



# Overview of Council on Recycling Duties

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# Councils

(s. 15.09, Stats.)

- Part of executive branch
- Attached to an agency
- Election of officers – chair, vice-chair, secretary
- Meet at least annually
- Meeting location is discretionary
- Majority constitutes a quorum
- Advise the agency head; study and recommend solutions and policy alternatives for its area of focus
- No compensation
- Annual report upon request by agency head



# Wisconsin Council on Recycling

(s. 15.347(17), Stats.)

- A citizen's group appointed by the governor to advise the governor, legislature and state agencies on solid waste reduction, recovery and recycling policy.
- Attached to and staffed by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Consists of 7 members appointed for a four-year term expiring on the date of commencement of the next gubernatorial term.



# Council on Recycling Duties

(s. 287.22, Stats.)

- Promote implementation of state 3R programs
- Advise and assist in coordination of state and local 3R programs and exchange of information
- Advise agencies on rules for recyclable packaging, product labeling and building standards to facilitate recycling
- Advise DNR and UW on 3R education and research
- Develop recommendations for recyclable packaging, in cooperation with the packaging industry
- Advise/recommend on recycling of oil filters
- Advise DNR on a statewide plan for radio and TV public service announcements on recycling
- Advise the governor and legislature





# Council on Recycling (cont.)

(s. 287.22, Stats.)

- May request status reports from any state agency implementing a 3R program
- May create subcommittees, which include non-council members



# Open Meetings

- Council and subcommittees are “governmental bodies.”
- Council meetings are open to the public and participation is allowed in the public comment portion of the meeting, or as allowed by the chairperson.
- A council meeting takes place when there is a quorum. This can include a face-to-face meeting, virtual (Zoom/Skype), phone conference, email conversation, group text, or web-based chat that involves the exchange of information and discussion of topics.
- A walking quorum is a series of gatherings among separate groups of members of the council, not constituting a quorum, who agree to act uniformly in sufficient number to reach a quorum.



# Open Meetings

- Public notice of Council on Recycling meetings, including the date, time, location and agenda, must be provided in advance of all meetings.
- New items can be introduced in the “Other Business” portion of the agenda but cannot be acted upon until they are on the original agenda.
- The Wisconsin Department of Justice document “Wisconsin Open Meetings Law” provides compliance guidance.
- Robert’s Rules of Order provide guidance to establish order, maintain relevance and efficiency and promote respect.



# Questions?

