

New Issue

This Official Statement provides information about the Bonds. Some of the information appears on this cover page for ready reference. To make an informed investment decision, a prospective investor should read the entire Official Statement.

**\$450,000,000\*****STATE OF WISCONSIN****\$ \* GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF 2026, SERIES 1****\$ \* GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF 2027, SERIES 1  
(FORWARD DELIVERY)****Dated: Date of Delivery****Due: May 1, as shown on the inside front cover****Ratings**

Kroll Bond Rating Agency, LLC  
Moody's Ratings  
S&P Global Ratings

**Tax Status**

Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (**Code**) and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code; however, interest on the Bonds is included in determining the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations on which the federal alternative minimum tax is imposed under the Code—*See page 14*. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from current State of Wisconsin income or franchise taxes—*See page 16*.

**Redemption\***

The 2026 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1, are callable at par on May 1, or any date thereafter—*See page 4*.

The 2027 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1, are callable at par on May 1, or any date thereafter—*See page 4*.

The Series Bonds maturing on May 1, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at par—*See page 4*.

**Security**

General obligations of the State of Wisconsin—*See page 3*.

**Purpose**

Bond proceeds are being used for the current refunding (including by purchasing Tendered Bonds pursuant to the Invitation) of general obligation bonds previously issued by the State of Wisconsin for general governmental purposes—*See page 2*.

**Interest Payment Dates**

May 1 and November 1

**First Interest Payment Date**

November 1, 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and November 1, 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds

**Delivery**

On or about , 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds

**Forward Delivery**

On or about , 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds. The forward delivery date for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds and certain conditions to the Underwriters' obligation to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the settlement date give rise to certain risks to investors—*See page 7*.

The Representative will require investors purchasing the 2027 Series 1 Bonds to execute and deliver a Delayed Delivery Contract, the form of which is attached hereto as

**APPENDIX E.**

**Denominations**

Multiples of \$5,000

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**Book-Entry System**

The Depository Trust Company—*See page 7*.

**2025 Annual Report**

This Official Statement incorporates by reference, and makes updates and additions to, **Parts I, II, and III** of the State of Wisconsin Continuing Disclosure Annual Report, dated December 19, 2025—*See APPENDIX A*.

The prices and yields listed on the **inside front cover** were determined at negotiated sale on , 2026.

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Municipal Finance Group****Stifel****Barclays****J.P. Morgan****Morgan Stanley**

, 2026

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THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, which is in a form "deemed final" by the State as of this date except for the omission of information described in Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, IS SUBJECT TO REVISION, AMENDMENT, AND COMPLETION IN A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

**CUSIP NUMBERS, MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, AND OTHER  
INFORMATION**

**\$450,000,000\***

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**\$           \* GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF 2026, SERIES 1**

<b>CUSIP (97705M)</b>	<b>Due (May 1)*</b>	<b>Principal Amount*</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Yield at Issuance</b>	<b>Price at Issuance</b>	<b>First Optional Call Date (May 1)*</b>	<b>Call Price*</b>
	2027						
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(FORWARD DELIVERY)**

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	2029						
	2030						
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	2035						
	2036						
	2037						

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The purpose of this document is to provide prospective investors with information that may be important in making an investment decision. It may not be used for any other purpose without the State's permission. The State is the author of this document and is responsible for its accuracy and completeness. The Underwriters are not the authors of this document. In accordance with their responsibilities under federal securities laws, the Underwriters are required to review the information in this document and must have a reasonable basis for their belief in the accuracy and completeness of its key representations, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Certain statements in this document are forward-looking statements that are based on expectations, estimates, projections, or assumptions. Forward-looking statements contained in this document are made as of the date hereof, and the State undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from the anticipated results.

Some of the people who prepared, compiled, or reviewed the information in this document had specific functions that covered some of its aspects but not others. For example, financial staff may have been asked to assist with quantitative financial information, and legal counsel with specific documents or legal issues.

No dealer, broker, sales representative, or other person has been authorized by the State to give any information or to make any representations about the Bonds other than what is in this document. The information and expressions of opinion in this document may change without notice. The delivery of this document or any sale of the Bonds does not imply that there has been no change in the matters contained in this document since the date of this document. Material referred to in this document is not part of this document unless expressly incorporated.

The Underwriters may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and dealer banks and banks acting as agents at prices lower than the public offering prices stated on the **inside front cover** hereof and such public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters.

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# STATE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS

## BUILDING COMMISSION MEMBERS\*

### Voting Members

Governor Tony Evers, Chairperson	Term of Office Expires January 4, 2027
Representative Rob Swearingen, Vice Chairperson	January 4, 2027
Senator André Jacque	January 4, 2027
Senator Mary Felzkowski	January 3, 2029
Senator Brad Pfaff	January 3, 2029
Representative Jill Billings	January 4, 2027
Representative Robert Wittke	January 4, 2027
Ms. Barb Worcester, Citizen Member	At the pleasure of the Governor

### Nonvoting, Advisory Member

Mr. Kevin Trinastic, State Ranking Architect Department of Administration	——
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### Building Commission Secretary

Ms. Naomi De Mers, Administrator Division of Facilities Development Department of Administration	At the pleasure of the Building Commission and the Secretary of Administration
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## OTHER PARTICIPANTS

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\* The Building Commission is composed of eight voting members. The Governor serves as the chairperson. Each house of the Wisconsin State Legislature appoints three members. State law provides for the two major political parties to be represented in the membership from each house. One citizen member is appointed by the Governor and serves at the Governor's pleasure.

## SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF BONDS

*Selected information is presented on this page for the convenience of the reader. To make an informed investment decision regarding the Bonds, a prospective investor should read the entire Official Statement.*

Principal Amounts and Descriptions:	\$ * State of Wisconsin General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2026, Series 1 \$ * State of Wisconsin General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2027, Series 1 (Forward Delivery)
Denominations:	Multiples of \$5,000
Date of Issue:	Date of delivery On or about , 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and on or about , 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds
Forward Delivery:	The forward delivery date and certain conditions to the Underwriters' obligation to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the settlement date give rise to certain risks to investors— <i>See page 7</i> . The Representative will require investors purchasing the 2027 Series 1 Bonds to execute and deliver a Delayed Delivery Contract, the form of which is attached hereto as <b>APPENDIX E</b> .
Record Date:	April 15 and October 15
Interest Payment Dates:	May 1 and November 1, beginning November 1, 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and November 1, 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds
Maturities:	2026 Series 1 Bonds; May 1, 2027-42* 2027 Series 1 Bonds; May 1, 2029-37*— <i>See inside front cover</i> .
Redemption*:	<i>Optional</i> —The 2026 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1, are callable at par on May 1, or any date thereafter— <i>See page 4</i> . The 2027 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1, are callable at par on May 1, or any date thereafter— <i>See page 4</i> . <i>Sinking Fund</i> —The Bonds maturing on May 1, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at par— <i>See page 4</i> .
Form:	Book-entry-only— <i>See page 5</i> .
Paying Agent:	All payments of principal of, and interest on, the Bonds will be paid by the Secretary of Administration. All payments will be made to The Depository Trust Company, which will distribute payments to DTC Participants as described herein.
Security:	The Bonds are general obligations of the State of Wisconsin. As of January 1, 2026, the State had general obligations outstanding in the principal amount of \$6,656,852,000.
Additional General Obligation Debt:	The State may issue additional general obligation debt— <i>See page 11</i> .
Authority for Issuance:	The Bonds are authorized by Article VIII of the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapters 18 and 20 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
Purpose:	Bond proceeds are being used for the current refunding (including by purchasing Tendered Bonds pursuant to the Invitation) of general obligation bonds previously issued by the State for general governmental purposes— <i>See page 2</i> .
Legality of Investment:	State law provides that the Bonds are legal investments for all banks, trust companies, bankers, savings banks and institutions, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, credit unions, investment companies, and other persons or entities carrying on a banking business; for all personal representatives, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries; and for the State and all public officers, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and public bodies.

Tax Status:	Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code; however, interest on the Bonds is included in determining the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations on which the federal alternative minimum tax is imposed under the Code— <i>See page 14.</i>  Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from current State of Wisconsin income or franchise taxes— <i>See page 16.</i>
Legal Opinion:	Validity and tax opinions to be provided by Foley & Lardner LLP— <i>See page C-1.</i>
2025 Annual Report:	This Official Statement incorporates by reference, and makes updates and additions to, <b>Parts I, II, and III</b> of the State of Wisconsin Continuing Disclosure Annual Report, dated December 19, 2025 — <i>See APPENDIX A.</i>

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# OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**\$450,000,000\***

## STATE OF WISCONSIN

**\$ \* GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF  
2026, SERIES 1**

**\$ \* GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF  
2027, SERIES 1 (FORWARD DELIVERY)**

### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides information about the \$ \* General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2026, Series 1 (**2026 Series 1 Bonds**) and \$ \* General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2027, Series 1 (Forward Delivery) (**2027 Series 1 Bonds**) (collectively, the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are called the **Bonds**), which are being issued by the State of Wisconsin (**State**). This Official Statement incorporates by reference information concerning the State contained in **Parts I, II, and III** of the State of Wisconsin Continuing Disclosure Annual Report, dated December 19, 2025 (**2025 Annual Report**), including certain updates.

The Bonds are authorized by Article VIII of the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapters 18 and 20 of the Wisconsin Statutes and will be issued pursuant to 2025 State of Wisconsin Building Commission Resolution 2, adopted on May 7, 2025 (**Resolution**), by the State of Wisconsin Building Commission (**Commission**).

The Commission, an agency of the State, is empowered by law to authorize, issue, and sell all of the State's general obligations. The Commission is assisted and staffed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (**Department of Administration**).

The Commission has authorized the Department of Administration to prepare this Official Statement. This Official Statement contains information furnished by the State or obtained from the sources indicated.

### THE STATE

The State is located in the Midwest among the northernmost tier of states. The State ranks 20th among the states in population and 25th in land area. Wisconsin attained statehood in 1848, its capital is Madison, and its largest and most populous city is Milwaukee.

Information concerning the State, its financial condition, and its general obligation debt is included as **APPENDIX A**, which incorporates by reference **Parts II and III** of the 2025 Annual Report. **APPENDIX A** also makes updates and additions to Part II of the 2025 Annual Report, including but not limited to:

- General Fund information for the 2025-26 fiscal year through December 31, 2025, which is presented on either a cash basis or an agency-recorded basis, and projected General Fund information for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year, which is presented on a cash basis.
- Estimated General Fund condition statement and estimated General Fund tax collections for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in a report provided by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau on January 15, 2026.

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[wisconsinbonds.com](http://wisconsinbonds.com)

## PLAN OF REFUNDING

### General

The Bonds are being issued for the purposes and within the amounts authorized by the Wisconsin State Legislature (**Legislature**). See **APPENDIX B**.

The 2026 Series 1 Bonds are being issued for the current refunding of general obligation bonds previously issued by the State for general governmental purposes by (i) purchasing certain maturities of such bonds, or portions thereof (**Purchased Bonds**), which have been validly tendered by their owners pursuant to the State's Invitation to Tender Bonds on the date of issuance of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds (**Settlement Date**), (ii) optionally redeeming, on or about the Settlement Date, certain maturities of such bonds (**Make-Whole Refunded Bonds**), and (iii) optionally redeeming, on May 1, 2026, certain maturities of such bonds (**Current Refunded Bonds**), and to pay for costs of issuance.

The 2027 Series 1 Bonds are being issued for the current refunding on May 1, 2027, of certain maturities, or portions of maturities, of general obligation bonds previously issued by the State for general governmental purposes (**Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds**) (collectively, the Purchased Bonds, Make-Whole Refunded Bonds, Current Refunded Bonds, and the Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds are referred to as the **Refunded Bonds**) and to pay for costs of issuance.

The maturities, or portions of maturities, associated with the refunding are currently outstanding in the total principal amount of \$ . **APPENDIX D** identifies and provides information about the Refunded Bonds.

### Invitation to Tender Bonds

On January 23, 2026, the State released an Invitation to Tender Bonds (**Invitation**), inviting holders of certain maturities of the State's outstanding general obligation bonds (**Invited Bonds**) to tender their Invited Bonds for purchase by the State on the terms and conditions set forth in the Invitation. The purpose of the Invitation is to give the State the opportunity to retire the Invited Bonds on the Settlement Date.

Pursuant to the Invitation, the owners of the Invited Bonds may tender their Invited Bonds (**Tendered Bonds**) for cash and, subject to the conditions set forth in the Invitation, the State expects to purchase some or all of the Tendered Bonds at the purchase prices and on the other terms set forth in the Invitation, as supplemented or amended via pricing notice or otherwise. The Purchased Bonds will be canceled on the Settlement Date and will no longer be outstanding. Funds to pay the purchase price of the Purchased Bonds and costs of the Invitation are expected to be provided from a portion of the proceeds of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds.

This discussion is not intended to summarize the terms of the Invitation or to solicit offers to tender Invited Bonds. Reference is made to the Invitation for a discussion of the terms of the Invitation and the conditions for settlement of the Invited Bonds validly tendered and accepted for purchase. The State has filed the Invitation



with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (**MSRB**) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (**EMMA**) system, and a copy is available from the State as provided on page 2.

**APPENDIX D** identifies and provides information about the Purchased Bonds.

### **Current Refundings**

Upon delivery of each series of the Bonds, a portion of the proceeds thereof will be deposited into the State's Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Proceeds of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds will be used to pay (i) the purchase price of and the accrued interest on the Purchased Bonds on the Settlement Date, (ii) the redemption price of the Make-Whole Refunded Bonds on or about the Settlement Date, and (iii) the principal or redemption price of the Current Refunded Bonds on May 1, 2026. Proceeds of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds will be used to pay the principal or redemption price of the Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds on May 1, 2027.

Deposits to be made on approximately April 15, 2026 for the Current Refunded Bonds and on approximately April 15, 2027 for the Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds, to the State's Bond Security and Redemption Fund, from sources other than Bond proceeds, will be used to pay the interest due on the Current Refunded Bonds on May 1, 2026, and on the Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds on May 1, 2027.

**APPENDIX D** identifies and provides information about the Purchased Bonds, Make-Whole Refunded Bonds, Current Refunded Bonds, and Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds.

### **Limitation on Use of Proceeds and Pledge**

The portions of the proceeds of the Bonds deposited into the Bond Security and Redemption Fund may be used only to repay the principal or redemption price of, and interest on, or the purchase price of, the corresponding Refunded Bonds. However, notwithstanding the amounts in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, there is irrevocably appropriated, as a first charge on all revenues of the State, a sum sufficient to pay the Refunded Bonds. Each year, for the purpose of determining the constitutional limit on public debt, the amounts held in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund are subtracted from the State's outstanding aggregate public debt.

## **THE BONDS**

### **General**

The **inside front cover** of this Official Statement sets forth the maturity dates, principal amounts, interest rates, and other information for the Bonds. The Bonds are being issued in book-entry-only form, so the registered owner will be a securities depository or its nominee. The Commission has appointed The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (**DTC**), as the securities depository for the Bonds. See **"THE BONDS; Book-Entry-Only Form"**.

The Bonds will be dated their respective dates of delivery (expected to be \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and \_\_\_\_\_, 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds) and will bear interest from those respective dates, payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2026 for the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and November 1, 2027 for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. So long as the Bonds are in book-entry-only form, payments of the principal of, and interest on, each Bond will be paid to the securities depository.

The Bonds are being issued as fully-registered bonds in principal denominations of \$5,000 or multiples of \$5,000.

### **Security**

The Bonds are direct and general obligations of the State. Under the Wisconsin Constitution the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State are pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on general obligations, and

the Legislature is required to provide for such payment by appropriation. The Wisconsin Statutes establish, as security for the payment of all debt service on general obligations, a first charge upon all revenues of the State. In addition, a sufficient amount of those revenues is irrevocably appropriated for the payment of the principal of, and interest on, general obligations, so no subsequent legislative action is required to release such revenues. The Bonds are secured equally with all other outstanding general obligations issued by the State.

**Redemption Provisions\***

*Optional Redemption at Par*

The 2026 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1,     may be redeemed on May 1,     , or any date thereafter, in whole or in part in multiples of \$5,000, at a redemption price equal to par (100% of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The 2027 Series 1 Bonds maturing on or after May 1,     may be redeemed on May 1,     , or any date thereafter, in whole or in part in multiples of \$5,000, at a redemption price equal to par (100% of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Bonds that are subject to optional redemption may instead be purchased by the State at a purchase price equal to par (100% of the principal amount to be purchased) plus accrued interest to the purchase date. Bonds so purchased may be remarketed by the State.

Any such redemption or purchase is conditioned on the receipt by the Secretary of Administration (**Paying Agent**) of sufficient funds to pay the redemption or purchase price.

*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption*

The     Series     Bonds maturing on May 1,     (     **Term Bonds**) are subject to redemption before their maturity date at a redemption price equal to par (100% of the principal amount to be redeemed), plus accrued interest to the redemption date, from mandatory sinking fund payments that are required to be made in amounts sufficient to redeem, on May 1 of each of the years set forth below, the respective principal amounts of the Term Bonds specified below:

<b>Redemption Date</b> <b>(<u>May 1</u>)</b>	<b>Principal</b> <b><u>Amount</u></b>
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(a) Stated Maturity

Optional redemption (or any purchase by the Commission in lieu of redemption) of the     Term Bonds will be applied to reduce the mandatory sinking fund payments established for the     Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased in such order and manner as the Capital Finance Director of the State will direct.

*Selection of Bonds*

If less than all the Bonds of a given series are to be redeemed or purchased at the option of the State, the particular maturities of such Bonds to be redeemed or purchased will be determined by the Capital Finance Director.

So long as the Bonds of a given series are in book-entry-only form, selection of the beneficial owners affected by the redemption or purchase will be made by the securities depository and its participants in accordance with their rules.

*Notice of Redemption*

So long as the Bonds are in book-entry-only form, notice of any redemption or purchase in lieu of redemption will be sent to the securities depository between 20 and 60 days before the redemption date.

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Any notice of redemption (or purchase in lieu of redemption) may provide that the State retains the right to rescind the notice, and the related redemption or purchase, by giving a notice of rescission to the securities depository at any time prior to the scheduled redemption or purchase date.

### Registration and Payment of Bonds

So long as the Bonds of a given series are in book-entry-only form, payment of the principal or purchase price of, and interest on, such Bonds on each payment date will be made by wire transfer to the securities depository or its nominee by the Paying Agent.

### Ratings

The following ratings have been assigned to the Bonds:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rating Organization</u>
	Kroll Bond Rating Agency, LLC
	Moody's Ratings
	S&P Global Ratings

Any explanation of what a rating means may only be obtained from the rating organization giving the rating. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time. Any downgrade or withdrawal of a rating may adversely affect the market price of the Bonds. The State may elect not to continue requesting ratings on the Bonds from any particular rating organization or may elect to request ratings on the Bonds from a different rating organization.

### Sources and Uses of Funds

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds are expected to be used as follows:

<b>Sources</b>	2026 Series 1 Bonds	2027 Series 1 Bonds	Total
Principal Amount .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....
Net Original Issue Premium/(Discount) .....	.....	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b> .....	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>
<b>Uses</b>			
Deposit to Bond Security and Redemption Fund ..	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....
Underwriters' Discount .....	.....	.....	.....
Costs of Issuance .....	.....	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL USES</b> .....	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>	<u><u>\$ .....</u></u>

### Book-Entry-Only Form

The Bonds are being initially issued in book-entry-only form. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive bond certificates but instead will have their ownership in the Bonds recorded in the book-entry system.

Bond certificates are to be issued and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, which acts as a securities depository for the Bonds. Ownership of the Bonds by the purchasers is shown in the records of brokers and other organizations participating in the DTC book-entry system (**DTC Participants**). All transfers of ownership in the Bonds must be made, directly or indirectly, through DTC Participants.

#### *Payment*

The State will make all payments of principal or purchase price of, and interest on, the Bonds to DTC. Owners of the Bonds will receive payments through the DTC Participants.

### *Notices and Voting Rights*

The State will provide any redemption notices or other communications about the Bonds to DTC. Owners of the Bonds will receive any redemption notices or other communications through the DTC Participants. In any situation involving voting rights, DTC will not vote but will rather give a proxy through the DTC Participants.

### *Redemption or Purchase*

If less than all the Bonds of a given maturity are being redeemed or purchased in lieu of redemption, DTC's practice is to determine by lottery the amount of the Bonds to be redeemed or purchased from each DTC Participant.

### *Discontinued Service*

In the event that participation in DTC's book-entry system were to be discontinued without a successor securities depository being appointed, bond certificates would be executed and delivered to DTC Participants.

### *Further Information*

Further information concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system is available at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). The State is not responsible for any information available on DTC's website. That information may be subject to change without notice.

The State is not responsible for any failure by DTC or any DTC Participant to transfer payments or notices to the owners of the Bonds or to follow the procedures established by DTC for its book-entry system.

### *Redemption and Payment if Bonds Are Not in Book-Entry-Only Form*

In the event the Bonds were not in book-entry-only form, how the Bonds are redeemed (or purchased in lieu of redemption) and paid would differ from the descriptions above. Bonds would be selected for redemption or purchase by lot. Notice of any redemption or purchase would be mailed, postage prepaid, between 20 and 60 days before the redemption date, to the registered owners of any Bonds to be redeemed or purchased. Any notice of redemption (or purchase in lieu of redemption) could provide that the State retains the right to rescind the notice, and the related redemption or purchase, by giving a notice of rescission to the affected registered owners at any time prior to the scheduled redemption or purchase date.

Payment of principal or purchase price would be made by check or draft issued upon the presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal office of the Paying Agent, as designated by the Commission. Payment of interest due on the Bonds would be made by check or draft mailed to the registered owner shown in the registration book at the close of business on the record date—which is the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month before the interest payment date.

## **UNDERWRITING**

### **General**

The Bonds are being purchased by the **Underwriters** listed on the **front cover**, for which Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is acting as the representative (**Representative**).

- The Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the 2026 Series 1 Bonds from the State at an aggregate purchase price of \$ , reflecting a net original issue premium/discount of \$ and an Underwriters' discount of \$ . The Underwriters' obligations are subject to certain conditions, and they will be obligated to purchase all 2026 Series 1 Bonds if any 2026 Series 1 Bonds are purchased.
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The Purchased Bonds are being tendered under the terms of the Invitation through Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as dealer managers (**Dealer Managers**). For their services as Dealer Managers, the Dealer Managers will be compensated (**Dealer Manager Fee**) in an amount equal to a percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the Purchased Bonds. The Dealer Manager Fee is expected to be paid from proceeds of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds.

The Underwriters have agreed to reoffer the Bonds at the public offering prices set forth on the **inside front cover**. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

Certain of the Underwriters may have entered into distribution agreements with third-party broker-dealers, under which the Underwriters may distribute municipal securities to investors through the respective financial advisors or electronic trading platforms of such third-party broker-dealers. As part of these arrangements, the Underwriters may share a portion of their underwriting compensation with such third-party broker-dealers.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP.

The Underwriters and their respective affiliates include full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage, and other financial and non-financial activities and services. In the course of their various business activities, the Underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors, and employees may purchase, sell, or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currency, credit default swaps, and other financial instruments for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities, or other instruments of the State (directly, as collateral securing other obligations, or otherwise) or of others that have relationships with the State. The Underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color, or trading ideas or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities, or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long or short positions in such assets, securities, or instruments.

If an Underwriter or its affiliate is an owner of Refunded Bonds, that Underwriter or affiliate would receive a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds in connection with the redemption or purchase of those Refunded Bonds, as applicable.

#### **Special Consideration for Bondholders with respect to 2026 Series 1 Bonds**

The State has advised the Representative that any holder of the Invited Bonds who tenders any Invited Bonds in the Tender Offer, and whose tender of such Invited Bonds is accepted by the State, and who submits an order to purchase 2026 Series 1 Bonds will, subject to the following two sentences, receive special consideration of allocation for a like maturity of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds up to the principal amount of Invited Bonds that such bondholder is tendering and that is accepted by the State. The Underwriters may accept orders outside of the State's instructed special consideration at the direction of the State. Accounts may be asked to provide additional information to the Underwriters and/or the State. Accounts that do not disclose and have their tender instructions verified by the Underwriters prior to submitting an order will not receive special consideration.

#### **Certain Forward Delivery Considerations, Acknowledgments, and Risks**

The State and the Underwriters, acting through the Representative, have entered into a forward delivery bond purchase agreement for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds (**Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement**) dated the date of

this Official Statement. Subject to the terms of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement, the State expects to issue and deliver the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on \_\_\_\_\_, 2027, or on such later date (no later than April 30, 2027) as is mutually agreed upon by the State and the Representative (**Forward Settlement Date**). The following is a description of certain provisions of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement. This description is not to be considered a full statement of the terms of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement and accordingly is qualified by reference thereto and is subject to the full text thereof.

The obligation of the Underwriters to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds from the State is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions specified in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (**Preliminary Closing Date**), and on the Forward Settlement Date.

Until such time as the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are issued and delivered by the State and purchased by the Underwriters on the Forward Settlement Date, certain information contained in this Official Statement may change in a material respect. The State agrees in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement to update the Official Statement, if necessary in the judgment of the Representative or the State, so that the Official Statement as amended or supplemented does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact that is necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Additionally, the State agrees in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement to prepare an updated Official Statement, dated a date not more than twenty-five nor less than ten days prior to the Forward Settlement Date, which, as of such date, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (**Updated Official Statement**). References to the Official Statement in the preceding paragraphs as of a specific date shall mean (i) during the period from the date of this Official Statement to but not including the date of delivery of the Updated Official Statement to the Representative, this Official Statement, and (ii) from and after the date of delivery of the Updated Official Statement, the Updated Official Statement, in each case as amended or supplemented.

#### *Conditions of Settlement*

The issuance and purchase of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the Forward Settlement Date are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement, including, among other things, the delivery to the Representative of certain documents and legal opinions on and as of the Preliminary Closing Date and certain additional documents and legal opinions, and the satisfaction of other conditions, on and as of the Forward Settlement Date, including the delivery to the Representative of: (i) the opinion of Bond Counsel relating to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, substantially in the form and to the effect set forth in **APPENDIX C**, (ii) the Updated Official Statement, and (iii) evidence satisfactory to the Representative that Kroll Bond Rating Agency, LLC, Moody's Ratings, and S&P Global Ratings have not withdrawn or suspended their ratings of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds. Changes or proposed changes in federal or state laws, court decisions, regulations or proposed regulations or rulings of administrative agencies occurring or in effect prior to the Forward Settlement Date or the failure by the State to provide closing documents of the type customarily required in connection with the issuance of state and local government tax-exempt bonds could prevent those conditions from being satisfied. None of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds will be issued unless all of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are issued and delivered on the Forward Settlement Date.

#### *Termination of Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement*

The Representative has the right, between the date of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement and the Forward Settlement Date, by written notice to the State, to cancel the Underwriters' obligation to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds if, in the Representative's reasonable judgment, any of the following events occur during that time:

- There shall have been a Change in Law. A “Change in Law” means (i) any change in or addition to applicable federal or state law, whether statutory or as interpreted by the courts or by federal or state agencies, including any changes in or new rules, regulations or other pronouncements or interpretations by federal or state agencies, (ii) any legislation enacted by the Congress of the United States (if such enacted legislation has an effective date which is on or before the Forward Settlement Date), (iii) any law, rule, or regulation enacted by any governmental body, department, or agency (if such enacted law, rule, or regulation has an effective date which is on or before the Forward Settlement Date), or (iv) any judgment, ruling or order issued by any court or administrative body, which in any such case would (A) as to the Underwriters, prohibit the Underwriters from completing the underwriting of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds or selling the 2027 Series 1 Bonds or beneficial ownership interests therein to the public, or (B) as to the State, make the completion of the issuance, sale, or delivery of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds illegal; provided, however, that such change in or addition to law, legislation, rule, or regulation or judgement, ruling, or order shall have become effective, been enacted, or been issued, as the case may be, after the date of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement.
- Bond Counsel is unable to issue an opinion substantially in the form of **APPENDIX C**.
- Legislation shall have been enacted by the Congress of the United States, or a decision by a court of the United States shall be rendered, or a ruling, regulation, proposed regulation, or statement by or on behalf of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter shall be made, to the effect that any obligations of the general character of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are not exempt from the registration, qualification, or other requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 as amended and as then in effect, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and as then in effect, or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as then in effect, or otherwise, or would be in violation of any provision of the federal securities laws or the laws of the State.
- The State shall have defaulted in the payment of any of its general obligation debt.
- As of the Forward Settlement Date, the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are not rated (or any rating on the Bonds is suspended or reduced below investment grade) by Moody’s Ratings, S&P Global Ratings, or Kroll Bond Rating Agency, LLC.
- A stop order, cease-and-desist order, injunction, no-action letter, ruling, regulation, or official statement by the SEC, its staff, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter shall have been issued or made or any other event occurs, the effect of which is that the adoption of the Resolution or the issuance, offering, or sale of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as contemplated in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement or in this Official Statement and the Updated Official Statement, is or would be in violation of any provision of the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and as then in effect, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and as then in effect, or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as then in effect or the laws of the State.
- Any event occurring, or information becoming known that, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters, makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement, or has the effect that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and in either such event, the State refuses to permit the Official Statement to be supplemented to supply such statement or information.



### *Delayed Delivery Contract*

The Representative will require investors purchasing the 2027 Series 1 Bonds to execute a Delayed Delivery Contract (**Delayed Delivery Contract**) in substantially the form set forth in **APPENDIX E**, which is representative of the form of Master Agreement for Forward Delivery Bond Purchases on file with the Representative. The Delayed Delivery Contract provides that the purchaser will remain obligated to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, even if the purchaser decides to sell the purchased 2027 Series 1 Bonds following the date of the Delayed Delivery Contract. ***The State will not be a party to any Delayed Delivery Contract, and the State is not in any way responsible for the performance thereof or for any representations or warranties contained therein.***

The rights and obligations under the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement are not conditioned or dependent upon the performance of any Delayed Delivery Contract. Except as detailed above under ***“Termination of Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement”***, a Purchaser will not be able to withdraw its orders and be excused from performance of its obligations to take up and pay for the related 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the Forward Settlement Date because of market or credit changes, including but not limited to changes in the financial condition, operations, performance, properties or prospects of the State from the date of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement to the Forward Settlement Date.

BY PLACING AN ORDER WITH THE UNDERWRITERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 2027 SERIES 1 BONDS AND EXECUTING THE DELAYED DELIVERY CONTRACT WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE, EACH PERSON ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE OR SHE HAS REVIEWED THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND HAS PLACED SUCH AN ORDER WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE DELAYED DELIVERY CLOSING CONDITIONS OF THE FORWARD DELIVERY PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RISKS AND IS OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE THE 2027 SERIES 1 BONDS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SUCH ORDER, SO LONG AS THE CONDITIONS OF THE FORWARD DELIVERY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE 2027 SERIES 1 BONDS ARE SATISFIED AND THE REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT ELECTED TO TERMINATE THE FORWARD DELIVERY PURCHASE AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED THEREIN.

### *Additional Risks Related to Forward Delivery Period*

Between the date of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement and the Forward Settlement Date (**Forward Delivery Period**), certain information contained in this Official Statement may change in material respects. Any changes in such information will not permit the Representative to terminate the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement or release the purchasers of their obligation to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds unless the change reflects an event described under ***“Termination of Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement”*** above. Purchasers of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are subject to certain additional risks, including without limitation, those described below.

**Ratings Risk.** No assurance can be given that the ratings assigned to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the Forward Settlement Date will be the same as those assigned as of the Preliminary Closing Date to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds. Issuance of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds and the Underwriters’ obligations under the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement are not conditioned upon the assignment of any particular ratings for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds or the maintenance of the initial ratings of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds other than the requirement for an investment grade rating on the Forward Settlement Date by each rating agency rating the 2027 Series 1 Bonds on the Preliminary Closing Date.

**Secondary Market Risk.** The Underwriters are not obligated to make a secondary market for the Bonds, and no assurance can be given that a secondary market will exist for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds during the Forward Delivery Period or at any time thereafter. Prospective purchasers of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds should assume that no secondary market will be available during the Forward Delivery Period.



**Market Value Risk.** The market value of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as of the Forward Settlement Date may be affected by a variety of factors, including, without limitation, general market conditions, the financial condition of the State, and federal and state tax, securities, and other laws. The market value of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as of the Forward Settlement Date could therefore be higher or lower than the price to be paid by the initial purchasers of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, and that difference could be substantial. Neither the State nor the Underwriters make any representations as to the expected market value of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as of the Forward Settlement Date.

**Tax Law Risk.** Subject to the other conditions of closing and delivery and the Representative's termination rights described above, the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement obligates the State to deliver, and the Underwriters to accept, the 2027 Series 1 Bonds if the State delivers an opinion of Bond Counsel substantially in the form and to the effect set forth in **APPENDIX C**. Notwithstanding any enactment of new legislation, court decisions or regulations or rulings that might diminish the value of, or otherwise affect, the exclusion from gross income of interest payable on "state or local bonds" (such as the 2027 Series 1 Bonds) for federal income tax purposes, the State may still satisfy the requirements for the delivery. In such event, the purchasers would be required to accept delivery of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds. Prospective purchasers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding the likelihood and consequences of any such changes. See "**TAX MATTERS**" herein.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Limitations on Issuance of General Obligations**

General obligations issued by the State are subject to debt limits set forth in the Wisconsin Constitution and the Wisconsin Statutes. There is an annual debt limit of three-quarters of one percent, and a cumulative debt limit of five percent, of the aggregate value of all taxable property in the State. Currently, the annual debt limit is \$7,371,133,601 and the cumulative debt limit is \$49,140,890,670. Funding or refunding obligations (such as the Bonds) are not subject to the annual limit but are accounted for in applying the cumulative debt limit. Accrued interest on any obligation that is not paid during the fiscal year in which it accrues is treated as debt and taken into account for purposes of the debt limitations.

As of January 1, 2026, general obligations of the State were outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,656,852,000. The issuance of the Bonds will not cause the State to exceed its annual debt limit or its cumulative debt limit.

### **Borrowing Plans**

#### *General Obligations*

The 2026 Series 1 Bonds will be the second series of general obligations to be issued by the State in calendar year 2026. On January 20, 2026, the State sold a series of general obligation bonds for delivery expected on or about February 5, 2026, in the principal amount of \$475 million for general governmental purposes.

In addition, the Commission has authorized the issuance of the following general obligations:

- Up to \$500 million of additional general obligations for the refunding of general obligation bonds previously issued for general governmental purposes (\$50\* million of which will be remaining after the issuance of the Bonds and will expire on May 7, 2026). In addition, the Commission will be asked on February 4, 2026 to authorize up to \$500 million of additional general obligations for the refunding of general obligation bonds previously issued for general governmental purposes. The amount and timing of any sale and issuance of any additional general obligations for refunding purposes depend, among other factors, on market conditions.

\*Preliminary; subject to change.

- General obligations for the funding of the State’s outstanding general obligation extendible municipal commercial paper notes (**EMCP Notes**), which were outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$127 million as of January 1, 2026. The amount and timing of any issuance of general obligations for the funding of the EMCP Notes depend on a decision by the State to fund such obligations with a different form of variable-rate obligations or with bonds bearing fixed interest rates.

The Commission likely will be asked to authorize the issuance of additional general obligations for general governmental purposes in calendar year 2026. The amount and timing of any sale and issuance of any general obligations for general governmental purposes depend on disbursements from the State Capital Improvement Fund for authorized purposes.

#### *Other Obligations – Transportation Revenue Obligations*

The State has not issued any transportation revenue obligations in calendar year 2026. The Commission has an outstanding authorization of up to \$50 million of transportation revenue obligations and will be asked on February 4, 2026 to authorize up to \$125 million of additional transportation revenue obligations, in each case for the financing of transportation facilities and highway projects. The authorization, sale, and issuance of any transportation revenue obligations for the financing of transportation facilities and highway projects depend on the expenditures for such projects and market conditions. The Commission has authorized up to \$300 million of transportation revenue refunding obligations to refund outstanding transportation revenue bonds. The amount and timing of any issuance of any transportation revenue refunding obligations depend, among other factors, on market conditions.

#### *Other Obligations – General Fund Annual Appropriation Bonds*

The State has certain general fund appropriation bonds outstanding and may in the future issue general fund annual appropriation refunding bonds to refund those obligations. The State has not issued any general fund annual appropriation bonds in calendar year 2026. The amount and timing of any issuance of general fund annual appropriation refunding bonds will depend, among other factors, on market conditions.

#### *Other Obligations – Environmental Improvement Fund Revenue Bonds*

The State has not issued any environmental improvement fund revenue bonds in calendar year 2026. The Commission has an outstanding authorization of up to \$50 million of environmental improvement fund revenue bonds and will be asked in February 2026 to authorize up to \$150 million of additional environmental improvement fund revenue bonds, in each case for the purpose of making loans under the State's Environmental Improvement Fund. The sale and issuance of any environmental improvement fund revenue bonds depends on, among other factors, the timing and amount of disbursements from the environmental improvement fund and market conditions.

#### *Other Obligations – Master Lease Certificates of Participation*

The State has not issued any master lease certificates of participation in calendar year 2026. The amount and timing of any issuance of master lease certificates of participation depend, among other factors, on originations in the State’s master lease program and market conditions.

### **Reference Information About the Bonds**

Information about the Bonds is provided for reference in the tables on the **inside front cover** of this Official Statement. The CUSIP number for each maturity has been obtained from a source the State believes to be reliable, but the State is not responsible for the correctness of the CUSIP numbers. The Underwriters have provided the reoffering yields and prices for the Bonds.

### **Municipal Advisor**

Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC (**Municipal Advisor**) has been retained by the State to perform professional services in the capacity of municipal advisor in connection with certain aspects of the issuance of

the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is a registered municipal advisor with the SEC and the MSRB. The Municipal Advisor is a subsidiary of Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP (**BTAG**), which is indirectly owned by (a) H&F Waterloo Holdings, L.P., an affiliate of Hellman & Friedman LLC, an investment adviser registered with the SEC, (b) Valeas Capital Partners Fund I Waterloo Aggregator LP, an affiliate of Valeas Capital Partners Management LP, an investment adviser registered with the SEC, and (c) individuals who are principals of BTAG. None of these parties own a majority interest in BTAG, or indirectly, the Municipal Advisor. BTAG and Baker Tilly US, LLP (**BTUS**), trading as Baker Tilly, operate under an alternative practice structure and are members of the global network of Baker Tilly International, Ltd. BTUS is a licensed Certified Public Accounting (**CPA**) firm providing assurance services to its clients. BTAG and its subsidiary entities provide tax and consulting services to their clients and are not licensed CPA firms.

The State has retained the Municipal Advisor to provide certain municipal advisor services to the State and advice on the structure and pricing of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor also reviewed certain legal and disclosure documents, including this Official Statement, for financial matters, but the Municipal Advisor makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee regarding the accuracy or completeness of the information in this Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor will receive compensation from proceeds of the Bonds.

The Municipal Advisor's duties, responsibilities, and fees arise solely as Municipal Advisor to the State, and it has no secondary obligations or other responsibility. The Municipal Advisor is providing certain specific municipal advisory services to the State but is neither a placement agent to the State nor a broker/dealer.

Baker Tilly Wealth Management, LLC, an SEC registered investment adviser, Moss Adams Wealth Advisors, LLC, an SEC registered investment adviser, and Baker Tilly Capital, LLC, a broker/dealer registered with the SEC and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority are controlled subsidiaries of BTAG and may serve as managers of, or advisers to, certain private investment funds, some of which indirectly own BTAG.

There are other affiliates of BTAG and BTUS that may provide other services to the State and they may also provide advisory services to clients of the Municipal Advisor. The Municipal Advisor has no other activities or arrangements that are material to its municipal advisory business or its clients with a related person who is a broker-dealer, investment company, other investment adviser or financial planner, bank, law firm or other financial entity.

## **Legal Investment**

State law provides that the Bonds are legal investments for the following:

- Banks, trust companies, bankers, savings banks and institutions, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, credit unions, investment companies, and other persons or entities carrying on a banking business.
- Personal representatives, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries.
- The State and all public officers, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and public bodies.

## **Legal Opinions**

### *Bond Opinion*

Legal matters relating to the authorization, issuance, and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approval of **Bond Counsel**, which is Foley & Lardner LLP. When the Bonds of each series are delivered, Bond Counsel will deliver an approving opinion in substantially the applicable form shown in **APPENDIX C**. If certificated Bonds were issued, then the opinion would be printed on the reverse side of each Bond.

### *Attorney General*

As required by law, the office of the Attorney General will examine a certified copy of all proceedings leading to issuance of the Bonds. When the Bonds of each series are delivered, the Attorney General will deliver an

opinion on the regularity and validity of the proceedings with respect to such Bonds. The Attorney General's opinion will also state that there is no action, suit, or proceeding, either pending or threatened in writing, known to the Attorney General, restraining or enjoining the issuance, sale, execution, or delivery of the Bonds, and there also is no action, suit, or proceeding, either pending or threatened in writing, known to the Attorney General, in any way contesting or affecting (1) the titles to their respective offices of any of the State officers involved in the issuance of the Bonds, (2) the validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance, sale, execution, or delivery of the Bonds, or (3) the pledge or application of any moneys or security provided for the payment of the Bonds.

If certificated Bonds were issued, then a certificate of the Attorney General would be printed on the reverse side of each Bond.

#### *Other Legal Matters*

The State and its officers and employees are defendants in numerous lawsuits. The State does not expect that any pending litigation will be finally determined so as to result individually or in the aggregate in final judgments against the State that would materially affect the State's ability to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

## **TAX MATTERS**

### **Federal Tax Considerations**

#### *Opinion of Bond Counsel*

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law and assuming continuing compliance by the State with certain tax covenants, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (**Code**), and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code; however, interest on the Bonds is included in determining the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations on which the federal alternative minimum tax is imposed under the Code.

The foregoing opinion of Bond Counsel is subject to the condition that the State complies with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. The State has covenanted in the Resolution and the Tax Certificate of the State delivered on the date of delivery of the Bonds (**Tax Certificate**) to comply with such requirements.

The scope of the foregoing opinion of Bond Counsel is limited to matters addressed above and no opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel regarding other federal income tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. In rendering such opinions, Bond Counsel further assumes and relies upon (i) without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, the accuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectation, and certifications of fact of the State with respect to matters affecting the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code; and (ii) continuing compliance by the State with the applicable requirements of the Code as to such tax matters and the procedures, agreements and covenants set forth in the Resolution and the Tax Certificate that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Bond Counsel has not been engaged or retained to monitor post-issuance compliance. Failure of the State to comply with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to not be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

Bond Counsel's opinions set forth above are based upon current facts and circumstances, and upon existing law and interpretations thereof, as of the date such opinions are delivered and Bond Counsel assumes no affirmative obligation to update, revise or supplement such opinions to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken or if such facts or circumstances, or laws or interpretations thereof, change after the date of such opinions, including, without limitation, changes that adversely affect the excludability of interest on the Bonds, even if such actions, inactions or changes come to Bond Counsel's attention. Further, such opinions are limited solely to the matters stated therein, and no opinion is to be implied or is intended beyond the opinions expressly stated therein. Moreover, the opinion of Bond Counsel is only an opinion and not a warranty or guaranty of the matters discussed or of a particular result, and is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) or the courts.

Prospective investors should also be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in adverse tax consequences under the laws of various states and local jurisdictions. Other than as described below, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any state or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning or disposing of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to any state and local tax consequences to them of owning the Bonds.

#### *Original Issue Discount Bonds*

Under existing law, any original issue discount on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent, and subject to the same considerations, discussed herein as interest payable on such Bonds. The original issue discount is the excess of the principal amount of a Bond over the issue price of that Bond. The issue price of the Bonds of a given series having a common maturity date and interest rate generally is the initial offering price to the public, excluding underwriters or other intermediaries, at which price a substantial amount of such Bonds were first sold. Based on representations from the Underwriters, the State expects the issue price of each maturity of each series of the Bonds to be the Price at Issuance set forth in the applicable table on the **inside front cover**.

Original issue discount on tax-exempt obligations accrues on a constant-yield-to-maturity method based on regular compounding. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period and will increase the owner's tax basis in the obligations. The adjusted tax basis will be used to determine taxable gain or loss upon a disposition (for example, upon a sale, exchange, redemption, or payment at maturity) of the obligations.

Owners of Bonds with original issue discount should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the federal tax consequences of owning such Bonds, including the computation of accrued original issue discount and the accrual of original issue discount allocable to owners that do not purchase their Bonds in the initial offering at the issue price.

Owners of Bonds with original issue discount should also consult their own tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning such Bonds. Under the applicable provisions governing the determination of state and local taxes, ownership of Bonds with original issue discount may result in a tax liability in the year of accrual, even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment until a later year.

#### *Premium Bonds*

Bonds purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount greater than their principal amount payable at maturity will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, such as the Bonds, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

During each taxable year, an owner of Bonds with amortizable bond premium must reduce his, her, or its tax basis in the Bond by the amount of the amortizable bond premium that is allocable to the portion of that taxable year during which the owner owned the Bond. The adjusted tax basis in a Bond will be used to determine

taxable gain or loss upon a disposition (for example, upon a sale, exchange, or payment at maturity) of the Bond.

Owners of Bonds purchased at a premium should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the federal tax consequences of owning such Bonds, including computation of their tax basis and the effect of any purchase of Bonds that is not made in the initial offering at the issue price. Owners of such Bonds should also consult their own tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning those Bonds.

#### *Certain Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences*

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of, receipt or accrual of interest on, or disposition of, tax-exempt obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S Corporations with “excess net passive income” and foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, individuals eligible to receive the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry the Bonds. The foregoing items do not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of any Bonds. Bond Counsel has not expressed an opinion regarding the collateral federal income tax consequences that may arise with respect to the Bonds.

### **State Tax Considerations**

#### *General*

In addition to the federal income tax consequences described above, potential investors should consider the state income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the Bonds. State income tax law may differ substantially from the corresponding federal law, and the foregoing is not intended to describe any aspect of the income tax laws of any state. Therefore, potential investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the various state tax consequences of an investment in the Bonds.

#### *State of Wisconsin Income and Franchise Taxes*

Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from current State of Wisconsin income or franchise taxes.

### **Miscellaneous Tax Considerations**

Tax legislation or administrative actions by tax authorities and court decisions, at either the federal, state or local level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under federal, state or local law or otherwise prevent the beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future or enacted), administrative actions or court decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds.

It is not possible to predict whether any tax legislation or administrative actions by tax authorities or court decisions having an impact on the federal, state or local income tax treatment of the Bonds may or may not occur and Bond Counsel expresses no view with respect thereto. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding any tax legislation or administrative actions by taxing authorities or court decisions having an impact on the federal, state or local income tax treatment of the Bonds.

No private letter ruling has been or will be sought by the State from the IRS with respect to the Bonds or the property financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds. No assurances can be given as to whether or not the IRS will open an audit of the Bonds to determine whether the interest thereon is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes or as to whether the IRS would agree with the opinions of Bond Counsel, as described herein. If the IRS opens an audit of the Bonds, under current IRS procedures, the IRS will treat the State as the taxpayer, and the owners of the Bonds may have no right to participate.

The Resolution does not require the State to redeem the Bonds or to pay any additional interest or penalty in the event the interest on the Bonds becomes taxable.

The federal income tax consequences from the purchase, ownership and redemption, sale or other disposition of Bonds which are not purchased in the initial offering at the initial offering price may be determined according to rules which differ from those described above. Purchasers of the Bonds at other than their original issuance at the respective prices indicated on the inside cover of this Official Statement should consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations.

PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP, SALE OR DISPOSITION OF THE BONDS AND THE RECEIPT OR ACCRUAL OF THE INTEREST THEREON MAY HAVE ADVERSE FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE INVESTORS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSEQUENCES DESCRIBED ABOVE. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX SPECIALISTS FOR INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD.

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The State has made an undertaking to enable brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers, in connection with their participation in the offering of the Bonds, to comply with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In the undertaking, the State has agreed, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, to provide an annual report presenting certain financial information and operating data about the State (**Annual Reports**). The State has agreed to file the Annual Report with the MSRB through its EMMA system by December 27 of each year. The State has also agreed to provide to the MSRB notices of the occurrence of certain events specified in the undertaking.

[Part I of the 2025 Annual Report](#), which contains information on the undertaking, including the State's Master Agreement on Continuing Disclosure (Amended and Restated March 1, 2019), the Addendum Describing Annual Report for General Obligations, and the form of Supplemental Agreement that will apply the Master Agreement and the Addendum to the Bonds, is included by reference as part of this Official Statement.

Copies of the Annual Reports and notices may be obtained from:

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Attn: Capital Finance Office  
101 East Wilson Street, FLR 10  
P.O. Box 7864  
Madison, WI 53707-7864  
(608) 267-1836  
[DOACapitalFinanceOffice@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DOACapitalFinanceOffice@wisconsin.gov)  
[doa.wi.gov/capitalfinance](http://doa.wi.gov/capitalfinance)  
[wisconsinbonds.com](http://wisconsinbonds.com)

The undertaking also describes the consequences if the State fails to provide any required information. The State must report the failure to the MSRB. In the last five years, the State has not failed to comply in any material respect with this, or any similar, undertaking.

Dated: , 2026

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Governor Tony Evers, Chairperson  
State of Wisconsin Building Commission

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Kathy K. Blumenfeld, Secretary  
State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

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Naomi De Mers, Secretary  
State of Wisconsin Building Commission



## APPENDIX A

### CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE

This Appendix includes by reference information concerning the State of Wisconsin (**State**), contained in [Parts II and III of the State of Wisconsin Continuing Disclosure Annual Report, dated December 19, 2025 \(2025 Annual Report\)](#), which can be obtained as described below. This Appendix also makes updates and additions to the information presented in Part II of the 2025 Annual Report, including but not limited to:

- General Fund information for the 2025-26 fiscal year through December 31, 2025, which is presented on either a cash basis or an agency-recorded basis, and projected General Fund information for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year, which is presented on a cash basis.
- Estimated General Fund condition statement and estimated General Fund tax collections for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in a report provided by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau (**LFB**) on January 15, 2026 (**January 2026 LFB Report**).

[Part II of the 2025 Annual Report](#) contains general information about the State. More specifically, that part presents information about the following matters:

- Environmental, social, and governance factors
- State's revenue and expenditures
- State's operations, financial procedures, accounting, and financial reporting
- Organization of, and services provided by, the State
- Budget process and fiscal controls
- State budget (including results of 2024-25 fiscal year and summary of 2025-27 biennial budget)
- Potential effects of litigation
- State obligations
- Employee pension funds and other post-employment benefits
- State Investment Board
- Statistical information about the State's population, income, and employment

The State's audited General Purpose External Financial Statements and independent auditor's report provided by the State Auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (**GAAP**) for governments as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, are included as [APPENDIX A](#) to Part II of the 2025 Annual Report.

[Part III of the 2025 Annual Report](#) contains information concerning general obligations issued by the State. That part discusses the security provisions for general obligations (including the flow of funds to pay debt service on general obligations) and presents data about the State's outstanding general obligations and the portion of outstanding general obligations that is revenue supported.

The 2025 Annual Report, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and the January 2026 LFB Report were filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (**MSRB**) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (**EMMA**) system. A complete copy of the January 2026 LFB Report, which includes national economic indicators and their application to the State's General Fund tax revenue estimates, is included at the end of this Appendix. The 2025 Annual Report, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and the January 2026 LFB Report are also available from the part of the Capital Finance Office website called "Official Disclosure for Bonds, Notes, and Other Securities Issued by the State of Wisconsin" and the State investor relations website.

The Capital Finance Office website and the State investor relations website are located at the following respective addresses:

[doa.wi.gov/capitalfinance](http://doa.wi.gov/capitalfinance)

[wisconsinbonds.com](http://wisconsinbonds.com)

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report may also be obtained from:

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

Capital Finance Office

101 E. Wilson Street, FLR 10

P.O. Box 7864

Madison, WI 53707-7864

(608) 267-1836

[DOACapitalFinanceOffice@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DOACapitalFinanceOffice@wisconsin.gov)

The State has independently provided periodic reports on General Fund financial information. These reports are not required by any of the State's undertakings to provide information concerning the State's debt securities. These reports are available on the State's Capital Finance Office website that is listed above and were also filed as additional voluntary information with the MSRB through its EMMA system; however, the reports are not incorporated by reference into this Official Statement or Part II of the 2025 Annual Report. The State is not obligated to provide such reports at any time in the future.

After publication and filing of the 2025 Annual Report, certain changes or events have occurred that affect items discussed in the 2025 Annual Report. Listed below, by reference to particular sections of Part II of the 2025 Annual Report, are changes or additions to the information contained in those particular sections. When changes occur, the State may or may not (unless required to do so under the State's undertakings) file notices with the MSRB. However, the State has filed, and expects to continue to file, additional and other voluntary information with the MSRB, some of which may not be listed event notices required to be filed under the State's undertakings.

This Official Statement may include changes or additions that were released after the date of the Preliminary Official Statement (January 23, 2026). Any such changes or additions are identified accordingly.

**STATE BUDGET; Budget for 2025-27 Biennium** (Part II; Pages 37-38). Update with the following information.

*January 2026 LFB Report – General Fund Condition Statement*

The January 2026 LFB Report includes an updated estimated General Fund condition statement for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years. The net General Fund balance for the end of the biennium (June 30, 2027) is projected to be \$2.374 billion. This is \$1.718 billion higher than the balance that was projected at the time of the enactment of the 2025-27 biennial budget (**2025 Wisconsin Act 15**), as adjusted to incorporate the fiscal year 2024-25 ending balance as shown in the State's Annual Fiscal Report for fiscal year 2024-25.

The following table provides the estimated General Fund condition statement for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in the January 2026 LFB Report. The table also includes, for comparison, the estimated General Fund condition statement for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in 2025 Wisconsin Act 15.

**ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND CONDITION STATEMENTS**  
**2025-26 AND 2026-27 FISCAL YEARS<sup>(a)</sup>**  
**(in Millions)**

	<b>2025-26 Fiscal Year</b>		<b>2026-27 Fiscal Year</b>	
	<b>2025 Wisconsin Act 15<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>January 2026 LFB Report</b>	<b>2025 Wisconsin Act 15<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>January 2026 LFB Report</b>
Revenues				
Opening Balance	\$4,337.7	\$4,605.6	\$1,925.0	\$3,003.6
Taxes	21,960.5	22,685.7	22,607.1	23,242.5
Department Revenues				
Tribal Gaming	12.2	12.2	14.9	14.0
Other	661.0	708.3	512.8	570.6
Total Available	<u>\$26,971.4</u>	<u>\$28,011.7</u>	<u>\$25,132.3</u>	<u>\$26,830.7</u>
Appropriations				
Gross Appropriations	\$22,722.7	\$22,734.8	\$22,968.7	\$23,006.3
Compensation Reserves	159.9	159.9	225.8	225.8
Transfers				
Building Program	326.5	326.5	—	—
Local Government Fund	1,587.0	1,587.0	1,622.8	1,622.8
Transportation Fund	662.9	662.9	85.0	85.0
Veterans Homes	5.1	5.1	—	—
Mental Health Institutional	15.8	15.8	—	—
Less: Lapses	(433.5)	(484.0)	(540.4)	(597.7)
Net Appropriations	<u>\$25,046.4</u>	<u>\$25,008.1</u>	<u>\$24,361.8</u>	<u>\$24,342.2</u>
Balances				
Gross Balance	\$1,925.0	\$3,003.6	\$770.5	\$2,488.5
Less: Req. Statutory Balance	(110.0)	(110.0)	(115.0)	(115.0)
Net Balance, June 30	<u>\$1,815.0</u>	<u>\$2,893.6</u>	<u>\$655.5</u>	<u>\$2,373.5</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

<sup>(b)</sup> Adjusted to reflect the fiscal year 2024-25 ending balance as shown in the Annual Fiscal Report for fiscal year 2024-25.

Source: Department of Administration (DOA)

**STATE BUDGET; Estimated General Fund Tax Collections for 2025-27 Biennium** (Part II; Pages 38-39).  
Update with the following information.

*January 2026 LFB Report – General Fund Tax Collections*

The January 2026 LFB Report also includes updated estimated General Fund tax collections for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years. The estimated General Fund tax collections are \$22.686 billion for the 2025-26 fiscal year and \$23.243 billion for the 2026-27 fiscal year. These amounts are \$741 million and \$626 million, respectively, higher than the estimated General Fund tax collections as included in 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, as adjusted to reflect subsequent law changes and automatically adopted provisions of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

The following tables provide the updated estimated General Fund tax collections for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in the January 2026 LFB Report. The table also includes, for comparison, the General Fund tax collections for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, as included in a statutorily required report released by DOA on November 20, 2024 (**November 2024 DOA Report**), a report released by LFB dated January

29, 2025 (**January 2025 LFB Report**), in a report released by LFB dated May 15, 2025 (**May 2025 LFB Report**), and in 2025 Wisconsin Act 15.

**ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS**  
**2025-26 FISCAL YEAR**  
(in Millions)

	<b>November 2024 DOA Report</b>	<b>January 2025 LFB Report</b>	<b>May 2025 LFB Report</b>	<b>2025 Wisconsin Act 15<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>January 2026 LFB Report</b>
Individual Income	\$10,655.2	\$11,140.0	\$10,451.1	\$9,874.3	\$10,330.0
Sales and Use	7,861.6	8,140.0	7,831.6	8,083.3	8,083.3
Corporate Income & Franchise	2,846.5	2,415.0	2,761.7	2,650.6	2,935.0
Public Utility	387.2	404.0	387.5	404.0	412.0
Excise					
Cigarettes	348.5	348.0	369.6	348.0	348.0
Tobacco Products	92.4	85.0	83.0	85.0	78.0
Vapor Products	7.3	7.2	8.0	7.2	5.5
Liquor & Wine	72.8	74.0	72.9	74.0	76.0
Beer	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.2	7.9
Insurance Company	260.7	270.0	268.8	285.0	276.0
Miscellaneous Taxes	117.0	121.0	120.0	124.8	134.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,657.2</b>	<b>\$23,012.4</b>	<b>\$22,362.6</b>	<b>\$21,944.4</b>	<b>\$22,685.7</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Adjusted to reflect subsequent law changes and automatically adopted provisions of the OBBBA.

**Source: DOA**

**ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS**  
**2026-27 FISCAL YEAR**  
(in Millions)

	<b>November 2024 DOA Report</b>	<b>January 2025 LFB Report</b>	<b>May 2025 LFB Report</b>	<b>2025 Wisconsin Act 15<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>January 2026 LFB Report</b>
Individual Income	\$10,731.0	\$11,880.0	\$11,820.0	\$10,353.1	\$10,665.0
Sales and Use	8,113.5	8,375.0	8,375.0	8,249.3	8,249.3
Corporate Income & Franchise	2,923.2	1,785.0	1,785.0	2,691.1	3,000.0
Public Utility	377.1	394.0	394.0	394.0	401.0
Excise					
Cigarettes	316.5	326.0	326.0	326.0	322.0
Tobacco Products	95.5	84.0	84.0	84.0	76.0
Vapor Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.4
Liquor & Wine	74.7	76.0	76.0	76.0	80.0
Beer	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.8
Insurance Company	271.1	275.0	294.0	294.0	291.0
Miscellaneous Taxes	122.0	129.0	134.0	133.8	144.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,039.9</b>	<b>\$23,339.4</b>	<b>\$23,303.4</b>	<b>\$22,616.7</b>	<b>\$23,242.5</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Adjusted to reflect subsequent law changes and automatically adopted provisions of the OBBBA.

**Source: DOA**

**GENERAL FUND INFORMATION; General Fund Cash Flow** (Part II; Pages 47-59). The following tables provide updates and additions to various tables containing General Fund information for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Actual General Fund information for the 2025-26 fiscal year through December 31, 2025, and projections for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year, are presented primarily on a cash basis.

The projections and estimates for the 2025-26 fiscal year reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report. The comparison of monthly General Fund information that is presented on a cash basis has many inherent problems. Unforeseen events or variations from underlying assumptions may cause a decrease or increase in receipts and disbursements from those projected for any specific month. The following tables may show negative balances on a cash basis. The State can have a negative cash balance at the end of a fiscal year.

The Wisconsin Statutes provide certain administrative remedies to deal with periods when the General Fund is in a negative cash position. The Secretary of Administration may temporarily reallocate cash in other funds to the General Fund in an amount up to 9% of the general-purpose revenue appropriations then in effect and may also temporarily reallocate for a period of up to 30 days an additional amount up to 3% of the general-purpose revenue appropriations then in effect.

If the amount available for temporary reallocation to the General Fund is not sufficient, then the Secretary of Administration is authorized to set priorities for payments from the General Fund and to prorate and defer certain payments.

**Table II-11; General Fund Cash Flow (Part II; Page 50).** Replace with the following updated table.

**ACTUAL GENERAL FUND CASH FLOW; JULY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
**PROJECTED GENERAL FUND CASH FLOW; JANUARY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2026<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**  
**(Amounts in Thousands)**

	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
<b>BALANCES<sup>(a)(b)</sup></b>												
Beginning Balance	\$6,194,075	\$5,100,999	\$5,188,695	\$6,295,100	\$6,755,920	\$5,409,219	\$5,396,118	\$6,797,762	\$6,500,537	\$4,838,982	\$5,896,871	\$6,002,923
Ending Balance <sup>(c)</sup>	5,100,999	5,188,695	6,295,100	6,755,920	5,409,219	5,396,118	6,797,762	6,500,537	4,838,982	5,896,871	6,002,923	4,034,964
Lowest Daily Balance <sup>(c)</sup>	4,818,695	4,354,040	4,948,894	5,709,948	4,985,157	3,823,309	5,396,118	6,038,144	4,381,352	4,600,092	5,320,551	3,759,282
<b>RECEIPTS</b>												
<b>TAX RECEIPTS</b>												
Individual Income	\$899,748	(\$20,576)	\$1,368,222	\$881,129	\$626,709	\$1,169,820	\$1,265,566	\$613,237	\$980,934	\$1,492,223	\$803,977	\$1,006,561
Sales & Use	826,281	(148,991)	724,908	703,875	677,253	636,034	560,612	501,180	476,812	591,342	575,099	633,114
Corporate Income	93,011	(8,918)	550,223	74,886	29,842	606,853	268,629	38,793	334,096	424,173	85,571	455,036
Public Utility	—	270	186	14,192	206,204	(11,645)	(1,515)	99	10	2,667	202,273	5,502
Excise	49,774	2,740	47,670	48,559	43,213	41,629	37,541	36,075	31,161	37,848	37,532	44,102
Insurance	424	2,248	52,943	1,843	2,164	55,104	2,137	30,662	27,837	59,723	(5,014)	53,186
Miscellaneous	11,353	(81)	11,207	10,364	10,780	9,303	18,745	8,574	6,313	7,685	13,371	10,291
Subtotal Tax Receipts	\$1,880,591	(\$173,308)	\$2,755,359	\$1,734,848	\$1,596,165	\$2,507,098	\$2,151,715	\$1,228,620	\$1,857,163	\$2,615,661	\$1,712,809	\$2,207,792
<b>NON-TAX RECEIPTS</b>												
Federal	\$1,235,822	\$1,363,890	\$1,458,348	\$821,102	\$875,142	\$1,268,705	\$1,212,109	\$1,339,215	\$1,243,100	\$1,112,145	\$1,294,703	\$1,526,341
Other & Transfers	439,062	2,051,170	1,003,905	1,369,148	689,122	845,802	1,172,796	1,443,928	1,112,837	1,234,994	886,746	1,388,819
Note Proceeds	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal Non-Tax Receipts	\$1,674,884	\$3,415,060	\$2,462,253	\$2,190,250	\$1,564,264	\$2,114,507	\$2,384,905	\$2,783,143	\$2,355,937	\$2,347,139	\$2,181,449	\$2,915,160
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,555,475</b>	<b>\$3,241,752</b>	<b>\$5,217,612</b>	<b>\$3,925,098</b>	<b>\$3,160,429</b>	<b>\$4,621,605</b>	<b>\$4,536,620</b>	<b>\$4,011,763</b>	<b>\$4,213,100</b>	<b>\$4,962,800</b>	<b>\$3,894,258</b>	<b>\$5,122,952</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>												
Local Aids	\$1,249,704	\$187,423	\$1,185,133	\$107,518	\$531,676	\$1,621,753	\$128,774	\$788,534	\$2,228,208	(\$97,155)	\$738,401	\$2,674,716
Income Maintenance	1,329,333	1,162,317	1,123,205	1,242,920	1,153,904	1,350,297	1,155,834	1,293,668	1,430,926	1,155,943	1,158,408	1,143,933
Payroll and Related	476,310	632,759	582,568	861,552	609,271	552,517	674,339	684,590	683,487	841,570	679,420	666,300
Tax Refunds	92,213	190,394	172,898	288,753	167,704	340,276	188,649	671,408	790,854	795,639	285,189	243,422
Debt Service	310,001	—	—	193,678	1,712	—	—	170	—	437,638	29,248	—
Miscellaneous	1,190,990	981,163	1,047,403	769,857	2,042,863	769,863	987,380	870,618	741,180	771,276	897,540	2,362,540
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$4,648,551</b>	<b>\$3,154,056</b>	<b>\$4,111,207</b>	<b>\$3,464,278</b>	<b>\$4,507,130</b>	<b>\$4,634,706</b>	<b>\$3,134,976</b>	<b>\$4,308,988</b>	<b>\$5,874,655</b>	<b>\$3,904,911</b>	<b>\$3,788,206</b>	<b>\$7,090,911</b>

- (a) The projections and estimates in this table reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report. Temporary reallocations of cash are not included.
- (b) The General Fund cash balances presented in this schedule are not based on GAAP. The General Fund includes funds designated for operations and capital purposes of certain proprietary programs of the UW System. Receipts and disbursements of such funds for the designated programs and the disbursement of such funds for other purposes are reflected in the cash flow. A use of the designated funds for purposes other than the proprietary programs is, in effect, a borrowing of such funds. Therefore, at any time that the balance in the General Fund is less than the balance of such designated funds, the State is obligated to replenish the designated funds to the extent of the shortfall. The anticipated range in the balance of these designated funds for the 2025-26 fiscal year is not available and will be included in future State disclosures once available. In addition, the General Fund holds deposits for several escrow accounts pursuant to court orders or federal rulings. These funds have averaged and are expected to continue to average approximately \$25 million during each fiscal year.
- (c) The Wisconsin Statutes provide certain administrative remedies to deal with periods when the General Fund may be in a negative cash position. The Secretary of Administration may temporarily reallocate cash in other funds to the General Fund in an amount up to 9% of the general-purpose revenue appropriations then in effect with an additional amount up to 3% for a period of up to 30 days. The resulting amounts available for temporary reallocation for the 2025-26 fiscal year (based on 2025 Wisconsin Act 15) are \$2.042 billion and \$681 million, respectively. If the amount available for temporary reallocation to the General Fund is not sufficient, then the Secretary of Administration is authorized to set priorities for payments from the General Fund and to prorate or defer certain payments.

Source: DOA

**Table II-12; Historical General Fund Cash Flow (Part II; Page 51).** Replace with the following updated table.

**HISTORICAL GENERAL FUND CASH FLOW**  
**ACTUAL FISCAL YEARS 2021-22 TO 2024-25<sup>(a)</sup>**  
**ACTUAL AND PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26<sup>(b)</sup>**  
**(Amounts in Thousands)**

	<b>Actual 2021-22 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actual 2022-23 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actual 2023-24 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actual 2024-25 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2025-26 Fiscal Year TD Actual through Dec-25; Estimated Jan-26 through Jun-26</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Tax Receipts</b>					
Individual Income	\$12,254,052	\$11,750,439	\$11,839,085	\$9,895,190	\$11,087,550
Sales	7,600,527	7,956,224	8,392,830	6,488,850	6,757,519
Corporate Income	2,936,462	2,749,861	2,856,769	3,264,476	2,952,195
Public Utility	425,920	445,929	461,858	401,175	418,243
Excise	663,646	627,036	602,845	496,420	457,844
Insurance	248,367	254,035	275,638	268,783	283,257
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	190,455	117,905
<b>Total Tax Receipts</b>	<b>\$24,128,974</b>	<b>\$23,783,524</b>	<b>\$24,429,025</b>	<b>\$21,005,349</b>	<b>\$22,074,513</b>
<b>Non-Tax Receipts</b>					
Federal	\$16,491,256	\$15,187,860	\$14,887,886	\$14,765,696	\$14,750,622
Other and Transfers	7,105,946	7,651,149	7,554,829	12,896,554	13,638,329
<b>Total Non-Tax Receipts</b>	<b>\$23,597,202</b>	<b>\$22,839,009</b>	<b>\$22,442,715</b>	<b>\$27,662,250</b>	<b>\$28,388,951</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$47,726,176</b>	<b>\$46,622,533</b>	<b>\$46,871,740</b>	<b>\$48,667,599</b>	<b>\$50,463,464</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
Local Aids	\$11,147,436	\$11,265,373	\$12,646,779	\$11,376,766	\$11,344,685
Income Maintenance	12,596,315	13,025,890	13,001,302	13,521,606	14,700,688
Payroll & Related	6,014,346	6,350,183	6,892,707	7,741,982	7,944,683
Tax Refunds	4,195,231	3,446,260	3,308,280	4,072,868	4,227,399
Debt Service	961,923	953,479	957,909	928,238	972,447
Miscellaneous	11,871,707	10,587,954	11,850,298	11,488,217	13,432,673
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$46,786,958</b>	<b>\$45,629,139</b>	<b>\$48,657,275</b>	<b>\$49,129,677</b>	<b>\$52,622,575</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$939,218</b>	<b>\$993,394</b>	<b>(\$1,785,535)</b>	<b>(\$462,078)</b>	<b>(\$2,159,111)</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> None of the data presented in this table has been subjected to customary fiscal period closing procedures or other procedures used in the preparation of a financial statement, including verification, reconciliation, and identified adjustments. In addition, comparison of monthly General Fund financial information has many inherent problems. Unforeseen events (including even a change in weather conditions) or variations from underlying assumptions may cause a decrease in receipts or an increase in disbursements from those projected for a given month.

<sup>(b)</sup> The projections and estimates in this table reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report.

**Source: DOA**

**Table II-13; General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements Year-to-Date Compared to Estimates and Previous Fiscal Year (Part II; Page 53).** Replace with the following updated table.

**GENERAL FUND CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YEAR-TO-DATE  
COMPARED TO ESTIMATES AND PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR<sup>(a)</sup>  
(Cash Basis)  
As of December 31, 2025  
(Amounts in Thousands)**

	2024-25 Fiscal Year through December 31, 2024 Actual	2025-26 Fiscal Year through December 31, 2025				Difference 2025-26 Fiscal Year Actual to 2024-25 Fiscal Year Actual
		Actual	Estimate <sup>(b)</sup>	Variance	Adjusted Variance <sup>(c)</sup>	
RECEIPTS						
Tax Receipts						
Individual Income	\$4,566,375	\$4,925,052	\$4,416,451	\$508,601	\$508,601	\$358,677
Sales	3,275,486	3,419,360	3,411,904	7,456	7,456	143,874
Corporate Income	1,183,799	1,345,897	1,266,684	79,213	79,213	162,098
Public Utility	213,997	209,207	213,035	(3,828)	(3,828)	(4,790)
Excise	246,770	233,585	251,312	(17,727)	(17,727)	(13,185)
Insurance	111,596	114,726	110,029	4,697	4,697	3,130
Miscellaneous	130,677	52,926	142,041	(89,115)	(89,115)	(77,751)
Total Tax Receipts	\$9,728,700	\$10,300,753	\$9,811,456	\$489,297	\$489,297	\$572,053
Non-Tax Receipts						
Federal	\$7,483,912	\$7,023,009	\$7,647,576	(\$624,567)	(\$624,567)	(\$460,903)
Other and Transfers	6,181,771	6,398,209	7,077,704	(679,495)	(679,495)	216,438
Total Non-Tax Receipts	\$13,665,683	\$13,421,218	\$14,725,280	(\$1,304,062)	(\$1,304,062)	(\$244,465)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,394,383	\$23,721,971	\$24,536,736	(\$814,765)	(\$814,765)	\$327,588
DISBURSEMENTS						
Local Aids	\$5,347,432	\$4,883,207	\$5,255,091	(\$371,884)	(\$371,884)	(\$464,225)
Income Maintenance	6,186,317	7,361,976	7,097,210	264,766	264,766	1,175,659
Payroll & Related	3,718,205	3,714,977	4,134,676	(419,699)	(419,699)	(3,228)
Tax Refunds	1,215,240	1,252,238	1,211,156	41,082	41,082	36,998
Debt Service	492,609	505,391	517,889	(12,498)	(12,498)	12,782
Miscellaneous	7,155,154	6,802,139	7,520,967	(718,828)	(718,828)	(353,015)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$24,114,957	\$24,519,928	\$25,736,989	(\$1,217,061)	(\$1,217,061)	\$404,971
2025-26 FISCAL YEAR VARIANCE YEAR-TO-DATE				\$402,296	\$402,296	

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- (b) The projections and estimates for the 2025-26 fiscal year reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report.
- (c) Changes are sometimes made after the beginning of the fiscal year to the projected revenues and disbursements. Depending on when these changes occur, there are situations in which prior estimates cannot be changed which may result in large variances. This column includes adjustments to the variances, if any, to more accurately reflect the variance between the estimated and actual amounts.

**Source: DOA**



**Table II-14; General Fund Monthly Cash Position** (Part II; Page 54). Replace with the following updated table.

**GENERAL FUND MONTHLY CASH POSITION<sup>(a)</sup>**  
**July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 – Actual**  
**January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 – Estimated<sup>(b)</sup>**  
**(Amounts in Thousands)**

<b>Starting Date</b>		<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>
2023	July .....	8,441,688	3,662,523	3,714,843
	August .....	8,389,368	3,241,950	2,996,522
	September .....	8,634,796	4,425,440	4,129,665
	October .....	8,930,571	4,004,423	3,479,214
	November .....	9,455,780	3,010,815	3,957,580
	December .....	8,509,015	3,945,874	4,650,447
2024	January .....	7,804,442	4,495,842	3,508,064
	February .....	8,792,220	3,401,823	4,356,487
	March .....	7,837,556	3,368,594	5,169,515
	April .....	6,036,635	5,196,178	3,524,193
	May .....	7,708,620	3,637,374	4,132,613
	June .....	7,213,381	4,480,904	5,038,132
	July .....	6,656,153	4,207,940	4,836,424
	August .....	6,027,669	3,025,693	2,928,259
	September .....	6,125,103	4,952,593	3,857,042
	October .....	7,220,654	3,570,066	3,192,768
	November .....	7,597,952	3,078,453	3,200,030
	December .....	7,476,375	4,559,638	6,100,434
2025	January .....	5,935,579	4,441,411	3,135,451
	February .....	7,241,539	3,735,341	4,009,768
	March .....	6,967,112	3,816,642	5,351,585
	April .....	5,432,169	4,590,441	3,695,839
	May .....	6,326,771	3,592,168	3,439,421
	June .....	6,479,518	5,097,213	5,382,656
	July .....	6,194,075	3,555,475	4,648,551
	August .....	5,100,999	3,241,752	3,154,056
	September .....	5,188,695	5,217,612	4,111,207
	October .....	6,295,100	3,925,098	3,464,278
	November .....	6,755,920	3,160,429	4,507,130
	December .....	5,409,219	4,621,605	4,634,706
2026	January .....	5,396,118	4,536,620	3,134,976
	February .....	6,797,762	4,011,763	4,308,988
	March .....	6,500,537	4,213,100	5,874,655
	April .....	4,838,982	4,962,800	3,904,911
	May .....	5,896,871	3,894,258	3,788,206
	June .....	6,002,923	5,122,952	7,090,911

(a) The General Fund balances presented in this table are not based on GAAP.

(b) The projections and estimates for the 2025-26 fiscal year (cash basis) reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report.

**Source: DOA**

**Table II-15; Cash Balances in Funds Available for Temporary Reallocation** (Part II; Page 55). Replace with the following updated tables.

**CASH BALANCES IN FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR  
TEMPORARY REALLOCATION<sup>(a)(b)</sup>  
July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025 – Actual  
January 31, 2026 to June 30, 2026 – Projected<sup>(c)</sup>  
(Amounts in Millions)**

The following two tables show, on a monthly basis, the cash balances available for temporary reallocation. The first table does not include balances in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and the second table does include such balances. Though the LGIP is available for temporary reallocations, funds in the LGIP are deposited and withdrawn by local units of government, and thus are outside the control of the State. The monthly average daily balances in the LGIP for the past five years have ranged from a low of \$4.256 billion during November 2021 to a high of \$8.179 billion during July 2025. The Secretary of Administration may not exercise the authority to use temporary reallocation if doing so would jeopardize the cash flow of any fund or account from which a temporary reallocation would be made.

<b><u>Available Balances; Does Not Include Balances in the LGIP</u></b>				
<b>Month (Last Day)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
January .....		\$3,444	\$3,380	\$2,919
February .....		3,549	3,467	2,888
March .....		3,416	3,384	2,858
April .....		3,355	4,486	2,826
May .....		3,344	3,017	2,795
June .....		3,394	3,120	2,762
July .....	\$2,534	3,139	2,903	
August .....	2,732	3,123	3,009	
September .....	2,889	3,214	2,992	
October .....	2,908	3,062	3,008	
November .....	3,134	3,259	3,177	
December .....	3,352	3,421	3,443	

<b><u>Available Balances; Includes Balances in the LGIP</u></b>				
<b>Month (Last Day)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
January .....		\$10,552	\$10,765	\$10,511
February .....		10,879	11,042	10,545
March .....		11,168	11,525	10,579
April .....		10,600	11,931	10,613
May .....		10,124	10,315	10,648
June .....		10,233	10,277	10,682
July .....	\$9,135	10,854	11,082	
August .....	8,321	9,526	9,898	
September .....	8,386	9,302	9,564	
October .....	8,247	8,846	9,268	
November .....	8,350	8,838	9,388	
December .....	9,520	10,064	10,412	

(a) None of the data presented here has been subjected to customary fiscal period closing procedures or other procedures used in the preparation of a financial statement, including verification, reconciliation, and identified adjustments. In addition, comparison of monthly General Fund financial information has many inherent problems. Unforeseen events (including even a change in weather conditions) or variations from underlying assumptions may cause a decrease in receipts or an increase in disbursements from those projected for a given month.

(b) The amounts shown reflect a reduction in the aggregate cash balances available to the extent any fund had a negative balance and temporary reallocations were made from such fund.

(c) The projections and estimates for the 2025-26 fiscal year (cash basis) reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Memo.

**Source: DOA**

**Table II-16; General Fund Recorded Revenues (Part II; Page 57).** Replace with the following updated table.**GENERAL FUND RECORDED REVENUES<sup>(a)</sup>****(Agency-Recorded Basis)****July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 compared with previous year**

	<b>Annual Fiscal Report Revenues 2024-25 Fiscal Year<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Projected Revenues 2025-26 Fiscal Year<sup>(c)</sup></b>	<b>Recorded Revenues July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024<sup>(d)</sup></b>	<b>Recorded Revenues July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025<sup>(e)</sup></b>
Individual Income Tax	\$10,451,100,000	\$10,149,405,000	\$4,626,678,959	\$4,961,591,023
General Sales and Use Tax .....	7,831,600,000	8,083,295,000	3,275,486,370	3,419,359,014
Corporate Franchise and Income Tax .....	2,761,700,000	2,391,495,000	1,123,385,300	1,209,882,977
Public Utility Taxes .....	387,500,000	404,000,000	214,000,004	—
Excise Taxes .....	542,000,000	522,400,000	246,866,012	233,703,700
Inheritance Taxes .....	—	—	—	—
Insurance Company Taxes .....	268,800,000	285,000,000	111,596,988	114,726,186
Miscellaneous Taxes .....	120,200,000	124,850,000	141,908,011	163,550,771
<b>SUBTOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$22,362,900,000</b>	<b>\$21,960,445,000</b>	<b>\$9,739,921,643</b>	<b>\$10,102,813,669</b>
 Federal and Other Inter-Governmental Revenues <sup>(f)</sup> .....	 \$15,714,650,000	 \$15,401,429,600	 \$7,951,465,185	 \$7,532,361,547
Dedicated and Other Revenues <sup>(g)</sup> .....	10,070,203,000	10,167,612,500	5,627,073,620	5,600,766,274
 <b>TOTAL .....</b>	 <b>\$48,147,753,000</b>	 <b>\$47,529,487,100</b>	 <b>\$23,318,460,448</b>	 <b>\$23,235,941,490</b>

(a) The revenues in this table are presented on an agency-recorded basis and not a budgetary basis. None of the data presented here has been subjected to customary fiscal period closing procedures or other procedures used in the preparation of a financial statement, including verification, reconciliation, and identified adjustments.

(b) The amounts are from the Annual Fiscal Report (budgetary basis) for the 2024-25 fiscal year dated October 15, 2025.

(c) The estimates in this table for the 2025-26 fiscal year (cash basis) reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report.

(d) The amounts shown are the 2024-25 fiscal year general purpose revenues and program revenue taxes as recorded by State agencies. There may be differences between the tax revenues shown in this table and those that may be reported by DOR from time to time in its monthly general purpose revenue collections report; the DOR report (i) only includes general purpose revenues or taxes that are actually collected by DOR (and not by other State agencies), and (ii) may include accruals or other adjustments that may not be recorded by State agencies until a subsequent month.

(e) The amounts shown are the 2025-26 fiscal year general purpose revenues and program revenue taxes as recorded by State agencies. There may be differences between the tax revenues shown in this table and those that may be reported by DOR from time to time in its monthly general purpose revenue collections report; the DOR report (i) only includes general purpose revenues or taxes that are actually collected by DOR (and not by other State agencies), and (ii) may include accruals or other adjustments that may not be recorded by State agencies until a subsequent month.

(f) This category includes intergovernmental transfers. The amount of these transfers may vary greatly between fiscal years, and therefore, this category may not be comparable on a historical basis.

(g) Certain transfers between General Fund appropriations are recorded as both revenues and expenditures of the General Fund. The amount of these transfers may vary greatly between fiscal years, and therefore this category may not be comparable on a historical basis.

**Source: DOA**

**Table II-17; General Fund Recorded Expenditures by Function** (Part II; Page 57). Replace with the following updated table.

**GENERAL FUND RECORDED EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION<sup>(a)</sup>**  
**(Agency-Recorded Basis)**  
**July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 compared with previous year**

	<b>Annual Fiscal Report Expenditures 2024-25 Fiscal Year<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Estimated Appropriations 2025-26 Fiscal Year<sup>(c)</sup></b>	<b>Recorded Expenditures July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024<sup>(d)</sup></b>	<b>Recorded Expenditures July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025<sup>(e)</sup></b>
Commerce .....	\$632,655,000	\$509,163,900	\$384,913,278	\$406,290,627
Education .....	18,055,299,000	17,999,158,100	8,023,610,837	7,672,456,177
Environmental Resources .....	464,133,000	473,115,400	271,270,524	253,215,814
Human Relations & Resources .....	22,916,567,000	23,240,359,100	11,134,270,049	11,609,869,339
General Executive .....	2,020,705,000	1,424,844,800	1,028,769,402	967,785,083
Judicial .....	175,715,000	185,280,000	86,279,231	94,870,193
Legislative .....	91,474,000	100,746,100	36,649,415	40,211,136
General Appropriations .....	2,242,107,000	296,893,800	3,510,283,374	3,320,948,292
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,598,655,000</b>	<b>\$44,229,561,200</b>	<b>\$24,476,046,110</b>	<b>\$24,365,646,660</b>

(a) The expenditures in this table are presented on an agency-recorded basis and not a budgetary basis. None of the data presented in this table has been subjected to customary fiscal period closing procedures or other procedures used in the preparation of a financial statement, including verification, reconciliation, and identified adjustments.

(b) The amounts are from the Annual Fiscal Report (budgetary basis) for the 2024-25 fiscal year, dated October 15, 2025.

(c) The appropriations included in this table reflect 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, but do not reflect the January 2026 LFB Report.

(d) The amounts shown are 2024-25 fiscal year expenditures as recorded by all State agencies.

(e) The amounts shown are 2025-26 fiscal year expenditures as recorded by all State agencies.

**Source: DOA**

**Table II-39; Unemployment Rate Comparison** (Part II; Page 95). Replace with the following updated table.

**Table II-39**  
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARISON<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**  
**2020 to 2025**

	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Wis.</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
January	3.6	4.4	3.0	4.1	2.9	3.9	3.5	4.4	5.0	6.8	3.6	4.0
February	3.8	4.5	3.5	4.2	3.2	3.9	3.6	4.1	5.2	6.6	3.5	3.8
March	3.7	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.9	6.2	3.9	4.5
April	3.2	3.9	2.9	3.5	2.6	3.1	2.8	3.3	4.2	5.7	14.0	14.4
May	3.3	4.0	2.8	3.7	2.7	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.8	5.5	10.6	13.0
June	3.2	4.4	3.3	4.3	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.8	4.4	6.1	9.0	11.2
July	3.2	4.6	3.2	4.5	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.9	5.7	7.9	10.5
August	3.2	4.5	2.9	4.4	3.1	3.9	2.9	3.8	3.6	5.3	6.1	8.5
September	2.7	4.3	2.5	3.9	2.6	3.6	2.4	3.3	2.9	4.6	5.3	7.7
October	— <sup>(c)</sup>	— <sup>(c)</sup>	2.5	3.9	2.4	3.6	2.2	3.4	2.5	4.3	4.5	6.6
November	2.7	4.3	2.7	4.0	2.4	3.5	2.2	3.4	2.4	3.9	4.4	6.4
December			2.9	3.8	2.5	3.5	2.2	3.3	2.5	3.7	4.6	6.5
Annual Average			3.0	4.0	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.7	3.8	5.4	6.5	8.1

<sup>(a)</sup> Figures show the percentage of labor force that is unemployed and are *not seasonally adjusted*.

<sup>(b)</sup> Historical information has been adjusted due to benchmarking through the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).

<sup>(c)</sup> Information not available due to the federal government shutdown.

**Source: Department of Workforce Development and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

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*State of Wisconsin*

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Senator Howard Marklein, Senate Chair  
Representative Mark Born, Assembly Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

In January of each year, this office conducts a review of the status of the state's general fund and presents its findings to the Legislature. In the even-numbered years, this analysis includes an examination of economic forecasts and tax collection and expenditure data of the current fiscal year, and projections for each year of the current biennium. We have now completed that review.

Based upon our analysis, we project the closing, net general fund balance at the end of this biennium (June 30, 2027) to be \$2,373.5 million. This is \$1,529.0 million above the net balance that was projected at the time of enactment of the 2025-27 biennial budget, as modified to: (1) incorporate the 2024-25 ending balance (2025-26 opening balance) as shown in the Annual Fiscal Report; (2) include the fiscal effect of all legislation enacted to date in the current legislative session (2025 Acts 1 to 82); and (3) include the estimated fiscal effects of the following general fund tax law changes that were automatically adopted by, or altered estimated tax collections for, the state after enactment of the federal P.L. 119-21, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA): (a) the credit percentage for the child and dependent care expense credit; (b) Section 179 expensing provisions; (c) the federal limit for itemized deductions of state and local taxes; (d) reporting requirements for de minimus payments by third-party settlement organizations; (e) health savings accounts; (f) the qualified small business stock exclusion; (g) eligible expenses made from college savings accounts; (h) eligible rollovers to ABLE accounts from college savings accounts; and (i) the repeal of the deduction for energy efficient buildings.

The \$1,529.0 million is the net result of: (1) an increase of \$1,367.1 million in estimated tax collections; (2) an increase of \$104.0 million in departmental revenues (non-tax receipts deposited in the general fund); (3) an increase of \$49.9 million in sum sufficient appropriations; and (4) an increase of \$107.8 million in the amounts that are estimated to lapse (revert) to the general fund.

The following table reflects the 2025-27 general fund condition statement, which incorporates our revenue and expenditure projections.

**TABLE 1**  
**2025-27 General Fund Condition Statement**

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Opening Balance, July 1	\$4,605,574,000	\$3,003,603,500
Taxes	22,685,700,000	23,242,500,000
Departmental Revenues		
Tribal Gaming	12,176,500	13,992,700
Other	<u>708,250,200</u>	<u>570,562,400</u>
Total	\$28,011,700,700	\$26,830,658,600
<b>Appropriations, Transfers, and Reserves</b>		
Gross Appropriations	\$22,734,799,500	\$23,006,347,100
Transfers to:		
Building Program	326,500,000	0
Local Government Fund	1,587,022,700	1,622,776,600
Transportation Fund:		
EV Sales Tax	28,038,500	28,470,600
0.25% Transfer	54,901,100	56,517,700
Other	580,000,000	0
Mental Health Institutes	15,800,000	0
Veterans Homes	5,100,000	0
Compensation Reserves	159,891,200	225,809,500
Less Lapses	<u>-483,955,800</u>	<u>-597,745,300</u>
Net Appropriations	\$25,008,097,200	\$24,342,176,200
<b>Balances</b>		
Gross Balance	\$3,003,603,500	\$2,488,482,400
Less Required Statutory	<u>-110,000,000</u>	<u>-115,000,000</u>
Net Balance	\$2,893,603,500	\$2,373,482,400

### Medical Assistance

According to the December, 2025, quarterly report prepared by the Department of Health Services, the biennial GPR appropriation for the Medical Assistance (MA) program is currently projected to end the 2025-27 biennium with a deficit of \$213.2 million. Some utilization and enrollment factors are slightly below budget estimates, and some are slightly above, but on balance the Department anticipates a deficit. This amount is relatively small in relation to the total GPR budget for the program (approximately 2.2%), and could change over the next 18 months as actual enrollment and program costs vary from current estimates.

Additionally, preliminary federal guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has created some uncertainty about the allowability of changes to Wisconsin's hospital assessment and access payments as authorized under 2025 Act 15. Specifically, Act 15 increased the amount to be collected as part of the hospital assessment and subsequently used to: (a) increase payments to hospitals; and (b) offset GPR funding for the Medical Assistance program in the 2025-27 biennium. In the event that this increase is disallowed by CMS, the result would be both a reduction of MA trust fund revenues available to offset GPR costs for the program as a whole, and an increase in GPR expenditures for hospital payments, for a total GPR shortfall of \$396 million annually (\$792 million in the 2025-27 biennium). CMS indicated that this matter will be addressed through formal rule making procedures, and thus will be subject to provisions of notice and public comment. Pending additional information from the federal government, the allowability of the Act 15 changes is not currently known.

Because of the uncertainty of the fiscal impact of the MA items mentioned above, neither is reflected in the general fund condition statement shown in Table 1.

## **Review of the National Economy in 2025**

This office prepared revenue estimates for the 2025-27 biennium in January, 2025, based on the January, 2025, S&P Global Market Intelligence (S&P Global) forecast for the U.S. economy. S&P Global anticipated that the U.S. would experience below-potential real gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 2.0%. The forecast predicted that the odds of an economic slowdown without causing a recession remained favorable, despite policies under the Trump Administration that were generally expected to increase inflation, slow the pace of monetary policy easing, and contribute to a stronger dollar and tighter financial conditions.

The January, 2025, S&P Global forecast was based on the following assumptions. First, it expected that Treasury would undertake "extraordinary measures" to meet its debt obligations, and the debt ceiling would be increased without a government shutdown. It also assumed that: (a) the individual income tax provisions in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) would be extended; (b) some tip and overtime pay would be excluded from federal income taxation; (c) the corporate tax rate would be reduced from 21% to 15% on domestic production; and (d) Medicare and Social Security benefits would continue to be paid. Second, it was assumed that, although state and local budgets had returned to deficit, unspent pandemic-era stimulus funds and ongoing Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act funds would mitigate pressures to reduce state and local spending. Third, the forecast predicted that net international migration would be reduced by 500,000 per year through 2028, relative to current Census projections. Fourth, S&P Global anticipated that the Federal Reserve would reduce the federal funds rate by 25 basis points in March and June of 2025, before pausing until the third quarter of 2026. Fifth, the forecast assumed a universal tariff rate of 10%, with a 30% tariff on imports from China. Finally, growth in real, trade-weighted foreign GDP was expected to remain unchanged at 2.0% in 2025, while the foreign consumer price index (CPI) was expected to slow to 2.5% in 2025.

S&P Global's January, 2025, forecast also included an optimistic and pessimistic scenario. The optimistic forecast scenario was that lower tariffs and fewer and slower deportations would lead to less retaliation by trading partners and faster population growth. As a result, compared to the



baseline forecast, the optimistic scenario predicted lower CPI, elevated business fixed investment, higher real personal consumption expenditures (PCE), and higher growth in real GDP. The downside risk to the forecast was that higher tariffs and stricter immigration policy would have a more negative impact on economic output, financial conditions, and business fixed investment, with these factors contributing to higher inflation, an elevated unemployment rate, slower real GDP growth, and a delayed easing of monetary policy.

In May, this office reviewed additional tax collection data and S&P Global's May, 2025, economic forecast. The estimates were revised upward slightly in 2024-25, due to strength in year-to-date collections, but downward in the 2025-27 biennium. The May revisions also incorporated S&P Global's May forecast for the U.S. economy, which generally reflected expectations of weaker economic growth in 2025, relative to the January, 2025, forecast. The forecast for real GDP growth was decreased accordingly, from 2.0% to 1.3% in 2025. Housing starts in 2025 were revised up, from -3.0% to 1.3% growth over 2024, while light vehicle sales growth was revised down, from 2.4% to -2.0%. Forecasted 2025 growth was also revised in May to reflect changes to the following indicators: (a) consumer prices, which were up 0.5 percentage points; (b) personal income (down 0.5 percentage points); (c) economic profits (down 5.1 percentage points); and (d) nominal consumer spending (up 0.5 percentage points).

Several key assumptions in the May forecast differed from those of the January forecast. S&P Global's May forecast included a new assumption of 255,000 federal layoffs through October, 2025. It was assumed that federal funds rate cuts would be delayed, relative to January assumptions, until December, 2025, at which point it was anticipated that the Federal Reserve would reduce the federal funds rate by 25 basis points at three consecutive meetings through March, 2026, then would continue reducing the rate at every other meeting through 2026. The May forecast included new Section 232 tariffs (tariffs on products deemed a threat to national security) on copper, lumber, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and critical minerals, ranging from 10% to 25%, effective in the fourth quarter of 2025. In addition, the forecast included International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) tariffs tied to fentanyl flows and immigration on imports from China (20%), Canada (25%), and Mexico (25%); the latter two were expected to decrease to 12% by early 2026. The universal tariff on imports from China, which was at 125% at the time of the May forecast (much higher than the 30% rate assumed in January), was expected to decrease to 17% by late 2025.

S&P Global now estimates that nominal GDP grew 5.1% in 2025, 0.1 percentage point higher than the May, 2025, forecast of 5.0%. S&P Global estimated that real GDP grew by 2.2% in 2025, exceeding its May expectation by 0.9 percentage points due to lower inflation than anticipated in May and by 0.2 percentage points compared to the January, 2025, projections.

Changing tariff policies created uncertainty throughout 2025. On February 1, 2025, President Trump issued a number of executive orders to impose new IEEPA tariffs on imports from Canada (25% generally and 10% on energy products), Mexico (25%), and China (10%), effective February 4, 2025. On February 3, a 30-day pause on tariff increases for imports from Canada and Mexico was announced, causing such tariffs to take effect on March 4. In early March, the President amended his previous executive orders to: (a) increase the tariff on China to 20% (effective retroactively to February 4); (b) exempt from tariffs any United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)-qualifying goods from Canada and Mexico; and (c) lower tariffs from 25% to 10% for any non-

qualifying potash from Canada or Mexico. A 10% baseline tariff took effect for most countries on April 5, 2025, with various country-specific tariffs that were set to take effect on April 9, including a 34% tariff (increased to 84% on April 8 and 125% on April 9) on China. All country-specific tariffs except those on China were paused for 90 days (until July 9), then later extended until August 1 and again to August 7, after an adjustment was made to the rates for each country. In May, the 125% tariff on goods from China was lowered to 10% for 90 days, until August 12, 2025 (and later extended to November), at which point the tariff increased to 34%. A July 30, 2025, executive order imposed a 40% IEEPA tariff on Brazil, in addition to the 10% reciprocal tariff previously announced. The 25% IEEPA tariff on goods from Canada was increased to 35% in August, and a new IEEPA tariff of 25% was imposed on imports from India.

Various expansions, additions, and increases to Section 232 tariffs were also made in 2025. In mid-February, a proclamation extended the existing 25% tariff on steel to all countries (certain countries were previously exempt) and increased the 10% tariff on aluminum to 25%, effective March 12, 2025. A March 26 proclamation imposed a 25% tariff on automobiles and certain auto parts, set to take effect on April 3 and May 3, respectively, with exemptions for USMCA-compliant parts. In early June, the tariffs on steel and aluminum were increased from 25% to 50%, except for the United Kingdom, which remained at 25%. Later that month, the 50% tariff was extended to steel derivative products. A new 50% tariff on semi-finished copper and intensive copper derivatives took effect on August 1. Various Section 232 tariffs on imports of timber and lumber products took effect in October, 2025, and a 25% tariff (later decreased to 15%) on imports from all countries of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and parts, as well as a 10% tariff on buses, took effect in November. With all of the tariffs imposed throughout the year, S&P Global now estimates an effective tariff rate of 11.84% in the fourth quarter of 2025, much lower than projected in May (20.54%). For the year, S&P estimates a four-quarter average tariff rate of 8.59% (compared to 16.87% in the May forecast).

S&P Global's May assumption regarding net international migration, which remains unchanged, was that net international migration would be reduced by 0.5 million per year, relative to the current Census projections, for the four years of the current administration due to increased enforcement of immigration laws. On December 10, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security reported that more than 605,000 individuals had been deported since January 20, 2025. An additional 1.9 million individuals voluntarily self-deported in 2025, resulting in a total of 2.5 million individuals leaving the country. In November, 2025, the Federal Reserve estimated that net international migration into the country would be around 0.5 million people in 2025, down from 2.2 million in 2024.

The Federal Reserve held the target for the federal funds rate at a range of 4.25% to 4.50% until September, 2025, at which point the rate was reduced by 25 basis points. The rate was lowered two more times in 2025, in October and December, ending the year at a range of 3.50% to 3.75%. These reductions were delayed compared to January, 2025, expectations, but accelerated compared to the May, 2025, forecast. In addition, the Federal Reserve made the decision in October to cease its reduction of its holdings of Treasury securities and agency debt on December 1, 2025. At its December meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee determined that reserve balances had fallen to sufficient levels and stated that it would, on an ongoing basis, initiate purchases of shorter-term Treasury securities as needed to maintain a similar level of reserves.

The monthly average 30-year, conventional, fixed mortgage rate slowly eased as the year progressed, declining from 6.96% in January, 2025, to 6.19% by December, 2025. While mortgage rates ended the year at a lower level than projected in May, the average rate for the year (6.59%) was consistent with the May forecast. S&P Global estimates that the average price of existing homes increased 1.6% in 2025, while the price of a 1996-style home increased 3.1%. Existing house sales remained unchanged, while sales of new homes declined 0.4%, compared to 2024. Single-family housing starts declined 7.4% in 2025, a result S&P Global attributes to reduced immigration and higher tariffs. According to S&P Global, in November, 2025, the real mortgage payment on a median-priced home was 66% higher than in January, 2020.

The stock market remained surprisingly strong in 2025, with growth in artificial intelligence a major driver. The S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average increased 16.4% and 13.0%, respectively, over the year, building on the significant market strength seen in 2023 and 2024. Household equities increased 13.9% in 2025, exceeding January (1.3%) and May (-6.1%) expectations.

The growth in artificial intelligence applications, which are energy-intensive, has prompted significant investment in data centers. S&P Global reports that, in the first 11 months of 2025, U.S. investment in data centers totaled more than \$61 billion, following just under \$61 billion of investment in 2024. A Harvard economist found that, in the first half of 2025, 92% of GDP growth was due to investment in information processing equipment & software. If such investments were excluded from the calculation, first half GDP would have grown at just a 0.1% annual rate. S&P Global now estimates that investment in information processing equipment increased 22.6% in 2025, after increasing 7.3% in 2024.

Inflation continued to ease in 2025, although it remained above the Federal Reserve's long-range target of 2% (as it has since 2021). CPI declined slightly from 3.0% growth in 2024 to 2.7% growth in 2025 (0.6 percentage points lower than previously forecasted). Food prices increased at a similar rate to overall CPI (2.9%), while commodity and energy prices grew only 0.7% and 0.1%, respectively. Core CPI (which excludes food and energy prices) increased 2.9%, driven by a 3.6% increase in prices for nonenergy services. The average price of a new vehicle increased slightly, from \$46,100 in 2024 to \$46,600 in 2025.

The labor market continued to soften in 2025, with the national unemployment rate slowly rising as the year progressed, increasing from 4.0% in January, 2025, to 4.4% in December, 2025. The national unemployment rate averaged 4.3% in 2025, 0.1 percentage point lower than anticipated in May. The Wisconsin unemployment rate remained unchanged from December, 2024, at 3.1% as of November, 2025.

According to S&P Global, the U.S. economy has entered into a "low-hire, low-fire" environment. As such, the percentage of unemployed persons who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer rose from 21.1% in January, 2025, to 26.0% in December, 2025. For the 12-month period from December, 2024, to November, 2025, total layoffs increased 2.8% over the prior 12-month period. While layoffs did increase, there were no major spikes in layoffs throughout the year. U.S. personal income increased 4.8% and wage and salary disbursements increased 4.4% in 2025, exceeding May, 2025, estimates by 0.2 and 0.3 percentage points, respectively.

In early 2025, the Trump Administration provided federal employees with the option to resign with pay until September 30, 2025, through a deferred resignation program. Employees who chose this option effectively quit their jobs in February, 2025, and stopped working, but still received pay and remained on federal payrolls until October. In addition to the deferred resignation program, the federal government conducted layoffs throughout the year. Over the year, these measures reduced overall federal employment by an estimated 317,000 employees (offset by approximately 68,000 newly-hired federal employees), representing a net decrease in federal employment of 8.3% over December, 2024, levels. However, major federal job losses were offset by net job gains over the last 12 months (December 2024 to December 2025) of 885,800 in the private sector (with 709,000 of the increase due to gains in private education and health services jobs). From December, 2024, to December, 2025, total nonfarm payrolls increased by 584,000, while federal employment declined by 274,000. Overall, the four-quarter average of U.S. nonfarm payrolls is estimated to have increased 1.8% from 2024 to 2025, just 0.1 percentage point less than previously anticipated, while Wisconsin nonfarm payrolls decreased 0.1% between December, 2024, and November, 2025.

Many factors, including rising unemployment rates and concerns about job security, persistent inflation and price levels, high interest rates, and concerns over tariffs and the potential impact on prices have weighed on consumer sentiment. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index fell from 74.0 in December, 2024, to 51.0 in November, 2025, its lowest level since June of 2022. Consumer sentiment increased slightly to 52.9 in December, 2025.

Despite low consumer sentiment levels, nominal consumer spending grew 5.3% in 2025 (2.6 percentage points higher than CPI growth). Consumer spending was the primary driver of the economy, contributing 1.80 percentage points to real GDP growth. However, data suggest that spending strength, despite broader economic concerns, has primarily increased among the wealthiest households, while lower-income consumers have begun to decrease spending.

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the OBBBA into law. The bill extends and/or makes permanent many of the TCJA individual and business tax provisions, including the rates and brackets of the 2017 individual tax cuts, consistent with previous forecast assumptions. The bill also provides tax exclusions for overtime pay and tips, and temporarily increases the deduction limit for state and local taxes from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for five years. The limit will revert to \$10,000 beginning in tax year 2030. S&P Global had anticipated that the bill would include tax relief on tip income and overtime pay, although the actual relief provided was smaller than previously assumed. Corporate marginal tax rate reductions previously assumed by S&P Global did not occur. The OBBBA makes several changes to Medicaid eligibility, enrollment, and payment policies, with varying effective dates, and applicable to different populations. On net, the bill increases direct federal spending, rather than reducing it (as previously assumed by S&P Global).

On October 1, 2025, the federal government entered a government shutdown after the U.S. Congress failed to pass a budget for the 2026 fiscal year (October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026). This marked the first shutdown since the 2018-19 federal fiscal year. On November 12, President Trump signed legislation ending the shutdown after 43 days and funding the federal government until January 30, 2026. Certain agencies and programs, including the Department of Agriculture, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, the Food and Drug Administration, and the legislative branch, were funded through September of 2026. S&P Global estimates that the direct impact of the

shutdown was a 0.8 percentage point decline in GDP growth in the fourth quarter, although it forecasts that this decline will be offset by a corresponding increase in the first quarter of 2026.

## **National Economic Forecast**

Under the January, 2026, forecast, S&P Global predicts moderate real GDP growth of 2.3% in 2026 and 1.9% in 2027. Despite recent increases in unemployment rate levels, S&P Global's forecast does not project a recession. However, the forecast projects that inflation will persist long enough to keep Federal Reserve actions paused through June, 2026. The Attachment outlines the January, 2026, economic forecast by S&P Global, as well as changes to the forecast since May, 2025, for 2025 through 2027.

The 2026 forecast is based on the following key assumptions. First, the forecast incorporates the direct effects of the partial government shutdown that ended on November 12, 2025, as well as the provisions of the OBBBA. Second, states generally remain fiscally sound despite most of the pandemic-era funds having been spent, although the forecast assumes that states will take on a larger share of the provision of Medicaid benefits in response to reduced federal grants. Third, the forecast assumes a reduction in net international migration by 500,000 per year for the four years of the current administration, relative to current Census estimates. Fourth, S&P Global anticipates that the Federal Reserve will pause its reduction of the federal funds rate until June of 2026, then reduce the rate twice to reach S&P Global's estimate of the long-run "neutral" range of 3.00% to 3.25% in September, 2026. Fifth, the forecast assumes a new Section 232 tariff of 10% on critical minerals will take effect in the first quarter of 2027, and that previously announced tariffs on furniture and cabinetry and semiconductors will no longer take effect. Current IEEPA tariffs tied to fentanyl flows and immigration on imports from China (10%), Canada (35%) and Mexico (25%), as well as reciprocal tariffs announced in August of 2025, remain in place, although the forecast expects that the rates on Canada and Mexico will decrease to 15% by mid-2026. Finally, it assumes that growth in real, trade-weighted foreign GDP will slow to 2.0% and growth in foreign CPI inflation will fall to 2.2% in 2026. S&P Global assumes that foreign sovereign bond yields average 3.0% from 2025 through 2027.

*Consumer Prices.* CPI slowed to 2.7% in 2025, down from 3.0% in 2024. Core CPI, which excludes food and energy prices, exceeded overall CPI, growing 2.9% in 2025 (1.0 percentage point lower than predicted in May). S&P Global expects growth in CPI to slow to 2.5% in 2026, before increasing to 2.8% in 2027, due, in part, to a slowdown and subsequent recovery of energy prices in 2026 (0.1%) and 2027 (4.5%), respectively. S&P Global also notes that the price impacts of tariffs have been slow to materialize, contributing to the forecast of lower inflation in 2026 and higher inflation in 2027. Core CPI growth is estimated at 2.7% in 2026 and 2027.

The price of Brent crude oil is expected to ease from \$69 in 2025 to \$59 in 2026 and \$64 in 2027. Shortly after S&P Global released its January, 2026, forecast, the U.S. carried out a military operation in Venezuela and removed President Nicolás Maduro. In addition, a partial blockade of Venezuelan oil exports has been in place since December 11, 2025. Even if this blockade were lifted, S&P Global projects that the increase in crude-oil supply would not significantly impact overall oil prices.

*Personal Consumption.* Nominal PCE grew 5.3% in 2025, which is 0.4 percentage points less than previously forecast, with growth in spending on services (6.0%) outpacing spending on goods (3.9%). As a result, the shift by consumers from spending on goods to services continued, with purchases of services making up 68.9% of all PCE, 0.3 percentage points higher than estimated in May, in 2025 (compared to 68.5% in 2024). The forecast projects that consumer spending will continue to shift towards services, with purchases of services making up 69.7% of all PCE, 0.4 percentage points higher than estimated in May, by 2027. Real (inflation-adjusted) PCE is expected to slow from 2.7% in 2025 to 2.6% in 2026 and 1.9% in 2027.

S&P Global anticipates that nominal PCE growth will remain at 5.3% in 2026 and slow to 4.5% in 2027, as the softening of the labor market prompts more caution from consumers. Sales of consumer items generally subject to the state sales tax (such as most durable goods, clothing, restaurant meals, accommodations, and certain services) grew by an estimated 5.6% in 2025, and are forecast to grow by 2.6% in 2026 and 3.2% in 2027 (after accounting for the new exemption of residential energy from sales tax).

*Employment.* The national unemployment rate averaged 4.3% over 2025, lower than previous projections (in January and May, 2025) by 0.1 percentage point. S&P Global projects that the unemployment rate will rise to 4.7% in 2026, then ease slightly to 4.6% in 2027. Average annual nonfarm payrolls grew 0.9% in 2025 (0.1 percentage point lower than previously forecast), and are expected to remain relatively flat through the forecast period, growing just 0.5% in both 2026 and 2027. S&P Global estimates that the U.S. labor force participation rate declined slightly to 62.4% in 2025, and expects that the rate will be unchanged in 2026, before declining to 62.2% in 2027.

*Personal Income.* Personal income grew 4.8% in 2025, faster than expected in the May forecast (4.6%), but less than projected in January (5.1%). Wage and salary disbursements grew 4.4% in 2025 (compared to 4.1% forecast in May, 2025), and are projected to continue increasing 4.8% in 2026 and 5.8% in 2027. Personal income is expected to grow slightly faster, increasing 5.3% in 2026 and 5.9% in 2027.

Real disposable income grew at a slower pace compared to 2024 (2.9%), up 1.7% in 2025. S&P Global anticipates that growth in real disposable income will increase to 3.3% in 2026 and 3.1% in 2027. The personal savings rate, as a percentage of disposable income, declined from 5.5% in 2024 to 4.6% in 2025, but is expected to increase to 5.2% in 2026 and 6.3% in 2027. Real household net worth increased 3.5% in 2025 and is expected to increase 1.0% in 2026, before declining 2.4% in 2027, driven by a projected decrease in equities (-7.3%).

*Monetary Policy.* As mentioned, the Federal Reserve decreased the federal funds rate three times in 2025, to a range of 3.50% to 3.75%. In addition, the Federal Reserve reduced its holdings of agency debt, mortgage-backed securities, and Treasuries by \$321.4 billion in 2025, to approximately \$6.6 trillion, but decided to cease further reductions beginning on December 1, 2025.

Going forward, it is anticipated that the Federal Reserve will pause its easing cycle until June of 2026, at which point it will reduce the federal funds rate twice, to S&P Global's estimated

long-run "neutral" range of 3.00% to 3.25% in September, 2026. In 2025, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 6.59%, down 0.14 percentage points from 2024. In response to further Federal Reserve rate reductions, mortgage rates are expected to decline to 6.01% in 2026 and 5.83% in 2027.

*Housing.* Housing starts declined 1.9% in 2025, in contrast to projections of 1.3% growth in May, 2025, driven by a 7.4% decline in single-family housing starts. Multi-family housing starts grew 13.8% in 2025. Growth in house prices slowed in 2025, with the average price of existing houses increasing 1.6% and the average price for new houses increasing just 0.6%. Sales of existing houses declined less than 0.1 percentage point in 2025, reaching its lowest point since the start of the data series in 1999, while sales of new houses declined 0.4%.

Going forward, S&P Global estimates a continued decline in housing starts in 2026 (-2.6%) and a slight increase in 2027 (0.3%). Sales of new and existing homes are expected to increase 9.0% in 2026 and 6.7% in 2027, as lower mortgage rates and easing prices make housing more affordable. The average price of existing homes is expected to grow 3.1% in 2026 and 3.4% in 2027, while the average price of new homes is projected to increase just 0.6% in 2026 and 2.7% in 2027.

*Business Investment.* S&P Global estimates that nominal nonresidential fixed investment grew 5.2% in 2025, 0.4 percentage points lower than the May estimate of 5.6%. Growth in 2025 was led by investment in equipment (9.9%), particularly information processing equipment (22.6%), and intellectual property products (6.6%). Inventories increased by an estimated \$35.1 billion in 2025 (from quarter four of 2024 to quarter four of 2025), down from the \$65.9 billion increase estimated in May, 2025. Going forward, S&P Global anticipates inventories will continue to increase another \$17.9 billion in 2026 and \$79.7 billion in 2027.

Growth in nominal nonresidential fixed investment is projected to slow to 3.0% in 2026 and 2.6% in 2027, reflecting a continued decline in spending on manufacturing structures (-9.3% in 2026 and -21.2% in 2027) and a slowing of growth in intellectual property products (5.0% in 2026 and 2.7% in 2027).

*International Trade.* In contrast with May predictions, growth in nominal exports (3.4%) slightly exceeded growth in imports (3.0%) in 2025. Imports grew 2.4 percentage points slower than previously anticipated, while exports grew 1.4 percentage points faster. However, in real dollar terms, growth in imports (2.7%) still exceeded growth in exports (1.8%). Therefore, net exports subtracted 0.18 percentage points from real GDP growth in 2025. As a result of increased tariffs in 2025, taxes on production and imports increased 98%, from \$185.1 billion in 2024 to \$365.6 billion in 2025. The forecast anticipates that federal tariff revenues will increase federal tax revenues further in 2026 and 2027, to \$568.9 billion and \$566.0 billion, respectively.

Over the remainder of the forecast period, S&P Global predicts that some domestic demand will be redirected to domestic producers due to the higher cost of imports. Therefore, growth in nominal exports (4.1% in 2026 and 5.9% in 2027) is expected to exceed growth in nominal imports (-0.8% in 2026 and 3.8% in 2027), improving the balance of trade by 18.5% in 2026 and 5.9% in 2027. Net exports are expected to contribute 0.29 percentage points to real GDP growth in 2026

and subtract 0.02 in 2027.

*Corporate Profits.* Corporate before-tax book profits remained unchanged in 2025 (compared to 2024), and are forecast to increase 3.8% in 2026 and 0.3% in 2027. Economic profits, which are adjusted for inventory valuation and capital consumption at current cost (and are not affected by federal tax laws), grew 6.5% in 2025 (12.3 percentage points more than predicted in May). S&P Global forecasts that economic profits will increase 4.1% in 2026 and remain stable in 2027. The current forecast assumes that the effective federal corporate tax rate for all industries was 14.2% in 2025, and will increase to 14.3% in 2026 and 14.5% in 2027.

*Fiscal Policy.* The annual federal budget deficit is estimated to have declined from \$1,816.8 billion in 2024 to \$1,775.4 billion in 2025. Going forward, the forecast expects the annual deficit to increase to \$1,802.1 billion in 2026 and \$1,853.3 billion in 2027. As a result, the federal deficit is expected to increase from \$36.9 trillion (equal to 120% of U.S. GDP) in 2025 to \$41.6 trillion (123% of GDP) in 2027. S&P Global estimates that spending by the federal government subtracted 0.04 percentage points from real GDP growth in 2025, but will contribute 0.16 percentage points in 2026 and 0.02 percentage points in 2027. State and local government spending contributed 0.27 percentage points to GDP growth in 2025, and is projected to contribute another 0.1 percentage point in 2026 and 0.03 percentage points in 2027.

*Alternate Scenarios.* S&P Global's January, 2026, forecast also includes an optimistic scenario and a pessimistic scenario. Under the optimistic scenario, S&P Global assigns a 30% probability that the U.S. will implement lower tariffs and experience less retaliation by trading partners than assumed in the baseline forecast. In response, the Federal Reserve continues the current easing cycle at a faster pace than in the baseline, reducing the federal funds rate three times in 2026, versus two reductions in the baseline, and bringing the funds rate target range to 2.75 to 3.00% in June of 2026, 25 basis points below the baseline range. The unemployment rate briefly peaks at 4.7%, as in the baseline forecast, but remains 0.2 percentage points below the base, on average. Under the optimistic scenario, fewer and slower deportations boost population growth compared to the baseline, increasing real PCE by 0.7 and 0.5 percentage points in 2026 and 2027, respectively. The combination of lower tariffs and faster population growth increases economic output and financial conditions, which contributes to elevated business fixed investment. The optimistic scenario assumes that lower tariffs will lead to faster moderation in inflation in 2026, with CPI at 2.4% in 2026 (0.1 percentage point lower than the baseline). However, economic strength and labor market tightness bring CPI 0.3 percentage points higher than the baseline in 2027, with growth of 3.1%. Real GDP grows 2.9% in 2026 and 2.2% in 2027 (0.7 and 0.3 percentage points higher than the baseline, respectively).

Under the pessimistic scenario, to which S&P assigns a 20% probability, higher tariffs and a more noticeable retaliation by trading partners cause higher near-term inflation (2.7%) than assumed in the baseline. Higher tariffs, paired with slower population growth as a result of stricter immigration policy, have a more negative impact on economic output, financial conditions, and business fixed investment, compared to the baseline forecast. These factors push the economy into a two-quarter recession starting in early 2026. As such, real GDP grows 1.4 and 1.5 percentage points slower than the baseline in 2026 and 2027, respectively. Under the pessimistic scenario, the unemployment rate rises to 6.7% by mid-2028, exceeding the peak in the baseline forecast by 2.0



percentage points. The elevated unemployment rate causes inflation to fall below the baseline forecast in mid-2027. In response to economic weakness, this scenario predicts that the Federal Reserve aggressively cuts the federal funds rate in 2026, bringing the rate to a range of 2.00% to 2.25% by September, 2026. Normalization of the rates towards the baseline does not begin until September, 2029.

## General Fund Taxes

Table 2 shows general fund tax revenue estimates for 2025-26 and 2026-27. The previous estimates are the general fund tax estimates included in 2025 Act 15, adjusted to reflect subsequent law changes and automatically adopted provisions of the OBBBA.

**TABLE 2**  
**Projected General Fund Tax Collections**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

	2024-25 <u>Actual</u>	<u>Previous Estimates</u>		<u>Revised Estimates</u> <u>January, 2026</u>	
		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Individual Income	\$10,451.1	\$9,874.3	\$10,353.1	\$10,330.0	\$10,665.0
General Sales and Use	7,831.6	8,083.3	8,249.3	8,083.3	8,249.3
Corporate Income/Franchise	2,761.7	2,650.6	2,691.1	2,935.0	3,000.0
Public Utility	387.5	404.0	394.0	412.0	401.0
Excise					
Cigarette	369.6	348.0	326.0	348.0	322.0
Tobacco Products	83.0	85.0	84.0	78.0	76.0
Vapor Products	8.1	7.2	7.3	5.5	6.4
Liquor and Wine	72.9	74.0	76.0	76.0	80.0
Beer	8.4	8.2	8.1	7.9	7.8
Insurance Company	268.8	285.0	294.0	276.0	291.0
Miscellaneous Taxes	<u>120.2</u>	<u>124.8</u>	<u>133.8</u>	<u>134.0</u>	<u>144.0</u>
Total	\$22,362.9	\$21,944.4	\$22,616.7	\$22,685.7	\$23,242.5
Change from Prior Year		-\$418.5	\$672.3	\$322.8	\$556.8
Percent Change		-1.9%	3.1%	1.4%	2.5%

In total, these amounts are \$1,367.1 million higher than the previous estimates. The percentage difference is 3.1% higher. Nearly all of the increase (99.5%) is attributed to higher projections for individual income taxes and corporate income/franchise taxes, which are \$767.6 million and \$593.3 million higher than the previous forecast, respectively. The remaining \$6.2 million increase is comprised of increased estimates for miscellaneous taxes and utility taxes, offset by lower estimates for excise taxes and insurance premiums taxes. The estimates for sales and use taxes have not been changed.

*Individual Income Tax.* Total individual income tax collections were \$10,451.1 million in

2024-25, an increase of 7.5% over the prior year. Actual revenues in 2024-25 were \$31.1 million (0.3%) above this office's previous estimates. Based on preliminary collections information through December, 2025, total year-to-date collections for 2025-26 are higher by 6.8% (\$318.0 million) than such receipts during the same time period one year ago. Withholding collections, which are 5.7% (\$244.5 million) higher than the same period in 2024-25, and estimated payments, which are 20.3% (\$73.5 million) higher than the same period in 2024-25, are the main reasons for this growth.

Over the remainder of 2025-26, total individual income tax revenues are projected to decline by 7.6% relative to the same time period in 2024-25. The main factor contributing to this decline is the impact of the income tax reductions automatically adopted following enactment of the OBBBA and the following reductions contained in 2025 Act 15: (a) expanding the second bracket (4.40% rate) to cover additional taxable income that had been subject to the 5.30% rate; (b) creating an exclusion for up to \$24,000 (\$48,000 married-joint) of retirement income for filers aged 67 or older; and (c) increasing the maximum adoption expenses deduction from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The Act 15 changes took effect beginning in tax year 2025, and are estimated to reduce collections by \$700 million in 2025-26. The majority of this fiscal effect is expected to result in increased refunds over the remainder of the fiscal year, as taxpayers file their returns by April, 2026.

Total collections for 2025-26 are estimated at \$10,330 million, which is \$455.7 million (4.6%) higher than the previous estimates. One factor that is expected to help revenues over the rest of 2025-26 is the projected high level of capital gains realizations for tax year 2025. [Realizations for tax year 2026 are also expected to be significant, though not as high as tax years 2024 or 2025]. Additionally, the year-to-date withholding growth for 2025-26 (5.7%) is higher than had been anticipated.

Total individual income tax revenues for 2026-27 are projected to increase by 3.2% year-over-year, to a total of \$10,665 million. Relative to the previous estimates, these figures are higher by \$311.9 million (3.0%). Major contributing factors to this increase include an improved forecast for wages and salaries, which impacts withholding collections, and a higher forecast for capital gains.

*General Sales and Use Tax.* State sales and use tax revenues totaled \$7,831.6 million in 2024-25, which was an increase of 3.2% over the prior year. Sales tax revenues are estimated at \$8,083.3 million in 2025-26 and \$8,249.3 million in 2026-27, constituting annual growth of 3.2% in 2025-26 and 2.1% in 2026-27. These estimates are unchanged from prior estimates. Year-to-date sales tax collections through December are up \$143.9 million (4.4%) over the same period in the previous year. However, adjusting for previously enacted law changes and other one-time effects to collections, year-to-date growth is up 5.3%. State sales tax collections are expected to grow 2.4% for the remaining months of 2025-26. The estimate accounts for various sales tax exemptions enacted during the 2025-27 biennium, including the exemption for residential energy sold during the months of May through October, as well as certain refund payments anticipated to be made over the remainder of the biennium.

*Corporate Income/Franchise Taxes.* Corporate profits and year-to-date collections in 2025-26 have been far stronger than previously forecast. Economic profits, which are adjusted for inventory valuation and capital consumption at current cost (and thus not affected by federal tax laws), grew by 6.5% in 2025 (which is 12.3 percentage points more than forecasted in May). Given the strength in corporate profits, year-to-date collections have increased 10.4% compared to the

previous year, with estimated payments (7.4%) and collections from partnerships under the pass-through entity tax (43.5%) particularly strong. Based on the updated forecast and year-to-date collections, corporate income/franchise tax revenues are now projected to be \$2,935 million in 2025-26. This estimate is \$284.4 million (10.7%) higher than the previous forecast and reflects growth of 6.3% over prior year collections (\$2,761.7 million in 2024-25).

S&P Global forecasts that economic profits will increase 4.1% in 2026 and remain unchanged in 2027. Based on the updated forecast and the increased estimate for 2025-26, corporate income/franchise tax revenues are now estimated to be \$3,000 million in 2026-27, representing 2.2% growth over the prior year. This is an increase of \$308.9 million (11.5%) compared to previous estimates. Note that the forecast also reflects recent changes to federal tax law under OBBBA that are automatically adopted or impact collections for purposes of state tax law (such as deductions for Section 179 expenses and changes to the \$10,000 limit for deductions of state and local taxes).

*Public Utility Taxes.* Revenue from public utility taxes totaled \$387.5 million in 2024-25, \$3.5 million higher than previously estimated, and is estimated at \$412.0 million in 2025-26 and \$401.0 million in 2026-27. Year-over-year, these amounts represent an increase of 6.3% in 2025-26 and a decrease of 2.7% in 2026-27. Declining tax collections in 2026-27 are primarily attributed to the phase-in of the personal property tax exemption for telephone companies enacted under 2023 Act 140.

Relative to the previous estimates, these estimates reflect an increase of \$8.0 million in 2025-26 and \$7.0 million in 2026-27. The higher overall utility tax estimates are primarily attributable to increased estimates for gross receipts taxes on private light, heat, and power companies. Estimates of growth in sales by Wisconsin power companies of natural gas in 2025 and electricity in 2026 have improved since the previous forecast, increasing estimates of tax revenue for both 2025-26 and 2026-27.

*Excise Taxes.* General fund excise taxes are imposed on cigarettes, liquor (including wine and hard cider), other tobacco products, vapor products, and beer. Total excise tax revenues in 2024-25 were \$542.0 million, of which \$369.6 million (68.2%) was from the excise tax on cigarettes. Total excise taxes declined 5.2% in 2024-25, driven by declines of 8.2% and 3.2% in cigarette and tobacco products tax revenues, respectively. Total excise tax revenues are estimated to decrease by 4.9% to \$515.4 million in 2025-26 and by 4.5% to \$492.2 million in 2026-27. Compared to the previous estimates, these amounts are lower by \$7.0 million in 2025-26 and \$9.2 million in 2026-27.

Tobacco products tax revenues are the primary reason for this revision and are estimated at \$78.0 million in 2025-26 and \$76.0 million in 2026-27, constituting annual revenue declines of 6.0% and 2.6%, respectively. These estimates are lower than previously forecast by \$7.0 million in 2025-26 and \$8.0 million in 2026-27. These revisions are largely due to lower than anticipated year-to-date growth in sales of tobacco (-8.5%), and a persistent downward trend in annual revenues.

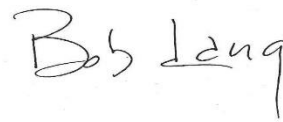
*Insurance Premiums Taxes.* Insurance premiums taxes were \$268.8 million in 2024-25, which is \$6.2 million lower than previously estimated. Revenues are now projected to be \$276.0 million in

2025-26, and \$291.0 million in 2026-27, reflecting growth of 2.7% and 5.4%, respectively. Compared to the previous estimates, these estimates represent decreases in insurance premiums tax revenues of \$9.0 million in 2025-26 and \$3.0 million in 2026-27. The new estimates are decreased to reflect lower actual collections than estimated for 2024-25 and lower than anticipated year-to-date collections (1.8% growth).

*Miscellaneous Taxes.* Miscellaneous taxes include the real estate transfer fee (RETF), municipal and circuit court-related fees, a small amount from the occupational tax on coal, and certain other fees and taxes. Miscellaneous tax revenues were \$120.2 million in 2024-25, of which 87.8% was generated from the RETF. Total miscellaneous tax collections in 2024-25 represented an increase of 10.8% from the prior fiscal year. Miscellaneous tax revenues are estimated at \$134.0 million in 2025-26 and \$144.0 million in 2026-27, which is higher than the previous estimate by \$9.2 million in 2025-26 and \$10.2 million in 2026-27. The revised estimates primarily reflect strong year-to-date growth in adjusted collections of the RETF (24.9%).

This office will continue to monitor state revenues and expenditures and new economic forecasts, and notify you and your colleagues of any future adjustments that may be necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bob Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Robert Wm. Lang  
Director

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cc: Members, Wisconsin Legislature

## ATTACHMENT

### Summary of National Economic Indicators S&P Global Market Intelligence Baseline Forecast January, 2026, and May, 2025 (\$ in Billions)

	<u>May, 2025</u>			<u>January, 2026</u>			<u>Difference from May</u>		
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Nominal Gross Domestic Product	\$30,643.3	\$32,005.7	\$33,173.3	\$30,778.5	\$32,380.7	\$33,831.7	\$135.2	\$375.0	\$658.4
% Change	5.0%	4.4%	3.6%	5.1%	5.2%	4.5%	0.1%	0.8%	0.8%
Real Gross Domestic Product	\$23,618.0	\$24,008.1	\$24,402.8	\$23,863.2	\$24,420.5	\$24,889.9	\$245.1	\$412.5	\$487.0
% Change	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.3%
Consumer Price Index (% Change)	3.4%	2.9%	2.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.8%	-0.7%	-0.4%	0.6%
Personal Income	\$25,787.8	\$27,043.2	\$28,425.6	\$26,094.8	\$27,464.9	\$29,084.6	\$307.0	\$421.7	\$659.0
% Change	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%	4.8%	5.3%	5.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%
Nominal PCE	\$20,954.1	\$21,799.2	\$22,643.1	\$20,957.0	\$22,062.6	\$23,045.0	\$2.9	\$263.3	\$402.0
% Change	5.7%	4.0%	3.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.5%	-0.4%	1.2%	0.6%
Economic Profits	\$3,605.6	\$3,688.1	\$3,694.4	\$4,048.1	\$4,214.4	\$4,214.6	\$442.5	\$526.3	\$520.2
% Change	-5.8%	2.3%	0.2%	6.5%	4.1%	0.0%	12.3%	1.8%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	4.4%	4.9%	5.0%	4.3%	4.7%	4.6%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.4%
Total Nonfarm Employment (Millions)	159.5	159.9	160.2	159.4	160.2	161.1	-0.1	0.3	0.8
% Change	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Light Vehicle Sales (Million of Units)	15.48	14.97	15.56	16.13	15.79	15.98	0.65	0.82	0.42
% Change	-2.0%	-3.3%	4.0%	1.7%	-2.1%	1.2%	3.7%	1.2%	-2.7%
Sales of New and Existing Homes (Millions of Units)	4.973	5.474	5.643	4.747	5.175	5.523	-0.226	-0.299	-0.120
% Change	4.7%	10.1%	3.1%	-0.1%	9.0%	6.7%	-4.8%	-1.0%	3.6%
Housing Starts (Millions)	1.385	1.342	1.324	1.344	1.309	1.312	-0.041	-0.033	-0.012
% Change	1.3%	-3.1%	-1.3%	-1.9%	-2.6%	0.3%	-3.2%	0.5%	1.6%

**APPENDIX B**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION ISSUANCE STATUS REPORT**

**January 1, 2026**

<b>Program Purpose</b>	<b>Legislative Authorization</b>	<b>General Obligations Issued to Date<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Credit to Capital Improvement Fund<sup>(b)</sup></b>		<b>G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 &amp; 2027 Series 1</b>	<b>Total Authorized Unissued Debt<sup>(a)</sup></b>
			<b>Interest Earnings</b>	<b>Premium</b>		
University of Wisconsin; academic facilities .....	\$4,512,216,100	\$3,025,938,522	\$17,485,016	\$192,564,383	—	\$1,276,228,179
University of Wisconsin; self-amortizing facilities .....	3,813,924,500	2,883,924,386	6,332,187	149,425,898	—	774,242,029
Natural resources; Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson stewardship 2000 program .....	1,178,850,000	1,025,336,303	1,600,120	51,838,379	—	100,075,198
Natural resources; municipal clean drinking water grants .....	9,800,000	9,518,744	141,818	—	—	139,438
Clean water fund program .....	659,783,200	655,062,282	—	4,641,114	—	79,804
Safe drinking water loan program .....	74,950,000	69,215,472	123	2,183,403	—	3,551,002
Natural resources; nonpoint source grants .....	94,310,400	93,954,702	190,049	165,649	—	—
Natural resources; nonpoint source .....	57,050,000	44,862,394	45,615	4,760,653	—	7,381,338
Natural resources; environmental repair .....	57,000,000	52,962,122	203,607	883,312	—	2,950,959
Natural resources; urban nonpoint source cost- sharing .....	61,600,000	55,676,641	182,825	3,507,635	—	2,232,899
Natural resources; contaminated sediment removal .....	40,000,000	33,392,678	104,860	2,438,427	—	4,064,035
Natural resources; environmental segregated fund supported administrative facilities .....	19,969,200	16,876,688	5,361	1,415,269	—	1,671,882
Natural resources; segregated revenue- supported dam safety projects .....	6,600,000	6,571,582	623	27,795	—	—
Natural resources; pollution abatement and sewage collection facilities, ORAP funding .....	145,060,325	145,010,325	50,000	—	—	—
Natural resources; pollution abatement and sewage collection facilities .....	893,493,400	874,927,239	18,513,077	—	—	53,084
Natural resources; pollution abatement and sewage collection facilities; combined sewer overflow .....	200,600,000	194,312,599	6,287,401	—	—	—
Natural resources; recreation projects .....	56,055,000	56,053,994	1,006	—	—	—
Natural resources; local parks land acquisition and development .....	2,490,000	2,447,741	42,259	—	—	—
Natural resources; recreation development .....	48,846,200	28,239,257	147,483	677,513	—	19,781,947
Natural resources; land acquisition .....	45,608,600	\$45,116,929	\$491,671	—	—	—

Program Purpose	Legislative Authorization	General Obligations Issued to Date <sup>(a)</sup>	Credit to Capital Improvement Fund <sup>(b)</sup>		G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 & 2027 Series 1	Total Authorized Unissued Debt <sup>(a)</sup>
			Interest Earnings	Premium		
Natural resources; Wisconsin natural areas heritage program .....	\$2,500,000	\$2,445,793	\$17,174	—	—	\$37,033
Natural resources; segregated revenue-supported facilities .....	226,093,600	126,300,159	181,948	\$9,129,468	—	90,482,025
Natural resources; general fund supported administrative facilities .....	16,514,100	15,276,158	21,754	815,228	—	400,960
Natural resources; ice age trail .....	750,000	750,000	—	—	—	—
Natural resources; dam safety projects .....	39,500,000	25,035,459	230,772	2,160,191	—	12,073,578
Natural resources; segregated revenue-supported land acquisition .....	2,500,000	2,500,000	—	—	—	—
Natural resources; Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson stewardship program .....	231,000,000	229,300,484	1,306,901	144,011	—	248,604
Transportation; administrative facilities .....	8,890,400	8,759,479	33,943	—	—	96,978
Transportation; accelerated bridge improvements .....	46,849,800	46,849,800	—	—	—	—
Transportation; major interstate bridge construction .....	624,800,000	262,320,149	309,185	37,688,380	—	324,482,286
Transportation; rail passenger route development .....	89,000,000	74,517,019	11,797	3,066,533	—	11,404,651
Transportation; accelerated highway improvements .....	185,000,000	185,000,000	—	—	—	—
Transportation; connecting highway improvements .....	15,000,000	15,000,000	—	—	—	—
Transportation; federally aided highway facilities .....	10,000,000	10,000,000	—	—	—	—
Transportation; highway projects .....	41,000,000	41,000,000	—	—	—	—
Transportation; major highway and rehabilitation projects .....	565,480,400	565,480,400	—	—	—	—
Transportation; southeast rehabilitation projects, southeast megaprojects, and high-cost bridge projects .....	1,453,550,000	1,316,121,730	3,516,352	114,236,155	—	19,675,763
Transportation; state highway rehabilitation projects, southeast megaprojects .....	820,063,700	781,605,306	1,182,898	37,275,497	—	—
Transportation; major highway projects .....	100,000,000	98,948,179	6	1,051,814	—	1
Transportation; state highway rehabilitation, certain projects .....	141,000,000	134,924,101	45	6,075,854	—	—
Transportation; major highway and rehabilitation projects subject to joint committee on finance approval .....	305,227,664	261,535,522	145,989	43,546,154	—	—

Program Purpose	Legislative Authorization	General Obligations Issued to Date <sup>(a)</sup>	Credit to Capital Improvement Fund <sup>(b)</sup>		G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 & 2027 Series 1	Total Authorized Unissued Debt <sup>(a)</sup>
			Interest Earnings	Premium		
Transportation; design-build projects .....	\$112,500,000	\$17,714,991	\$8,114	\$2,276,895	—	\$92,500,000
Transportation; southeast Wisconsin freeway megaprojects subject to contingency .....	437,571,300	207,663,014	97,461	33,177,914	—	196,632,911
Transportation; harbor improvements .....	167,300,000	141,702,311	350,648	13,436,113	—	11,810,928
Transportation; rail acquisitions and improvements and intermodal freight facilities .....	300,300,000	235,854,927	376,464	26,075,135	—	37,993,474
Transportation; local roads for job preservation, state funds .....	2,000,000	2,000,000	—	—	—	—
Corrections; correctional facilities .....	1,074,515,800	928,823,417	11,775,652	20,400,547	—	113,516,184
Corrections; self-amortizing facilities and equipment .....	2,116,300	2,115,438	99	—	—	763
Corrections; juvenile correctional facilities .....	199,192,200	36,951,545	166,041	1,050,910	—	161,023,704
Secured residential care centers for children and youth .....	80,000,000	42,028,388	241,958	5,811,770	—	31,917,884
Health services; mental health and secure treatment facilities .....	512,113,500	293,483,708	2,393,148	17,899,520	—	198,337,124
Agriculture; soil and water .....	82,075,000	76,017,073	56,390	5,151,838	—	849,699
Agriculture; conservation reserve enhancement ..	28,000,000	21,519,628	15,299	1,083,193	—	5,381,880
Administration; Black Point Estate .....	1,600,000	1,598,655	445	—	—	900
Administration; energy conservation projects; capital improvement fund .....	320,000,000	189,030,434	153,806	13,994,980	—	116,820,780
Building commission; previous lease rental authority .....	143,071,600	143,068,654	—	—	—	2,946
Building commission; refunding tax-supported general obligation debt .....	2,102,086,430	2,102,086,530	—	—	—	—
Building commission; refunding self-amortizing general obligation debt .....	272,863,033	272,863,033	—	—	—	—
Building commission; refunding tax-supported and self-amortizing general obligation debt incurred before June 30, 2005 .....	250,000,000	250,000,000	—	—	—	—
Building commission; refunding tax-supported and self-amortizing general obligation debt before July 1, 2011 .....	474,000,000	473,651,084	—	—	—	348,916
Building commission; refunding tax-supported and self-amortizing general obligation debt before July 1, 2013 .....	264,200,000	263,420,000	—	—	—	780,000
Building commission; refunding tax-supported and self-amortizing general obligation debt .....	12,835,000,000	9,506,646,046	—	—	\$450,000,000 *	2,878,353,954



Program Purpose	Legislative Authorization	General Obligations Issued to Date <sup>(a)</sup>	Credit to Capital Improvement Fund <sup>(b)</sup>		G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 & 2027 Series 1	Total Authorized Unissued Debt <sup>(a)</sup>
			Interest Earnings	Premium		
Building commission; housing state departments and agencies .....	\$1,061,732,200	\$806,224,014	\$2,505,298	\$45,659,146	—	\$207,343,742
Building commission; 1 West Wilson Street parking ramp .....	15,100,000	14,805,521	294,479	—	—	—
Building commission; project contingencies .....	47,961,200	47,527,821	64,991	228,349	—	140,039
Building commission; capital equipment acquisition .....	125,660,000	123,961,256	740,327	343,697	—	614,720
Building commission; discount sale of debt .....	90,000,000	73,492,486	—	—	—	16,507,514
Building commission; discount sale of debt (higher education bonds) .....	100,000,000	99,988,833 <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	11,167
Building commission; other public purposes .....	3,352,594,900	2,992,048,174	13,455,450	138,431,290	—	208,659,986
Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.; basic science education and health information technology facilities .....	10,000,000	10,000,000	—	—	—	—
Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center .....	1,048,300	—	—	—	—	1,048,300
Bond Health Center .....	1,000,000	983,307	10	16,682	—	1
Lac du Flambeau Indian Tribal Cultural Center ..	250,000	210,495	1	39,504	—	—
Dane County; livestock facilities .....	9,000,000	7,577,838	28	1,422,134	—	—
K I Convention Center .....	2,000,000	1,725,394	83	274,522	—	1
HR Academy, Inc. ....	1,500,000	1,500,000	—	—	—	—
Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.; biomedical research and technology incubator; cancer research facility .....	45,000,000	42,564,802	16	1,929,573	—	505,609
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. ....	800,000	800,000	—	—	—	—
Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation .....	5,000,000	4,869,946	—	130,053	—	1
Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.; community medical education facilities .....	7,384,300	6,492,766	3,054	785,486	—	102,994
Family justice center .....	10,625,000	9,109,385	49	1,515,566	—	—
Marquette University; dental clinic and education facility .....	25,000,000	23,942,671	822	1,056,507	—	—
Civil War exhibit at the Kenosha Public Museums .....	500,000	500,000	—	—	—	—
AIDS Network, Inc. ....	300,000	300,000	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin Maritime Center of Excellence .....	5,000,000	4,383,263	64	616,673	—	—
Milwaukee Police Athletic League; youth activities center .....	1,000,000	1,000,000	—	—	—	—

Program Purpose	Legislative Authorization	General Obligations Issued to Date <sup>(a)</sup>	Credit to Capital Improvement Fund <sup>(b)</sup>		G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 & 2027 Series 1	Total Authorized Unissued Debt <sup>(a)</sup>
			Interest Earnings	Premium		
Hmong cultural center .....	\$250,000	\$250,000	—	—	—	—
Children's research institute .....	10,000,000	10,000,000	—	—	—	—
Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Inc. ....	560,000	476,628	\$45	\$83,327	—	—
Carroll University .....	3,000,000	2,393,935	49	403,127	—	\$202,889
Wisconsin Agriculture Education Center, Inc. ....	5,000,000	4,522,862	49	477,090	—	—
Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc. ....	15,000,000	13,462,195	38	1,537,766	—	1
Psychiatric and behavioral health treatment beds; Marathon County .....	5,000,000	4,492,343	35	507,623	—	—
Administration; school educational technology infrastructure financial assistance .....	71,911,300	71,480,216	431,066	—	—	18
Myrick Hixon EcoPark, Inc. ....	500,000	500,000	—	—	—	—
Madison Children's Museum .....	250,000	250,000	—	—	—	—
Administration; public library educational technology infrastructure financial assistance ..	269,000	268,918	42	—	—	40
La Crosse Center .....	5,000,000	4,104,366	73	895,560	—	1
St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc.; Bucyrus Campus .....	5,000,000	4,245,324	51	754,625	—	—
Brown County innovation center .....	5,000,000	4,243,415	30	756,555	—	—
Beyond Vision; VisABILITY Center .....	5,000,000	4,681,064	19	318,917	—	—
Building Commission; projects .....	25,000,000	11,036,437	48,824	1,185,577	—	12,729,162
Center .....	15,000,000	13,701,388	—	1,295,419	—	3,193
Medical College of Wisconsin eye institute .....	10,000,000	—	—	—	—	—
Museum of nature and culture .....	40,000,000	21,552,768	51,562	2,697,079	—	15,698,591
Educational communications board; educational communications facilities .....	24,169,000	24,112,683	38,515	11,925	—	5,877
Grand Opera House in Oshkosh .....	500,000	500,000	—	—	—	—
Aldo Leopold climate change classroom and interactive laboratory .....	500,000	485,000	8	14,992	—	—
Historical society; self-amortizing facilities .....	1,029,300	1,029,156	3,896	—	—	—
Historical society; historic records .....	26,650,000	22,951,919	137	3,169,487	—	528,457
Historical society; historic sites .....	17,912,800	11,441,087	21,289	641,746	—	5,808,678
Historical society; museum facility .....	74,384,400	13,191,083	63,097	1,171,328	—	59,958,892
Historical society; Wisconsin history center .....	16,000,000	9,730,576	457	1,486,848	—	4,782,119
Public instruction; state school, state center and library facilities .....	37,350,600	11,845,469	36,584	467,826	—	25,000,721

Program Purpose	Legislative Authorization	General Obligations Issued to Date <sup>(a)</sup>	Credit to Capital Improvement Fund <sup>(b)</sup>		G.O. Ref. Bonds of 2026, Series 1 & 2027 Series 1	Total Authorized Unissued Debt <sup>(a)</sup>
			Interest Earnings	Premium		
Military affairs; armories and military facilities ..	\$96,195,100	58,995,875	372,502	\$3,856,293	—	\$32,970,430
Veterans affairs; veterans facilities .....	75,845,200	17,315,079	65,528	1,036,945	—	57,427,648
Veterans affairs; self-amortizing mortgage loans	2,122,542,395	2,122,542,395	—	—	—	—
Veterans affairs; refunding bonds .....	1,015,000,000	761,594,245	—	—	—	253,405,755
Veterans affairs; self-amortizing facilities .....	185,881,100	\$56,985,257	10,305	6,435,257	—	122,450,281
State fair park board; board facilities .....	32,776,100	14,769,363	1	—	—	18,006,736
State fair park board; housing facilities .....	11,000,000	10,999,985	15	—	—	—
State fair park board; self-amortizing facilities ....	70,037,100	60,504,297	45,297	980,100	—	8,507,406
Total .....	<u>\$45,511,401,047</u>	<u>\$36,375,972,514</u>	<u>\$92,673,576</u>	<u>\$1,032,712,124</u>	<u>\$450,000,000</u> *	<u>\$7,550,046,689</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Does not reflect the State of Wisconsin General Obligation Bonds of 2026, Series A.

<sup>(b)</sup> Amounts previously credited to the Capital Improvement Fund (which include interest earnings and may include sale proceeds representing purchase premium) reduce issuance authority by the same amount.

<sup>(c)</sup> Accrued interest on any obligation that is not paid during the fiscal year in which it accrues is treated as debt and taken into account for purposes of the statutory authority to issue debt.

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**Source: DOA**

## APPENDIX C

### EXPECTED FORMS OF BOND COUNSEL OPINIONS

*On the respective delivery dates for each series of the Bonds, it is expected that Foley & Lardner LLP will deliver legal opinions in substantially the following forms:*

(Letterhead of Foley & Lardner LLP)

State of Wisconsin Building Commission  
101 East Wilson Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF 2026, SERIES 1

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the State of Wisconsin (**State**) of its §                   \* General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2026, Series 1, dated the date hereof (**2026 Series 1 Bonds**). The 2026 Series 1 Bonds are authorized by Article VIII of the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapters 18 and 20 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and are being issued pursuant to 2025 State of Wisconsin Building Commission Resolution 2, adopted on May 7, 2025 (**Resolution**) by the State of Wisconsin Building Commission (**Commission**).

We examined the law, a certified copy of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds, and certifications of public officials and others. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we relied upon those certified proceedings and certifications without independently undertaking to verify them.

Based upon this examination, it is our opinion that, under existing law:

1. The 2026 Series 1 Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the State.
2. The Resolution has been duly adopted by the Commission is a valid and binding obligation of the State, enforceable upon the State as provided in the Resolution.
3. The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State are irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the 2026 Series 1 Bonds as the 2026 Series 1 Bonds mature and become due. There has been irrevocably appropriated, as a first charge upon all revenues of the State, a sum sufficient for such purpose.
4. Interest on the 2026 Series 1 Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (**Code**) and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code; however, interest on the 2026 Series 1 Bonds is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations on which the federal alternative minimum tax is imposed under the Code. The State must continuously comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied after the 2026 Series 1 Bonds are issued for interest on the 2026 Series 1 Bonds to be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. The State has agreed to do so. A failure to comply may cause interest on the 2026 Series 1 Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, in some cases retroactively to the date the 2026 Series 1 Bonds were issued irrespective of the date on which such

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noncompliance occurs or is ascertained. We express no opinion as to other federal tax law consequences regarding the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the 2026 Series 1 Bonds.

The rights of the owners of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds and the enforceability of the 2026 Series 1 Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or an equitable proceeding). This letter expresses no opinion as to the availability of any particular form of judicial relief.

We have not been engaged or undertaken to review the accuracy, completeness, or sufficiency of the Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 or other offering material relating to the 2026 Series 1 Bonds (except to the extent, if any, stated in the Official Statement), and we express no opinion as to those matters (except only the matters set forth as our opinion in the Official Statement).

The opinions set forth in this letter are based upon current facts and circumstances, and upon existing law and interpretations thereof, as of the date of this letter and we assume no affirmative obligation to update, revise or supplement such opinions to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken or if such facts or circumstances, or laws or interpretations thereof, change after the date of such opinions, including, without limitation, changes that adversely affect the excludability of interest on the 2026 Series 1 Bonds, even if such actions, inactions or changes come to our attention. Further, such opinions are limited solely to the matters stated therein, and no opinion is to be implied or is intended beyond the opinions expressly stated herein. In acting as bond counsel, we have established an attorney-client relationship solely with the State.

Very truly yours,

Foley & Lardner LLP

State of Wisconsin Building Commission  
101 East Wilson Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF 2027, SERIES 1 (FORWARD DELIVERY)**

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the State of Wisconsin (**State**) of its §                   \* General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2027, Series 1 (Forward Delivery), dated the date hereof (**2027 Series 1 Bonds**). The 2027 Series 1 Bonds are authorized by Article VIII of the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapters 18 and 20 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and are being issued pursuant to 2025 State of Wisconsin Building Commission Resolution 2, adopted on May 7, 2025 (**Resolution**) by the State of Wisconsin Building Commission (**Commission**).

We examined the law, a certified copy of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, and certifications of public officials and others. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we relied upon those certified proceedings and certifications without independently undertaking to verify them.

Based upon this examination, it is our opinion that, under existing law:

1. The 2027 Series 1 Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the State.
2. The Resolution has been duly adopted by the Commission is a valid and binding obligation of the State, enforceable upon the State as provided in the Resolution.
3. The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State are irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as the 2027 Series 1 Bonds mature and become due. There has been irrevocably appropriated, as a first charge upon all revenues of the State, a sum sufficient for such purpose.
4. Interest on the 2027 Series 1 Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (**Code**) and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code; however, interest on the 2027 Series 1 Bonds is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations on which the federal alternative minimum tax is imposed under the Code. The State must continuously comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied after the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are issued for interest on the 2027 Series 1 Bonds to be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. The State has agreed to do so. A failure to comply may cause interest on the 2027 Series 1 Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, in some cases retroactively to the date the 2027 Series 1 Bonds were issued irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained. We express no opinion as to other federal tax law consequences regarding the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the 2027 Series 1 Bonds.

The rights of the owners of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds and the enforceability of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights

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and by equitable principles (which may be applied in either a legal or an equitable proceeding). This letter expresses no opinion as to the availability of any particular form of judicial relief.

We have not been engaged or undertaken to review the accuracy, completeness, or sufficiency of the Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the Updated Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2027, or other offering material relating to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds (except to the extent, if any, stated in such Official Statement or Updated Official Statement), and we express no opinion as to those matters (except only the matters set forth as our opinion in such Official Statement or Updated Official Statement).

The opinions set forth in this letter are based upon current facts and circumstances, and upon existing law and interpretations thereof, as of the date of this letter and we assume no affirmative obligation to update, revise or supplement such opinions to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken or if such facts or circumstances, or laws or interpretations thereof, change after the date of such opinions, including, without limitation, changes that adversely affect the excludability of interest on the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, even if such actions, inactions or changes come to our attention. Further, such opinions are limited solely to the matters stated therein, and no opinion is to be implied or is intended beyond the opinions expressly stated herein. In acting as bond counsel, we have established an attorney-client relationship solely with the State.

Very truly yours,

Foley & Lardner LLP

## APPENDIX D

### REFUNDED BONDS\*

Series	Dated Date	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity	CUSIP <sup>(a)</sup>	Purchase or Redemption Date	Purchase or Redemption Price
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#### *Purchased Bonds*

#### *Make-Whole Refunded Bonds*

#### *Current Refunded Bonds*

#### *Forward Delivery Refunded Bonds*

- (a) CUSIP numbers have been obtained from sources the State believes to be reliable, but the CUSIP numbers are subject to change after issuance of the Refunded Bonds, and the State takes no responsibility for the correctness of the CUSIP numbers.

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## APPENDIX E

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Re:

State of Wisconsin  
Forward Delivery of

General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2027, Series 1  
(the “2027 Series 1 Bonds”)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter agreement (the “*Contract*”), together with the related confirmation (the “*Confirmation*”), shall apply to the purchase by the undersigned purchaser (the “*Purchaser*”) of certain of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds set forth in the Confirmation (the “*Purchased Bonds*”), on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2027 (the “*Settlement Date*”) from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as representative (the “*Representative*”) of itself and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (collectively, the “*Underwriters*”), when, as, and if issued and delivered to the Representative from the State of Wisconsin (the “*State*”), and the Representative agrees to sell to the Purchaser the Purchased Bonds offered by the State under the Preliminary Official Statement, dated January \_\_, 2026 (the “*Preliminary Official Statement*”), at the purchase price specified in the Confirmation. Any capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meaning ascribed to such term in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Purchaser acknowledges that, on or prior to the date hereof, the Purchaser has received copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Confirmation. The Purchaser acknowledges further that it has reviewed the Preliminary Official Statement (including without limitation the section entitled “UNDERWRITING—Certain Forward Delivery Considerations, Acknowledgments, and Risks” therein) and the Confirmation. Payment for the Purchased Bonds, which the Purchaser has agreed to purchase on the Settlement Date, shall be made to the Representative or its order on the Settlement Date upon delivery to the Purchaser of the Purchased Bonds then to be purchased by the Purchaser through the book-entry system of The Depository Trust Company. The Purchaser agrees that in no event shall the Underwriters or the State be responsible or liable for any claim or loss, whether direct or consequential, which the Purchaser may suffer in the event the State does not for any reason deliver or issue the 2027 Series 1 Bonds.

1. *Purchase and Settlement.* Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Representative and the Purchaser, on the Settlement Date the Purchaser shall pay for and accept delivery of the Purchased Bonds if the 2027 Series 1 Bonds shall have been issued and delivered by the State and purchased, accepted and paid for by the Representative pursuant to the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement for the 2027 Series 1 Bonds, dated January \_\_, 2026 (the “*Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement*”), between the Representative and the State. The 2027 Series 1 Bonds are authorized under the Wisconsin Constitution and the Wisconsin Statutes, and are being issued pursuant to an authorizing resolution that the State of Wisconsin Building Commission adopted on May 7, 2025 (the “*Resolution*”). Upon issuance by the State and purchase thereof by the Representative, the obligation of the Purchaser to take delivery hereunder shall be unconditional except in the event that any of the following shall, in the reasonable judgement of the Representative, have occurred and a termination notice is delivered prior to the Settlement

(i) There shall have been a Change in Law. A “Change in Law” means (i) any change in or addition to applicable federal or state law, whether statutory or as interpreted by the courts or by federal or state agencies, including any changes in or new rules, regulations or other pronouncements or interpretations by federal or state agencies, (ii) any legislation enacted by the Congress of the United States (if such enacted legislation has an effective date which is on or before the Settlement Date), (iii) any law, rule, or regulation enacted by any governmental body, department, or agency (if such enacted law, rule, or regulation has an effective date which is on or before the Settlement Date), or (iv) any judgment, ruling or order issued by any court or administrative body, which in any such case would (A) as to the Underwriters, prohibit the Underwriters from completing the underwriting of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds or selling the 2027 Series 1 Bonds or beneficial ownership interests therein to the public, or (B) as to the State, make the completion of the issuance, sale, or delivery of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds illegal; provided, however, that such change in or addition to law, legislation, law, rule, or regulation or judgement, ruling, or order shall have become effective, been enacted, or been issued, as the case may be, after the date of the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement;

(ii) Bond Counsel is unable to issue an opinion substantially in the form of APPENDIX C to the Preliminary Official Statement;

(iii) Legislation shall have been enacted by the Congress of the United States, or a decision by a court of the United States shall be rendered, or a ruling, regulation, proposed regulation, or statement by or on behalf of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter shall be made, to the effect that any obligations of the general character of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are not exempt from the registration, qualification, or other requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and then in effect, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and then in effect, or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and then in effect, or otherwise, or would be in violation of any provision of the federal securities laws or the laws of the State;

(iv) The State shall have defaulted in the payment of any of its general obligation debt;

(v) As of the Settlement Date, the 2027 Series 1 Bonds are not rated (or any rating on the Bonds is suspended or reduced below investment grade) by Moody’s Ratings, S&P Global Ratings, or Kroll Bond Rating Agency;

(vi) A stop order, cease-and-desist order, injunction, no-action letter, ruling, regulation, or official statement by the SEC, its staff, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter shall have been issued or made or any other event occurs, the effect of which is that the adoption of the Resolution or the issuance, offering, or sale of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds as contemplated in the Forward Delivery Purchase Agreement or in this Official Statement and the Updated Official Statement, is or would be in violation of any provision of the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and then in effect, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and as then in effect, or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as then in effect, or the laws of the State; or

(vii) Any event occurring, or information becoming known that, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters, makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement or Updated Official Statement, or has the effect that the Official Statement or Updated Official Statement contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and in either such event, the State refuses to permit the Official Statement or Updated Official Statement, as applicable to be supplemented to supply such statement or information.

The Purchaser's obligation to pay for and accept the Purchased Bonds in accordance herewith is not subject to any other condition not otherwise set forth herein, including an adverse change in the market price or marketability of the Purchased Bonds or any adverse change in the business, affairs or financial condition of the State or any other obligor. The Purchaser acknowledges generally that the market value of the Purchased Bonds as of the Settlement Date may be affected by a variety of factors during the period beginning on the date of the execution of the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement and ending on the Settlement Date, including, without limitation, changes in general market conditions or the financial condition of the State or modifications to laws that may diminish the value of, as opposed to eliminating the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes, interest payable on "state or local bonds," that will not prevent the State from satisfying all material conditions precedent for the delivery of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds.

Settlement of the Purchased Bonds shall occur on a delivery versus payment basis. Payment shall be made in federal funds to an account or otherwise as designated by the Representative and the Purchased Bonds shall be transferred to an account designated by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the Purchased Bonds are being sold on a "forward" or "delayed delivery" basis for delivery on the Settlement Date and that the Purchaser is obligated to take up and pay for the Purchased Bonds on the Settlement Date unless the Representative, on behalf of the Underwriters, terminates the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement, or the Purchaser terminates its obligation to purchase the Purchased Bonds to the extent permitted herein. In the event of a termination by the Purchaser, the Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that it must give written notice of termination of this Contract to the Representative before the Settlement Date. The Purchaser understands and agrees that no termination of the obligation of the Purchaser may occur on or after the Settlement Date. The Purchaser is not a third party beneficiary under the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement between the Representative and the State and has no rights to enforce, or cause the Representative to enforce, any of the terms thereof. The Purchaser acknowledges that it will not be able to withdraw its order except as provided herein, and will not otherwise be excused from performance of its obligations to take up and pay for the Purchased Bonds on the Settlement Date because of market or credit changes, including specifically, but not limited to (a) changes in the ratings assigned to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds between the Preliminary Closing Date and the Settlement Date or changes in the credit associated with the 2027 Series 1 Bonds generally, and (b) changes in the financial condition, operations, performance, properties or prospects of the State from the Preliminary Closing Date to the Settlement Date. The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that it will remain obligated to purchase the Purchased Bonds in accordance with the terms hereof, even if the Purchaser decides to sell the Purchased Bonds following the date hereof, unless the Purchaser sells Purchased Bonds to another institution with the prior written consent of the Representative and such institution provides a written acknowledgment of confirmation of purchase order and a delayed delivery contract in the same respective forms as that executed by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser acknowledges that the Representative is entering into the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement with the State to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds in reliance in part on the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder.

The Purchaser agrees that in no event shall the Underwriters be responsible or liable for any claim or loss, whether direct or consequential, which the Purchaser may suffer in the event the State does not for any reason issue and deliver the Bonds.

2. *Representations and Warranties.* The Purchaser represents and warrants that: (a) it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Contract and to perform its obligations hereunder and has taken all necessary action (corporate and otherwise) to authorize such execution, delivery and performance; (b) it is acting hereunder as principal (or, if previously agreed in writing by the Representative, as agent for a disclosed principal); (c) the person signing this Contract on the Purchaser's behalf is duly authorized to do so on the Purchaser's behalf and is a Vice President or more senior officer of the Purchaser; (d) it has obtained all authorizations of any governmental body required in connection with this Contract and such authorizations are

in full force and effect; (e) this Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Purchaser enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with the terms hereof; (f) the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract do not and will not violate any law, regulation, ordinance, charter, by-law or rule applicable to the Purchaser or any agreement by which the Purchaser is bound or by which any of its assets are affected; and (g) the Purchaser is knowledgeable of and experienced in the investment risks of entering into this Contract and purchasing bonds on a forward delivery basis, is capable of evaluating the merits and risks thereof and is able to bear the economic risks associated with this Contract and the purchase of bonds on a forward delivery basis.

The Representative represents and warrants that: (i) it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Contract and to perform its obligations hereunder and has taken all necessary action (corporate and otherwise) to authorize such execution, delivery and performance; (ii) the person signing this Contract on the Representative's behalf is, as of the date hereof, duly authorized to do so on the Representative's behalf and is a Vice President or more senior officer of the Representative; (iii) it has obtained all authorizations of any governmental body required in connection with this Contract and such authorizations are in full force and effect; (iv) this Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Representative enforceable against the Representative in accordance with the terms hereof; and (v) the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract do not and will not violate any law, regulation, ordinance, charter, by-law or rule applicable to the Representative or any agreement by which the Representative is bound or by which any of its assets are affected. The Representative shall be deemed to repeat all of the foregoing representations and warranties on each day prior to and including the Settlement Date.

3. *Provision of Official Statement and Other Information.* The Purchaser acknowledges that, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement, one of the conditions to the Representative's obligation under the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement to purchase the 2027 Series 1 Bonds is that the State provide the Official Statement of the State related to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds following execution of the Forward Delivery Bond Purchase Agreement (the "*Official Statement*"), which will be accessible on the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("*EMMA*") at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org), and provide an updated Official Statement as it relates to the 2027 Series 1 Bonds not more than twenty-five (25) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Settlement Date, and which is supplemented to the extent information contained in the Official Statement has changed in any material respect (the "*Updated Official Statement*"). The Representative agrees to furnish a copy of the Updated Official Statement to the Purchaser and, upon request by the Purchaser, to furnish on the date of delivery of the 2027 Series 1 Bonds such further information as may be required by the rules and regulations of the SEC and any other body having jurisdiction over the transaction contemplated by this Contract. The Purchaser agrees that between the date hereof and the date of the Updated Official Statement neither the Representative nor the State shall be required by the Purchaser to deliver to the Purchaser additional information or supplements to the Official Statement. For purposes of this Contract, the Purchaser should assume that there will not be any disclosure until the Updated Official Statement is published on EMMA near the Settlement Date.

4. *Default.* Upon any Event of Default, the non-defaulting party shall be entitled (without limiting any other rights or remedies the non-defaulting party may have under applicable law or regulation or by reason of normal business practice) to (i) cancel and otherwise liquidate and close out the transaction without prior notice to the defaulting party, whereupon the defaulting party shall be liable to the non-defaulting party for any resulting loss, damage, cost and expense (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees), including loss equal to the cost of entering into replacement transactions and any damages resulting from the non-defaulting party's entering into or canceling, or otherwise liquidating or closing out, any related hedge transactions; and (ii) take any other action necessary or appropriate to protect and enforce its rights and preserve the benefits of its bargain under this Contract.

Solely for purposes of this paragraph 4, "*Event of Default*" means (i) the occurrence of an Insolvency Event (as defined below); (ii) any representation made by a party in paragraph 2 hereof is incorrect or untrue in

any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated; or (iii) a party disaffirms, rejects or repudiates any of its obligations under this Contract.

For purposes hereof, "*Insolvency Event*" means (i) the commencement by a party as debtor of any case or proceeding under any bankruptcy, insolvency, rehabilitation, delinquency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution or similar law, or the seeking by a party of the appointment of a receiver, conservator, administrator, rehabilitator, custodian, liquidator, trustee, or similar official for such party or any part of such party's property; (ii) the commencement of any such case or proceeding against a party, or the seeking of such an appointment by another, or the filing against a party, of an application for a protective decree under the provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970; or (iii) an acknowledgment by a party that such party has a negative net worth or is insolvent or is not paying or is unable to pay its debts as they become due.

5. *Governing Law.* This Contract shall be deemed to have been made in the State of New York and shall be construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflict of law principles that would result in the application of any law other than the law of the State of New York.

6. *Counterparts.* This Contract may be executed by either of the parties thereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

7. *Miscellaneous.* Any and all notices, statements, demands or other communications hereunder may be sent by a party to the other by mail (electronic or via post), facsimile, messenger or otherwise to the address specified on the face of this Contract, or so sent to such party at any other place specified in a notice of change of address hereafter received by the other. All notices and requests hereunder may be made orally, to be confirmed promptly in writing. The rights of the Representative and the Purchaser under this Contract shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the other party hereto and any purported assignment without such consent shall be null and void.

It is understood that the acceptance by the Representative of any letter agreement, including this Contract is in the Representative's sole discretion and that, without limiting the foregoing, acceptances of such contracts need not be on a first-come, first-served basis. If this Contract is acceptable to the Representative, it is requested that the Representative sign the form of acceptance below and mail to its regular business address or deliver by electronic delivery one of the counterparts hereof to the Purchaser. This will become a binding contract between the Representative and the Purchaser when such counterpart is so mailed or delivered by the Representative. This Contract does not constitute a customer confirmation pursuant to Rule G-15 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreed and accepted:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

