matter the Monitoring Liaison deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Department Monitor

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Ramona Trudeau, 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 Board ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Board 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 Board 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-Board or Board designee approval.
5. to grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete Board 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 Board ordered evaluation or exam.

Motion carried unanimously.

Credentialing Authority Delegations

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue

MOTION: Ramona Trudeau moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jeff Miller, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Lisa McNeil, 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 Predetermination Reviews

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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 of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jeff Miller, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Jeff Miller moved, seconded by Charisma Townsend-Davila, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements are substantially equivalent to the Board's requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board'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 Delegation to Open Cases

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for opening cases as outlined below:

1. OWIs of 3 or more that occurred in the last 5 years.
2. Reciprocal discipline cases.
3. Impairment and/or diversion at work that includes a positive drug/alcohol test or admission by respondent.
4. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony that the attorney believes is substantially related and is not otherwise excluded from consideration via Wis. Stat. ch. 111.

5. No response from the respondent after intake requested a response (case would be opened for the failure to respond issue as well as the merits).

Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Close Cases

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for closing cases as outlined below:

1. One OWI that is non-work related and if AODA assessment completed, assessment does not indicate dependency.
2. Complaints that even if allegations are true, do not amount to a violation of law or rules.

Motion carried unanimously.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Charisma Townsend-Davila, 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: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, 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: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Charisma Townsend-Davila, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to continuing education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization for DSPS to Provide Board Member Contact Information to National Regulatory Related Bodies

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Robert Coleman, Jr., to authorize the Department staff to provide national regulatory related bodies with all board member contact information that the Department retains on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Optional Renewal Notice Insert Delegation

MOTION: Charisma Townsend-Davila moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, 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 board-related business within the license renewal notice at the Board's or Board designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Robert Coleman, Jr. moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, to delegate authority to the Legislative Liaisons to speak on behalf of the Board regarding legislative matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Jaime Ehmer moved, seconded by Carla Hedtke, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison to approve any board member travel to and/or participation in events germane to the board, and to designate representatives from the Board to speak and/or act on the Board's behalf at such events. Motion carried unanimously.

Website Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Carla Hedtke moved, seconded by Jaime Ehmer, to authorize to the Website Liaison(s) to act on behalf of the Board in working with Department staff to identify and execute website updates. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Handle Administrative Rule Matters

MOTION: Ramona Trudeau moved, seconded by Charisma Townsen-Davila, 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.

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 February 24, 2026 agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the February 24, 2026 meeting. Motion carried [].

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

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Nilajah Hardin Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 2/12/26 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: Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 2/24/26	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters Discussion and Consideration 1. Updated Preliminary Rule Draft: MTBT 3, Relating to Education 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: -MTBT 3 Preliminary Rule Draft -Rule Projects Chart			
11) Authorization			
 Signature of person making this request		2/12/26 Date	
Supervisor (if required)		Date	
Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date			
Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.			

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MESSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING
BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : PROPOSED ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : MESSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK
MESSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK : THERAPY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING
THERAPY AFFILIATED : BOARD ADOPTING RULES
CREDENTIALING BOARD : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE)

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board to amend MTBT 3.01 (5) (intro.) and (f), relating to education.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted: Section 460.04 (2) (b), Stats.

Statutory authority: Sections 15.085 (5) (b), 460.04 (2) (b), Stats.

Explanation of agency authority:

s. 15.085 (5) (b), stats. states that “[each affiliated credentialing board] shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trader or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

s. 460.04 (2) (b), Stats. states that the affiliated credentialing board shall promulgate rules that establish “criteria for approving a training program for purposes of s. 460.05 (1) (e) 1. Rules promulgated under this paragraph shall require the training program to meet the requirements under s. 460.095 and to consist of at least 600 classroom hours.”

Related statute or rule: None.

Plain language analysis: The proposed rule revises MTBT 3.01 (5) to add an additional twenty-five classroom hours of study to the approved training program for initial licensure of massage therapists. This aligns Wisconsin rules with current practice in the profession and the recommendation of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation: None.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Illinois: The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is responsible for the licensure and regulation of the practice of massage therapy in Illinois, with input from the Illinois Massage Licensing Board. In Illinois, an applicant for massage therapy licensure is required to have completed a massage therapy education program with a minimum of 600 hours [225 Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 57 Section 15].

Iowa: The Iowa Board of Massage Therapy is responsible for the licensure and regulation of the practice of massage therapy in Iowa. In Iowa, an applicant for massage therapy licensure is required to have completed a massage therapy education program of at least 600 hours [Iowa Code Chapter 152C Section 152C.3].

Michigan: The Michigan Board of Massage Therapy is responsible for the licensure and regulation of massage therapy practice in Michigan. Act 368 Article 15 Part 179A of the Michigan Compiled Laws includes the regulations for massage therapy in Michigan, among several other occupations. In Michigan, an applicant for massage therapy licensure is required to have completed a massage therapy education program with at least 625 hours of classroom instruction [Michigan Compiled Laws Chapter 333 Article 15 Part 179A Section 333.17959].

Minnesota: The Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Unlicensed Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice (OCAP) investigates complaints and takes enforcement actions against massage therapists for violations of prohibited conduct. However, neither OCAP nor any other statewide agency or board oversees the licensing of massage therapists [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 146A].

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

The proposed rules were developed by reviewing the provisions of MTBT 3 and obtaining input and feedback from the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

The proposed rules will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals.

Effect on small business:

These rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator, Jennifer Garrett, may be contacted by calling (608) 266-2112.

Agency contact person:

Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Comments may be submitted to Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366, or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be

received on or before the public hearing, held on a date to be determined, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. MTBT 3.01 (5) (intro.) is amended to read:

MTBT 3.01 (5) ~~An~~ approved training program shall consist of a minimum of ~~600~~625 classroom hours of study and shall include the following subject areas:

SECTION 2. MTBT 3.01 (5) (f) is amended to read:

MTBT 3.01 (5) (f) One hundred twenty-five classroom hours in additional massage therapy or bodywork therapy course offerings meeting the objectives of the course of instruction.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect **December 1, 2027**, following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

**Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board
Rule Projects (updated 2/12/26)**

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating Clause	Current Stage	Next Step
Not Assigned Yet	Not Assigned Yet	TBD	MTBT 2 and 4	CPR Requirements	Scope Statement Ready for Submission for Governor Approval	Submission for Publication (Preliminary Hearing likely to be Ordered by JCRAR)
Not Assigned Yet	009-25	02/17/2027	MTBT 3	Education	Updated Preliminary Rule Draft reviewed at 11/17/25 Meeting	Submission for EIA Comment and Clearinghouse Review; Public Hearing anticipated for 02/24/26 Meeting