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Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design

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<https://mn.gov/aelslagid/>

AT A GLANCE

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

In FY 2021-22, the Board:

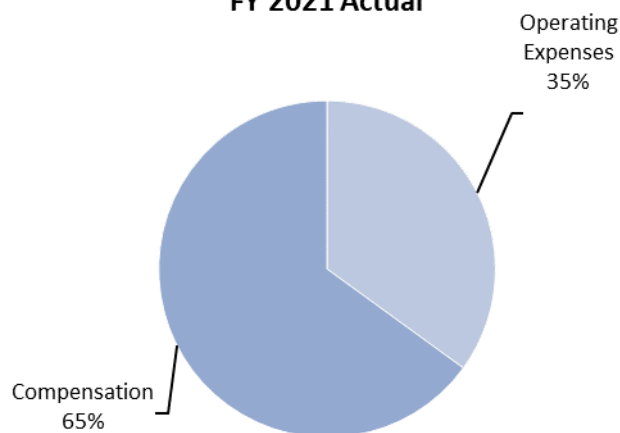
- Evaluated 4,182 applications for examination, in-training certification, and licensure
- Issued 2,317 new licenses/certificates
- Renewed over 18,000 licenses/certificates
- Investigated 135 new complaints
- Completed 4,417 examination and licensure verifications

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.

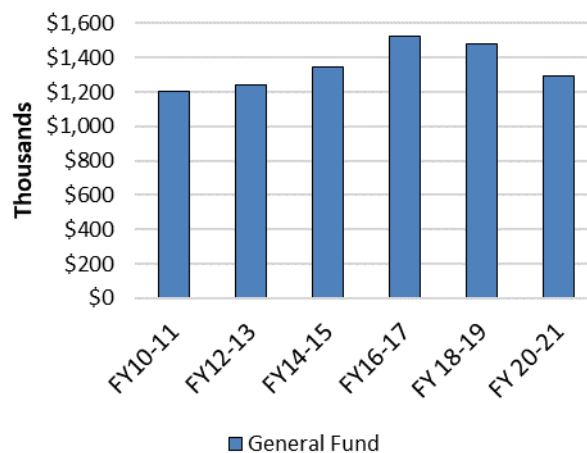
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 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 FY22-23 biennial budget is \$1,737,000. 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

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quality	Average business days to process online renewal applications	.88	.88	FY 19-20 & FY 21-22
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for PE Examination*	N/A	28	FY 19-20 & FY 21-22
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of initial licensure/certification applications, excluding PE by Examination*	N/A	48	FY 19-20 & FY 21-22

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for licensure by those already licensed in another jurisdiction.	28	44	FY 19-20 & FY 21-22
Quality	Average days to resolve/close a complaint Note: The Board investigator position has been intermittently vacant throughout this period.	195**	192	FY 19-20 & FY 21-22

*Note: A rule change regarding PE examination in 2020 impacted how this statistic is calculated for the current compared to the prior period.

**Correction to FY22-23 Profile

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 FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913
Total	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913
Biennial Change				444		11		69
Biennial % Change				34		1		4
Enacted Budget Change from Base								58
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								3

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		170		148				
Direct Appropriation	855	851	863	874	874	874	893	913
Transfers Out		100						
Cancellations		312						
Balance Forward Out	170		148					
Expenditures	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913
Biennial Change in Expenditures				444		11		69
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				34		1		4
Enacted Budget Change from Base								58
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	874	874	874	1,748
Forecast Base	874	874	874	1,748
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		19	39	58
Total Enacted Budget	874	893	913	1,806
Revenue Change Summary				
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	831	2,231	831	3,062
Total Enacted Budget	831	2,231	831	3,062

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	19	39	58	39	39	78
Expenditures	0	19	39	58	39	39	78