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Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture,
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AT A GLANCE

- 21 Board members appointed by the Governor; 5 are public members
- 7 employees at full staffing

In FY 2019-20, the Board:

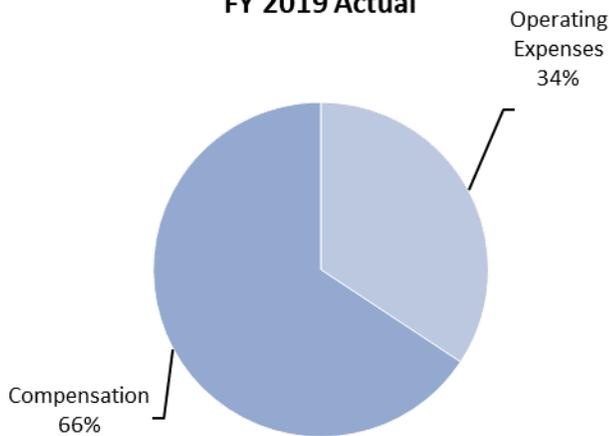
- Evaluated 3,901 applications for examination and licensure
- Issued a yearly average of 21,368 licenses
- Investigated 175 new complaints
- Issued 745 in-training certificates
- Outreach: 38 presentations

PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) regulates the professions and enforces the statutes and rules in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Board ensures that individuals meet the education, examination, and experience standards for licensure or certification, and maintain their records in good standing. The Board takes disciplinary action against those who violate the statutes, rules, and standards governing the practice of the professions.

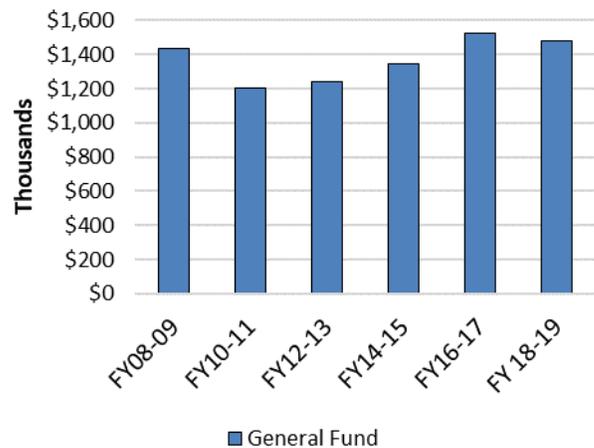
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board’s budget is funded through General Fund appropriations. The total FY20-21 biennial budget is \$1,706,000. The Board collects application and licensure fees which are deposited in the state’s General Fund.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the Board uses the following strategies:

1. **Regulatory** – Collaboration with the professions’ national councils on consistent standards for examination, licensure, and enforcement. Evaluating applications to ensure that those entering professional practice have completed the required education, examination, and experience.
2. **Enforcement** – Investigating complaints and taking action against licensees and unlicensed individuals who violate the Board’s statutes and rules. Removing individuals from practice when necessary. Exchanging enforcement data across jurisdictions. Providing public access to license status, discipline history, and the complaint process. Ensuring that the Board’s statutes and rules are up-to-date and understandable.
3. **Outreach and Education** – Providing information to Minnesota citizens, legislators, building officials, fire marshals, other state agencies, schools, and national councils about the value of licensure and the requirements of competent practice.

The Board of AELSLAGID contributes to keeping people in Minnesota safe by:

- Setting education, examination, and experience standards for licensure and certification;
- Reviewing applicant credentials to ensure that those entering professional practice have completed the required education, examination, and experience; and
- Investigating complaints and taking enforcement action against those who violate the Board’s statutes and rules.

The Board contributes to creating a thriving economy in Minnesota that encourages business growth and employment opportunities by:

- Ensuring that statutes and rules reflect the minimum standards to protect the public; and
- Updating statutes and rules to remove unnecessary barriers to licensure and certification.

The Board contributes to providing efficient and accountable government services by:

- Responding quickly and professionally to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and the public;
- Providing education and information to the public, students, licensees, and certificate holders; and
- Thoroughly and efficiently investigating complaints and taking enforcement action when appropriate.

The Board strives for equity in licensure and certification by:

- Ensuring that standards for Minnesota residents are not easier or harder to achieve than standards for those already licensed or certified in another state transferring to Minnesota;
- Consistently applying the statutes and rules to all applicants, licensees, and certificate holders; and
- Using plain language on application forms and in administrative rules.

RESULTS

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Quality	Average business days to process online renewal applications	.89	.88	FY 17-18 & FY 19-20
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for examination Note: FY 19/20 impacted by vacant position and COVID	12	13	FY 17-18 & FY 19-20
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for licensure by those already licensed in another jurisdiction. Note: FY 19/20 impacted by vacant position and COVID	27	28	FY 17-18 & FY 19-20
Quality	Average days to resolve a complaint Note: The Board investigator position has been intermittently vacant throughout this period.	130	183	FY 17-18 & FY 19-20
Quantity	Number of presentations given	22	38	FY 17-18 & FY 19-20

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design's legal authority comes from M.S. §214.01 and M.S. §§326.02 – 326.15.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214.01>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/326>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874
Total	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874
Biennial Change				229		(4)		31
Biennial % Change				15		(0)		2
Governor's Change from Base								35
Governor's % Change from Base								2

Expenditures by Program

AELSLA	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874
Total	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	441	494	465	541	541	541	551	561
Operating Expenses	284	258	219	480	310	310	312	313
Other Financial Transaction	0	0	0					
Total	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874

Full-Time Equivalent

	6.03	6.37	5.78	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23		Governor's Recommendation FY22 FY23	
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		82		170				
Direct Appropriation	799	805	855	851	851	851	863	874
Cancellations		135						
Balance Forward Out	74		170					
Expenditures	725	752	685	1,021	851	851	863	874
Biennial Change in Expenditures				229		(4)		31
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				15		(0)		2
Governor's Change from Base								35
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	6.03	6.37	5.78	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	851	851	851	1,702
Forecast Base	851	851	851	1,702
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		12	23	35
Total Governor's Recommendations	851	863	874	1,737
Revenue Change Summary				
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	831	2,231	831	3,062
Total Governor's Recommendations	831	2,231	831	3,062

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FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	12	23	23	23
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Other Funds					
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	12	23	23	23
FTEs	0	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$12,000 in FY 2022 and \$23,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design.

This represents a 2.1 percent increase over the Board’s FY 2022-2023 biennial general fund base budget.

Rationale/Background:

This operating increase funds a portion of projected cost increases in the upcoming biennium. Each year, the cost of doing business rises—including growing costs for employer-paid health care contributions and other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on operating budgets that remain flat from year to year without enacted increases. Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these costs within existing budgets, while maintaining the services Minnesotans expect.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing the Board’s operating budget to support the delivery of current services. This funding will cover compensation cost growth and known cost increases in IT services.

Results:

This proposal is intended to allow the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.