



# Minnesota Body Art Industry Meeting

## March 17, 2026

Hosted by the Health Regulation Division

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# Meeting Objectives

1. Build collaboration by bringing together Industry leaders and State officials
2. Educate Technicians and Establishment Owners on commonly seen issues and asked questions
3. Give Body Art technicians a chance to ask questions and learn from one another about best practices
4. Gives MDH a forum to bring new and changing information, laws and regulations to the industry in a timely manner

## [Body Art Informational Webinars - MN Dept. of Health](#)

How to find the link:

1. Go to the MDH Body Art website main page
2. Resources tab
3. Body Art Informational Webinars

# Evaluation

# Complaints/Investigations (December 12, 2025 – March 13, 2026)

## Complaints received – 15

1. Unlicensed practice – establishment & technician
2. Supervision
3. Health & Safety – infection, unsanitary conditions
4. Tattoo of minors
5. Documentation

## Investigation Open/Active – 56

## Investigation Closed – 18

1. Unsubstantiated
2. Letters of Advisement
3. Lack of Cooperation

# New Topic(s)

# 2026 Industry calls

The 2026 industry meetings are scheduled . A GovDelivery will be sent with the link as it gets closer to each meeting date. Make sure you subscribe or update your email information to receive GovDelivery notices.

Proposed time change to afternoons to morning

- June 16 @ 11am
- September 15 @ 10am
- December 15 @ 11am

## Evaluation

- Ah and Pete are no longer with the division, in process of filling positions
- Contact Debbie with any Evaluation concerns
- May create delays in response time

## LCR

- Jill Freudenwald

# Open Discussion Ground Rules

We are in this space to bring forth ideas and communication to improve the process and regulation of the industry. Ultimately, the goal is to protect public safety. If you have personal grievances about your license, inspection, investigation or one another, contact staff to discuss them individually. If you wish to share a personal experience, then share a solution as well.

1. All microphones will remain muted when not speaking
2. Use the raise hand feature if you would like to contribute to the discussion
3. When speaking, please:
  - a) Stay on topic. If you have other topic ideas, please put that in chat and if time allows, we can consider adding it to the agenda;
  - b) Be respectful and considerate of others. Refrain from using any specific names of individual(s) or establishment(s). This includes the use of profanity or targeting behaviors/language; and
  - c) Be open to other's ideas, perspectives, or concerns. We can all agree to disagree.

# 2026 Quarterly Industry Meetings

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Request to move the meeting time. Options?

Proposed are 9, 10 or 11am. After a review of availability. The following will be the scheduled meetings for 2026

## Body Art Licensing Contact Information

Body Art licensing questions: call 651-201-4200 or email [health.ba@state.mn.us](mailto:health.ba@state.mn.us).

### **Mail correspondence to:**

Minnesota Department of Health  
Health Occupations Program  
Attn: Body Art  
PO Box 64882  
Saint Paul, MN 55164-0882

# Questions



Next Meeting: June 15, 2026  
Please send agenda topics to Debbie Thao @  
[Debbie.thao@state.mn.us](mailto:Debbie.thao@state.mn.us)

Q1. Are we (shops) able to have multiple event applications open? I'm not able to open a new application with a pending application

A1. Yes, you can have multiple event applications is at the same time. If you are getting an error message in OpenGov, screen shot the error and send it into the body art inbox and we will look into your situation

Q2. With the recent staff changes, I haven't known who to contact with the concerns that I've had.

A2. If your questions relate to inspections or investigations, reach out to Debbie otherwise reach out to LCR for all licensing questions using the body art inbox.

# Thank You!

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