



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE  
SOCIAL WORKER SECTION  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD**  
**Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison**  
**Contact: Brad Wojciechowski (608) 266-2112**  
**January 20, 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**

**1:00 P.M.**

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

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-4)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2025 (5-7)**
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns**
- D. Introductions, Appointments and Recognition**
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration (8-33)**
  - 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 (13-33)**
  - 5. Section Member – Term Expiration Date
    - a. Bowers, Jessica M. – 7/1/2027
    - b. Erickson, Terrance C. – 7/1/2028
    - c. Hansen, Shawna R. – 7/1/2026
    - d. Lee Yang, Sheng B. – 7/1/2027
    - e. Luster, Marietta S. – 7/1/2025
- F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
- G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (34-35)**
  - 1. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects

## **H. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports –**

### **Discussion and Consideration (36)**

1. Travel Report: 2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, Nov. 7-8, 2025 – Indianapolis, IN (Erickson, Wojciechowski)
2. Travel Request: 2026 Board Member Exchange and Education Meeting, April 16-18, 2026 – Newport, RI

## **I. 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. Approval(s) for Psychometric Testing
9. Practice Matters
10. Administrative Rule Matters
11. Legislative and Policy Matters
12. Liaison Reports
13. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
14. Informational Items
15. Public Health Emergencies
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. Credentialing Matters**

### **1. Application Reviews**

- a. K.K. – LCSW Application Supervision Review (IA-670652) (37-72)
- b. M.O. – LCSW Application Supervision Review (IA-687909) (73-155)

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

1. **Proposed Stipulation and Final Decision and Orders**
  - a. 24 SOC 0050 – Ruth E. Huske **(156-163)**
2. **Case Closings**
  - a. 24 SOC 0027 – L.K.M. **(164-173)**

**M. 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

**N. Consulting with Legal Counsel**

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

**O. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate**

**P. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 22, 2026**

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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  
SOCIAL WORKER SECTION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Jessica Bowers, Terrance Erickson, Sheng Lee Yang, Marietta Luster

**ABSENT:** Shawna Hansen

**STAFF:** Brad Wojciechowski, Executive Director; Joseph Ricker, Legal Counsel; Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration Specialist; and other DSPS Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sheng Lee Yang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Jessica Bowers moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, to approve the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2025**

**MOTION:** Jessica Bowers moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Jessica Bowers moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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 investigation with administrative warning (ss. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. 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.). Sheng Lee Yang, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Jessica Bowers-yes; Terrance Erickson-yes; Marietta Luster-yes and Sheng Lee Yang-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section convened into Closed Session at 1:06 p.m.

## CREDENTIALING MATTERS

### Application Review

#### *K.K. – Social Worker (IA-106989)*

**MOTION:** Jessica Bowers moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to find that the evidence of supervision submitted for Social Worker application IA-106989 is sufficient to establish compliance with the requirements in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 3.13(4). Motion carried unanimously.

## DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

### Proposed Stipulations and Final Decision and Orders

**MOTION:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings of the following cases:

1. 23 SOC 062 – Brittany M. Perez
2. 25 SOC 0017 – Lora I. Hudson

Motion carried unanimously.

### Case Closings

#### *24 SOC 0030 – H.L.L.*

**MOTION:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Jessica Bowers, to close DLSC Case Number 24 SOC 0030, against H.L.L., for No Violation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *25 SOC 0031 – H.J.M.*

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Sheng Lee Yang, to refer back to DLSC Case Number 25 SOC 0031, against H.J.M.. Motion carried unanimously.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Jessica Bowers, to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section reconvened into Open Session at 1:21 p.m.

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

**MOTION:** Jessica Bowers moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Jessica Bowers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL  
WORK EXAMINING BOARD**  
**2026 MEETING DATES**

<b>Board/Section/Council</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Locatio n</b>	<b>Agenda Item Deadline</b>
MPSW Board	Wednesday, January 21, 2026	11:00 AM	Virtual	1/9/26
MPSW Board	Thursday, April 23, 2026	11:00 AM	Virtual	4/13/26
MPSW Board	Wednesday, July 15, 2026	11:00 AM	Hybrid	7/3/26
MPSW Board	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	11:00 AM	Virtual	10/2/26
Marriage and Family Therapy Section	Tuesday, January 20, 2026	9:30 AM	Virtual	1/7/26
Marriage and Family Therapy Section	Thursday, April 23, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	4/13/26
Marriage and Family Therapy Section	Wednesday, July 15, 2026	9:00 AM	Hybrid	7/3/26
Marriage and Family Therapy Section	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	10/1/26
Prof. Counselors Section	Wednesday, January 21, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	1/8/26
Prof. Counselors Section	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	4/10/26
Prof. Counselors Section	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	9:30 AM	Virtual	7/2/26
Prof. Counselors Section	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	9:00 AM	Virtual	10/2/26
Social Worker Section	Tuesday, January 20, 2026	1:00 PM	Virtual	1/8/26
Social Worker Section	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	1:00 PM	Virtual	4/10/26
Social Worker Section	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	1:00 PM	Virtual	7/2/26
Social Worker Section	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	1:00 PM	Virtual	10/1/26

**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



**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).

# **Department of Safety and Professional Services**

## **PER DIEM REPORT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Record board-related activities by date, indicate relevant purpose code, the duration of time spent in B-code activities, location, and activity description. Only one \$25.00 per diem payment will be issued on any given calendar day. Submit one form per month and within 60 days of the last activity being reported. Send completed forms to your Board's Administrative Specialist.

### **Purpose Codes:**

## **A CODE Official meetings including Board Meetings, Hearings and Examinations and Test Development Sessions**

(automatic day of per diem) Examples: board, committee, board training or screening panels; Senate Confirmation hearings, legislative and disciplinary hearings, or informal settlement conferences; test administration, test review or analysis events, national testing events, tour of test facilities, etc.

**B CODE** **Other** (One (1) per diem will be issued for every five (5) hours spent in category B, per calendar month): i.e., review of disciplinary cases, consultation on cases, review of meeting materials, board liaison work, e.g., contacts regarding Monitoring, Professional Assistance Procedure, Credentialing, Education and Examinations

**CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION** The Board/Council member named above, certifies, in accordance with § 16.53, Wis. Stats., that this account for per diem, is just and correct; and that this claim is for service necessarily incurred in the performance of duties required by the State, as authorized by law. (Rev.04/24)

(Rev.04/24)

Board Member Approval & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DAYS CLAIMED:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Approval & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MPSW: Social Worker Section  
2025 Elections and Liaisons**

**Election of Officers**

<b>2025 ELECTION RESULTS</b>	
<b>Chairperson</b>	Sheng Lee Yang
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Shawna Hansen
<b>Secretary</b>	Terrance Erickson

**Appointments of Liaisons and Alternates**

<b>LIAISON APPOINTMENTS</b>	
<b>Credentialing Liaison(s)</b>	Sheng Lee Yang (LCSW), Jessica Bowers (APSW) <i>Alternate:</i> Shawna Hansen (SW)
<b>Education and Examination Liaison(s)</b>	Sheng Lee Yang <i>Alternate:</i> Shawna Hansen
<b>ASWB Liaison(s) (Assoc. of Social Work Boards)</b>	Shawna Hansen <i>Alternate:</i> Terrance Erickson
<b>Monitoring Liaison(s)</b>	Marietta Luster <i>Alternate:</i> Terrance Erickson
<b>Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison(s)</b>	Sheng Lee Yang <i>Alternate:</i> Marietta Luster
<b>Travel Authorization Liaison(s)</b>	Sheng Lee Yang <i>Alternate:</i> Shawna Hansen
<b>Screening Panel</b>	Sheng Lee Yang, Shawna Hansen <i>Alternate:</i> Terrance Erickson

**State of Wisconsin  
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**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Paralegal Richanda Turner, on behalf of Attorney Joseph Ricker		2) Date when request submitted: 12/19/25 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: <b>Social Worker Section</b>			
4) Meeting Date: 01/20/2026	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? (If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff) <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 Section members need to review and consider reaffirming 2025 delegations and new delegations for 2026.			
11) Authorization  <b>Richanda Turner</b> <span style="float: right;">12/19/25</span> Signature of person making this request <span style="float: right;">Date</span>			
Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items) <span style="float: right;">Date</span>			
Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items) <span style="float: right;">Date</span>			
Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the <a href="#">Agenda Items</a> 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.

**SOCIAL WORKER SECTION  
2025 DELEGATIONS  
JANUARY 21, 2025**

*New Delegations for 2025*

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

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Sheng Lee Yang, 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:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the January 21, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the January 21, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*All Combined Delegations for 2025*

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

**MOTION:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the January 21, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the January 21, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Document Signature Delegations**

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Shawna Hansen, 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 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.

### **Monitoring Delegations**

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

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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.

#### **Delegation to Monitoring Liaison**

**MOTION:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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 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.

### **Credentialing Authority Delegations**

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

**MOTION:** Sheng Lee Yang moved, seconded by Shawna Hansen, 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 Section and there are no new legal issues. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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 unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Cynthia Adell, 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:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of Social Work. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Sheng Lee Yang, 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 DSPS When Applicant's Discipline History Has Been Previously Reviewed**

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant's prior discipline has been approved for a previous social work credential and there is no new discipline. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Marietta Luster moved, seconded by Cynthia Adell, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous social work credential and there is no new conviction record. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### **Reciprocity Reviews – Social Workers**

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications for Social Workers where the other state requires:

- A bachelor's or master's degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the council on social work education or a doctorate degree in social work, or program found to be equivalent by the other state's credentialing authority, and
- Passes one or more examinations approved by the Social Worker Section.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reciprocity Reviews – Advanced Practice Social Workers**

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications for Advanced Practice Social Workers where the other state requires:

- A master's degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the council on social work education or a doctorate degree in social work, or program found to be equivalent by the other state's credentialing authority, and
- Passes one or more examinations approved by the Social Worker Section.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reciprocity Reviews – Independent Social Workers**

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications for Independent Social Workers where the other state requires:

- A master's degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the council on social work education or

a doctorate degree in social work, or program found to be equivalent by the other state's credentialing authority,

- Has engaged in the equivalent of at least 2 years of full-time supervised social work practice approved by the Social Worker Section, and
- Passes one of the examinations approved for WI Ind. Social Worker applicants.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reciprocity Reviews – Licensed Clinical Social Workers**

**MOTION:** Marietta Luster moved, seconded by Shawna Hansen, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications for Licensed Clinical Social Workers where the other state requires:

- A master's degree in social work from a program accredited by, or a preaccreditation program of, the council on social work education or a doctorate degree in social work, or program found to be equivalent by the other state's credentialing authority;
- Completing a clinical social work concentration and supervised practicum or field training;
- Completing, after receiving a master's or doctorate degree, the equivalent of at least 3,000 hour of clinical social work practice, including at least 1,000 hours of direct client contact, supervised by an individual approved by the other state's credentialing authority; and
- Passing one of the examinations approved for WI Licensed Clinical Social Worker applicants.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, 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.

## **Delegation of Authority to DSPS for Social Worker Training Certificates**

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, to delegate to DSPS staff the authority to approve education under Option 1 and Option 2, in form # 2998, for Social Worker Training Certificates. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Delegation to DPCP Legal Team Paralegals and Attorneys to Approve AODA/FTP Evaluators/Assessors**

**MOTION:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, to delegate authority to the DPCP Legal Team Attorneys and Paralegals to review and approve Applicant's proposed Evaluators/Assessors for AODA and FTP assessments, unless the request specifically requires full-Section or Section liaison approval. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Pre-Screening Delegation to Open Cases**

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Terrance Erickson moved, seconded by Cynthia Adell, 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:** Marietta Luster moved, seconded by Cynthia Adell, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to continuing education and examination-matters. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ASWB Liaison(s) Delegation**

**MOTION:** Shawna Hansen moved, seconded by Cynthia Adell, to delegate authority to the ASWB Liaison(s) to communicate with the ASWB on behalf of the Section to address all issues related to education and examinations relevant to ASWB matters. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Terrance Erickson, 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:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Marietta Luster, 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 Section's or Section designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation**

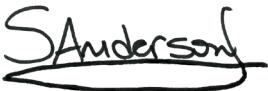
**MOTION:** Cynthia Adell moved, seconded by Shawna Hansen, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison to approve any section member travel to and/or participation in events germane to the Section, and to designate representatives from the section to speak and/or act on the Section's behalf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

## **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 January 20, 2026 agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the January 20, 2026 meeting. Motion carried [ ].

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

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

1) Name and title of person submitting the request:  Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted:  01/07/2026	
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:  Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board			
4) Meeting Date:  January 20, 2026	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. 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? (If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)  <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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Worker Section Rule Projects chart</li></ul>			
11) <span style="float: right;">Authorization</span>		 01/07/2026	
Signature of person making this request		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.			

**Social Work Section of the MPSW Examining Board****Rule Projects (updated 01/07/2026)**

<b>Clearinghouse Rule Number</b>	<b>Scope #</b>	<b>Scope Expiration</b>	<b>Code Chapter Affected</b>	<b>Relating clause</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>	<b>Current Stage</b>	<b>Next Step</b>
25-091	018-24	08/12/2026	MPSW 4, 12, 16, and 20	Supervision requirements	The objective of the proposed rule will be to revise the relevant sections of the MPSW code that refer to supervised practice and approving completion of hours to social workers, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists who are under supervision.	Public Hearing to be held at the January meeting.	Submission of final rule draft and legislative report to Governor's Office for review.

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

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

1) Name and title of person submitting the request:  Brad Wojciechowski, Executive Director		2) Date when request submitted:  1/6/2026
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:  Social Worker Section		
4) Meeting Date:  1/20/2026	5) Attachments:  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?  Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports – Discussion and Consideration  1) Travel Report: 2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, Nov. 7-8, 2025 – Indianapolis, IN: Erickson, Wojciechowski  2) Travel Request: 2026 Board Member Exchange and Education Meeting, April 16-18, 2026 – Newport, RI
7) Place Item in:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? (If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <Appearance Name(s)> <input type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable:  <Click Here to Add Case Advisor Name or N/A>
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11) Authorization		
Signature of person making this request		1/6/2026
Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items)		Date
Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items)		Date
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