

147.14 Composition of boards — quorum.

1. The board members shall consist of the following:

a. For medicine, five members licensed to practice medicine and surgery, two members licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, and three members not licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, and who shall represent the general public.

b. For nursing, three registered nurses, one of whom shall be actively engaged in practice, one of whom shall be a nurse educator from a nursing education program, and one of whom shall be an advanced registered nurse practitioner; one licensed practical nurse actively engaged in practice; and one member who is not a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse and who shall represent the general public. The representative of the general public shall not be a member of a health care delivery system.

c. For dentistry, five members licensed to practice dentistry, two members licensed to practice dental hygiene, and two members not licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene and who shall represent the general public. The two dental hygienist board members and one dentist board member shall constitute a dental hygiene committee of the board as provided in [section 153.33A](#).

d. For pharmacy, four members licensed to practice pharmacy, one member registered as a certified pharmacy technician as defined by the board by rule, and one member who is not licensed to practice pharmacy or registered as a certified pharmacy technician and who shall represent the general public.

e. For optometry, four members licensed to practice optometry and one member who is not licensed to practice optometry and who shall represent the general public.

f. (1) For behavioral health professionals, two members who are licensed to practice psychology, two members who are licensed to practice social work as a master social worker or independent social worker, one member licensed to practice marital and family therapy, one member licensed to practice mental health counseling, one member licensed as a behavior analyst, and one member not licensed to practice psychology, social work, marital and family therapy, or mental health counseling, or as a behavior analyst, and who shall represent the general public.

(2) The board of behavioral health professionals shall establish an advisory committee of psychology, an advisory committee of social workers, and an advisory committee of mental health counselors, marital and family therapists, and behavior analysts to provide recommendations to the board on license reviews and implementation of state laws and administrative rules. Each advisory committee shall be comprised of at least five individuals licensed in the profession or professions about which the advisory committee provides recommendations.

g. For chiropractic, five members licensed to practice chiropractic and two members who are not licensed to practice chiropractic and who shall represent the general public.

h. For speech pathology and audiology, five members licensed to practice speech pathology or audiology at least two of whom shall be licensed to practice speech pathology and at least two of whom shall be licensed to practice audiology, and two members who are not licensed to practice speech pathology or audiology and who shall represent the general public.

i. For physical therapy and occupational therapy, three members licensed to practice physical therapy, two members licensed to practice occupational therapy, and two members who are not licensed to practice physical therapy or occupational therapy and who shall represent the general public.

j. For dietetics, one licensed dietitian representing the approved or accredited dietetic education programs, one licensed dietitian representing clinical dietetics, one licensed dietitian representing community nutrition services, and two members who are not licensed dietitians and who shall represent the general public.

k. For the board of physician assistants, five members licensed to practice as physician assistants, at least two of whom practice in counties with a population of less than fifty thousand, one member licensed to practice medicine and surgery who supervises a physician

assistant engaged in independent practice or collaborates with a physician assistant, one member licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery who supervises a physician assistant engaged in independent practice or collaborates with a physician assistant, and two members who are not licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery or licensed as a physician assistant and who shall represent the general public. At least one of the physician or osteopathic physician members shall be in practice in a county with a population of less than fifty thousand.

l. For respiratory care and polysomnography, one licensed physician with training in respiratory care, two respiratory care practitioners who have practiced respiratory care for a minimum of six years immediately preceding their appointment to the board and who are recommended by the society for respiratory care, one polysomnographic technologist who has practiced polysomnography for a minimum of six years immediately preceding appointment to the board and who is recommended by the Iowa sleep society, and one member not licensed to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, polysomnography, or respiratory care who shall represent the general public.

m. For mortuary science, three members licensed to practice mortuary science, one member owning, operating, or employed by a crematory, and one member not licensed to practice mortuary science and not a crematory owner, operator, or employee who shall represent the general public.

n. For massage therapists, four members licensed to practice massage therapy and three members who are not licensed to practice massage therapy and who shall represent the general public.

o. For athletic trainers, three members licensed to practice athletic training, three members licensed to practice medicine and surgery, and one member not licensed to practice athletic training or medicine and surgery and who shall represent the general public.

p. For podiatry, five members licensed to practice podiatry, two members licensed to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, and two members who are not so licensed and who shall represent the general public.

q. For sign language interpreting and transliterating, three members licensed to practice interpreting and transliterating, two of whom shall be practicing interpreters and transliterators at the time of appointment to the board and at least one of whom is employed in an educational setting; and two members who are consumers of interpreting or transliterating services as defined in [section 154E.1](#), each of whom shall be deaf or hard of hearing.

r. For nursing home administrators, a total of nine members, four who are licensed nursing home administrators, one of whom is the administrator of a nonproprietary nursing home; three licensed members of any profession concerned with the care and treatment of chronically ill or elderly patients who are not nursing home administrators or nursing home owners; and two members of the general public who are not licensed under [chapter 155](#), have no financial interest in any nursing home, and who shall represent the general public.

s. For barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences, three members who are licensed barbers or cosmetologists; one member who is a licensed instructor of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences; one member who is a licensed electrologist, esthetician, or nail technologist; one member who owns a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences; and one member who is not licensed in the practice of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences and who shall represent the general public.

2. A majority of the members of a board constitutes a quorum.

[C97, §2564, 2576, 2584; S13, §2564, 2575-a29, -a30, -a37, -a38, 2576, 2583-a, -h, -i, 2600-b, -c; SS15, §2584; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, **§2451, 2452, 2475**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §147.14, 147.15, 147.38; C71, 73, §147.14, 147.15, 147.38, 153.1; C75, 77, 79, 81, §147.14]

84 Acts, ch 1075, §9; 85 Acts, ch 168, §5; 86 Acts, ch 1003, §1; 86 Acts, ch 1022, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1134, §29; 88 Acts, ch 1225, §6, 7; 91 Acts, ch 229, §3; 92 Acts, ch 1183, §2; 92 Acts, ch 1205, §15, 16; 96 Acts, ch 1035, §2, 3, 13; 96 Acts, ch 1036, §12; 96 Acts, ch 1148, §1, 2; 98 Acts, ch 1002, §1, 2; 98 Acts, ch 1010, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §10; 99 Acts, ch 19, §1; 99 Acts, ch 96, §14; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §423, 433; 2005 Acts, ch 3, §36; 2007 Acts, ch 10, §33; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §188; 2008 Acts, ch 1032, §26; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §13; 2009 Acts, ch 56, §2; 2009 Acts, ch

133, §47; 2010 Acts, ch 1069, §18; 2012 Acts, ch 1101, §4; 2015 Acts, ch 57, §4; 2015 Acts, ch 70, §5; 2018 Acts, ch 1106, §5, 14; 2018 Acts, ch 1141, §1; 2020 Acts, ch 1102, §6; 2023 Acts, ch 73, §4; 2023 Acts, ch 99, §4, 5; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §227, 228, 488, 489

Referred to in §148.2A, 154F.1

Board of medicine alternate members, see §148.2A

Subsection 1 amended and editorially internally redesignated