

148H.03 MUSIC THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Music Therapy Advisory Council is hereby established to:

- (1) advise the commissioner regarding music therapy licensure standards;
- (2) advise the commissioner regarding enforcement of this chapter;
- (3) review investigation summaries of competency violations and make recommendations to the commissioner as to whether the allegations of incompetency are substantiated;
- (4) provide for the distribution of information regarding music therapist licensure standards;
- (5) review applications and make recommendations to the commissioner on granting or denying licensure or licensure renewal;
- (6) review reports of investigations relating to individuals and make recommendations to the commissioner as to whether licensure should be denied or disciplinary action should be taken against the individual; and
- (7) perform other duties, as directed by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint six members to the Music Therapy Advisory Council consisting of the following:

(1) three professional music therapists licensed under this chapter who must be employed in a different practice area or employment setting and must include:

(i) at least one licensed professional music therapist member who is currently engaged and for five years immediately preceding their appointment has been engaged in the practice of music therapy in Minnesota; and

(ii) at least one licensed professional music therapist member employed outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and

(2) three public members as defined in section 214.02 who must include:

(i) two public members who are either personally receiving music therapy services or are family members of or caregivers to a person receiving music therapy services; and

(ii) at least one public member who is a professional from a related profession, including but not limited to the professions of speech-language pathology, registered hospice nursing, special education services, and psychology.

Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The advisory council is organized and administered under section 15.059.

(b) Upon request of the advisory council, the commissioner must provide meeting space and administrative services for the council.

(c) The members of the advisory council must elect a chair from members of the advisory council at the initial meeting.

Subd. 4. **Term limits.** Advisory council members must not serve for more than two full consecutive terms.

Subd. 5. **Recommendations for appointment.** The Music Therapy Association of Minnesota and other interested persons and organizations may recommend to the commissioner members qualified for appointment to fill a vacancy or anticipated vacancy to the council. Recommendations under this subdivision must be communicated to the commissioner no later than 60 days after a position on the board becomes vacant. The commissioner may appoint members to the board from the list of persons recommended or from among other qualified candidates.

Subd. 6. **Initial Music Therapy Advisory Council.** (a) The first music therapist members appointed to the Music Therapy Advisory Council need not be licensed under this chapter but must meet the qualifications for licensure under section 148H.06. The commissioner shall make the initial appointments to the Music Therapy Advisory Council by August 1, 2027.

(b) The commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the Music Therapy Advisory Council by September 1, 2027.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, the advisory council does not expire.

History: 2026 c 115 art 5 s 4