

61—17.31(654A,654B) Review of tentative agreement. The mediator shall encourage each party to review the tentative agreement to be certain that it reflects their understanding of the agreement reached in the mediation session. The mediator may assist the parties in evaluating the potential implementation of the agreement. The mediator shall also encourage each party to have the tentative agreement reviewed by legal counsel and a tax adviser to review the legal and tax consequences of the tentative agreement. The tentative agreement may be reviewed during the session or during a specific time period agreed to by the parties. If after review, one or more of the parties rejects the tentative agreement in whole or in part, the mediator shall attempt to resolve the differences. The mediator may call the parties together for additional mediation meetings to resolve any outstanding differences on the elements and terms of the tentative agreement. Any new tentative agreement shall be signed by the parties and the mediator and sent to the mediation service. Copies shall be sent to all parties by the mediator.