



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Governor Tony Evers | Secretary Jared Hoy
Division of Adult Institutions

MEETING NOTICE

Religious Practices Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Virtual)

Tentative Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
 - Introduction of Nicole Powers, Religious Practices Coordinator
- Review and Approval of April 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- DAI Policy 309.61.01 - Religious Beliefs and Practices (effective June 25, 2026)
- DAI Policy 309.61.02 - Religious Property (effective May 18, 2026)
- DAI Policy 309.61.03 - Religious Diets (effective July 13, 2026)
- Discussion:
 - RPAC Membership and Structure
 - Recognized Religions and Associated Umbrella Religion Groups
 - Identify which religions and denominations fall under each URG as a guideline for DOC staff
 - Annual Religious Observance Congregate Meal Timeline
 - Establishing date ranges as a guideline for staff
 - Easter or Christmas for the Catholic and Protestant/Other Christian URG
- Community Advisor Roundtable
- Next Meeting – Tentatively Tuesday, April 13, 2027, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., hybrid at Central Office - 3099 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53704

Participation Logistics

- Virtual Option (Microsoft Teams)
 - Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/212887949987349?p=RAmbyLnxaNJ0IFrf07>
 - Meeting ID: 212 887 949 987 349
 - Passcode: kr3ws2QC
 - Dial in by phone: [+1 608-571-2209](tel:+16085712209)
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