

NOTICE OF OPEN AND CLOSED MEETING

Wisconsin Ethics Commission

101 E. Wilson Street, Pecatonica Room
Madison, Wisconsin
Thursday, December 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Open Session Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice – Staff Counsel
- C. Administrative Rules Update and Approval of Hearing Notice Page 3
- D. Closed Session
 - 1. Complaints and Investigations
 - 2. Personnel Matters
- E. Adjourn

Future Ethics Commission Meetings Scheduled:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM

The Ethics Commission will convene in open session but may move to closed session under WIS. STAT. § 19.85(1)(c), (g), (h), or WIS. STAT. § 19.851. This notice is to inform the public that the Commission intends to convene in open session, but may move to closed session. The Commission plans to return to open session following that closed session, as outlined in the above agenda. WIS. STAT. § 19.85(2).

- WIS. STAT. §§ 19.50 & 19.55(3) No employee of the Commission may disclose information related to an investigation or prosecution under ch. 11, subchapter III of ch. 13, or ch. 19.
- WIS. STAT. § 19.85(1) Any meeting of a governmental body, upon motion duly made and carried, may be convened in closed session under one or more of the exemptions provided in this section. The motion shall be carried by a majority vote in such manner that the vote of each member is ascertained and recorded in the minutes. No motion to convene in closed session may be adopted unless the chief presiding officer announces to those present at the meeting at which such motion is made, the nature of the business to be considered at such closed session, and the specific exemption or exemptions under this subsection by which such closed session is claimed to be authorized. Such announcement shall become part of the record of the meeting. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session. A closed session may be held for any of the following purposes:
- (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 - (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.
 - (h) Consideration of requests for confidential written advice from the elections commission under s. 5.05 (6a) or the ethics commission under s. 19.46 (2), or from any county or municipal ethics board under s. 19.59 (5).
- WIS. STAT. § 19.851(2) The commission shall hold each meeting of the commission for the purpose of deliberating concerning an investigation of any violation of the law under the jurisdiction of the commission in closed session under this section.

Notice of Hearing

The Wisconsin Ethics Commission announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on statement of scope SS 114-19 for WIS. ADMIN. CODE ETH 26 relating to settlement of campaign finance, lobbying, and ethics violations. The type of the proposed rule is permanent. In accordance with s. 227.136, Stats., the Commission is seeking public comment and feedback on this scope statement at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: March 3, 2020

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: 101 East Wilson Street, St. Croix Room, Madison, WI 53703

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The statement of scope may be reviewed, and comments made at:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.

Written comments may be submitted to David Buerger, Staff Counsel, Wisconsin Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 7125, Madison, WI 53707-7125, or by email to eth.rulecomments@wi.gov. Written comments must be received no later than March 2, 2020 to be included in the record of rulemaking proceedings.

Individuals who wish to provide their comments in person at the hearing are encouraged to also submit a written copy of their testimony for inclusion in the record.