



# Tony Evers

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Via Electronic Mail Only

Dear Ms. Novak:

Please find attached records in response to your July 15, 2025, request for records. You asked for “work calendars for the following officials from January 1, 2025 to present, including if they are stored on any alias accounts: 1. Governor Evers (including [warren.spahn@wisconsin.gov](mailto:warren.spahn@wisconsin.gov) or other alias accounts) 2. Chief of Staff Maggie Gau 3. Deputy Chief of Staff Jenni Dye 4. Deputy Chief of Staff Kelly Becker 5. Communications Director Brittany Cudaback 6. Chief Legal Counsel Melanie Barnes.”

Please note that while every effort is made to ensure that the Governor’s and staff calendars are accurate, it is always possible that any given event did not occur at the precise scheduled time, or was even cancelled, depending on unforeseen circumstances.

You will see that the records include some redactions. Pursuant to the common law balancing test we made efforts to redact unpublished cell and office phone numbers of state employees. Making these unpublished numbers available would cause unnecessary and unwarranted interruptions to employees both at work and at home, affecting their ability to work efficiently. There is minimal harm to the public interest given that these same individuals are available through publicly available means, such as office main lines.

Pursuant to the common law balancing test and consistent with Wis. Stat. § 995.50 and 72 Op. Att’y Gen 99 (1983), we also made efforts to redact the personal contact information of members of the public. The public interest in this information is outweighed by the public interest in an individual’s expectation of privacy, particularly considering the interest in protecting personal information that could lead to identity theft or intrusions on personal safety. This public interest is reflected in numerous state and federal laws protecting such information from disclosure. *See e.g.*, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.36(10)(a), 995.55. Similarly, personal information, including personal email addresses of state employees, has been redacted pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.36(10)(a).

Pursuant to the common law balancing test, we are withholding records that relate to the Governor’s security detail. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a). These records reveal specific elements of the Governor’s travel that are subject to repetition or are of such a nature that disclosure would allow the public to identify sources and specific information related to methods of

dignitary protection. This includes the identity of security personnel. If this information were to be released, it could be used in an action that could threaten the Governor's security. This poses a significant threat to the security of the Governor and of the State. The public interest in preventing such security threats far outweighs any benefit the public may receive from the release of this information. This is reflected in both the public records law and case law. See Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(am)2.a., 2.c., *State ex rel. Ardell v. Milwaukee Board of School Directors*, 2014 WI App. 66, ¶ 10; see also *State ex rel. Morke v. Record Custodian*, 159 Wis. 2d 722, 724 (Ct. App. 1990) (holding that disclosure was not in the public interest where state employees would face "a substantial risk of harassment or other jeopardy").

We redacted conference call phone numbers and access codes. Making those available would cause unnecessary and unwarranted interruptions for employees and could allow unauthorized access to discussions potentially involving confidential information. Pursuant to the common law balancing test, we have concluded that the public interest in efficient state business functions outweighs any minimal public interest in access to that information.

Personal calendar entries and details not kept in connection with the official purpose or function of this office have been withheld. See *Schill v. Wis. Rapids Sch. Dist.*, 2010 WI 86, 327 Wis. 2d 572, 786 N.W.2d 177; *State ex rel. Youmans v. Owens*, 28 Wis. 2d 672, 679, 137 N.W.2d 470 (1965); 72 Op. Att'y Gen. 99, 101 (1983). As stated previously, not only are such entries not subject to release under the public records law, but the need to protect dignitaries outweighs, on balance, the public need for such information.

Finally, we withheld privileged attorney-client communications and/or attorney work product. See Wis. Stat. § 905.03; *Wis. Newspress, Inc. v. Sch. Dist. of Sheboygan Falls*, 199 Wis. 2d 768, 782-83 (1996); see also *George v. Record Custodian*, 169 Wis. 2d 573, 582, 485 N.W.2d 460 (Ct. App. 1992).

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), these determinations are subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

Sincerely,  
Office of Legal Counsel