**The Board of Agriculture, Trade**

 **& Consumer Protection**

**Description**

The Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“Board”), a 9-member citizen board, establishes policy for the Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (“department”). The Governor appoints Board members for staggered 6-year terms, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Board meets approximately once a month. The Board reviews major policy issues related to DATCP programs, and approves all DATCP rules. See ss. 15.05, 15.07 and 15.13, Stats.

A full-time Secretary administers the department, subject to the direction and supervision of the Board. The administrative powers of the department are vested by law in the Secretary. The Governor appoints the Secretary, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor. See ss. 15.05 and 93.02, Stats.

DATCP Board members:

* Must take and file an oath of office under s. 15.07(7), Stats.
* May claim reimbursement of costs and expenses to the extent provided under S. 15.07(5), Stats.
* May claim $35 per diem allowance under s. 15.07(5)(d), Stats.
* Must file an annual statement of economic interests with the state Ethics Board under s.19.43, Stats.

**Current DATCP Board Members**

**(2017)**

Current DATCP Board members and their terms of office are listed below:

## **Member** **Term**

 **Dennis Badtke** Term Ex: May 1, 2019

Dean Strauss Term Ex: May 1, 2019

 Nicole Hansen Term Ex: May 1, 2019

Kurt Hallstrand Term Ex: May 1, 2021

Paul Palmby Term Ex: May 1, 2021

Gregory Zwald Term Ex: May 1, 2021

 **Andy Diercks** Term Ex: May 1, 2023

Miranda Leis Term Ex: May 1, 2023

Paul Bauer\* Term Ex: May 1, 2023