

Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2025
To: PELSB Board Members
From: Steve Rollin, Rulemaking Attorney
RE: R4703 School Counseling Rulemaking approved by CAH

On August 29, the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH) issued an order approving PELSB's requested changes to the rules governing school counseling programs and school counseling licensure (Minnesota Rules 8705.0100, 8705.1010, and 8710.6400).

Changes to the rules include:

- Requiring school counseling programs in Minnesota to hold accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) rather than requiring these programs to obtain state approval through PELSB by meeting state-specific standards;
- Upon approval, allowing providers to create a school counseling program tailored to candidates who already hold a master's degree, which would allow these candidates to be recommended for licensure as a school counselor without obtaining an additional master's degree;
- Expanding the scope of the school counselor license to allow school counselors to also serve pre-kindergarteners; and
- Creating a number of pathways by which a licensed school counselor, who holds a restricted license, would be able to expand the scope of their license to the full scope.

The Notice of Adoption of the rules is scheduled to be published in the *State Register* on September 29. The rulemaking record will be kept on the PELSB website at [Rulemaking / Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board \(PELSB\)](#).

Options

This is a report. No action is needed.