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**Board of Barber Examiners**

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<https://mn.gov/boards/barber-examiners/>

**AT A GLANCE**

The Board is comprised of five members: four barbers and one public member, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. The Board also has three full-time staff to carry out its responsibilities.

**FY 2024 Credentialing Services**

2,115	Registered Barbers
812	Barber Shops
185	Student Barbers
48	Barber Instructors
8	<u>Barber Schools</u>
3168	Registrations issued and/or renewed

**FY 2024 Inspection and Investigation Services**

The Board completed 423 Barber shop and barber school visits including: inspections, re-inspections, and/or investigations.

**FY 2024 Discipline**

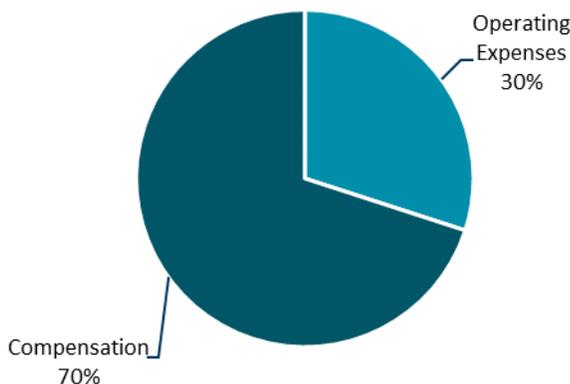
The Board received 33 complaints, opened 33 complaint files, and issued 2 disciplinary orders. There are 25 cases open and pending resolution.

**PURPOSE**

The Board of Barber Examiners was originally established in 1897 to regulate the practice of barbering. The mission of the Board of Barber Examiners is to promote public health and safety by ensuring that barbers are appropriately trained and demonstrate the skills necessary to conduct barber services in a safe, sanitary environment and use appropriate disinfection procedures to avoid injury and the spread of disease.

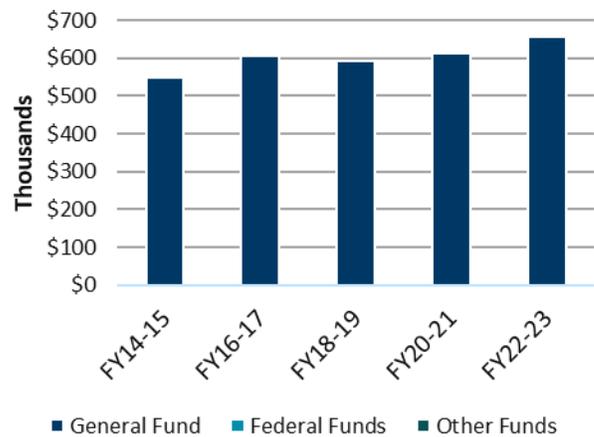
**BUDGET**

**Spending by Category  
FY 2023 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

**Historical Spending**



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board receives a direct appropriation from the general fund for all operating expenses. For the FY24-25 biennium, the Board’s appropriation is \$894,000 for the biennium. All revenue received by the Board is deposited in the general fund as non-dedicated receipts.

### STRATEGIES

The Board of Barber Examiners contributes to helping keep people in Minnesota safe by setting standards of practice and infection control standards for barber services. Barbers are required to meet these minimum standards to be registered in Minnesota and are evaluated by examination and/or assessment of their barbering credentials. The infection control standards are in place to reduce the potential of injury or the spread of disease through barbering. Barber shops and schools are inspected regularly to assure that barbers practice the appropriate infection control procedures and provide services in safe environments. The Board is an active participant in the National Association of Barber Boards of America (NABBA). As a NABBA member the Board remains informed about emerging educational, examination, and infection control standards. In addition to setting the standards, assuring appropriate training, and inspecting barber establishments, the Board conducts investigations and disciplines barbers within the jurisdiction granted in Minnesota Statutes and Rules.

The Board provides efficient and accountable government services through courteous and responsive customer interactions. Board staff respond to applications as they are received, and completed applications are promptly processed. It is an expectation that phone calls and e-mail inquiries be answered or promptly returned. Board staff are available to provide information and assistance in person, by phone, or via email.

### RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of Registrations and Permits issued	Quantity	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY22 – 459 FY23 – 495	FY24 - 558
Inspections Completed*	Quantity	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY22 Q3 & Q4 – 342 FY23 Q3 & Q4 – 437	FY24 Q3 & Q4 – 407
Average Application Processing Time** (in calendar days)	Quality	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY22 – 1.5 Days FY23 – 1.5 Days	FY24 – 1.2 Days
Percentage of Barber Shops Inspected***	Quality	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY22 Q3 & Q4 – 47% FY23 Q3 & Q4 – 56%	FY24 Q3 & Q4 – 50%

\* Q3 & Q4 data used for comparative purposes because the board did not have an inspector on staff for Q1 & Q2 of FY24.

\*\* Excludes reciprocity and registered barber applications. Those applications require the completion of a practical examination and does not reflect staff speed and competency in processing applications.

\*\*\*calculated using 769 total registered barber shops on 6/30/2023 for FY23 and 809 total registered barber shops on 6/30/2024.

The Board is governed by the following statutes and rules:

- Minnesota Statute Chapter 154 Barbers <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=154>
- Minnesota Statute Chapter 214 Examining and Licensing Boards <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214>
- Minnesota Statute Chapter 13 Government Data Practices <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/13>
- Minnesota Statute Chapter 14 Administrative Procedure <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/14>
- Minnesota Statute Chapter 15 State Agencies in General <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15>
- Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 2100 Barber Examiners Board <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/2100/>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
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**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General	304	352	367	527	452	452	459	466
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>
Biennial Change				238		10		31
Biennial % Change				36		1		3
Governor's Change from Base								21
Governor's % Change from Base								2

**Expenditures by Program**

Barbers	304	352	367	527	452	452	459	466
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	231	247	249	272	291	309	298	323
Operating Expenses	73	104	118	255	161	143	161	143
Other Financial Transaction		1	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>

**Full-Time Equivalent**

	2.95	3.12	2.85	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In		50		75				
Direct Appropriation	348	353	442	452	452	452	459	466
Cancellations		51						
Balance Forward Out	44		75					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				238		10		31
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				36		1		3
Governor's Change from Base								21
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	2.95	3.12	2.85	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	452	452	452	904
Forecast Base	452	452	452	904
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		7	14	21
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	319	319	319	638
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>638</b>

# Board of Barber Examiners

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	7	14	14	14
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	7	14	14	14
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$7,000 in FY 2026 and \$14,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to help address operating cost increases at the Board of Barber Examiners.

### Rationale/Background:

The cost of operations rises each year due to increases in employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, along with other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, and IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat year to year.

Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these rising costs within existing budgets, while maintaining the services Minnesotans expect. From year to year, agencies find ways to become more efficient with existing resources. For FY 2026-27, agencies will need to continue to find additional efficiencies and leverage management tools to help address budget pressures. Holding open vacancies in certain programs or delaying hiring in other programs are examples of ways agencies manage through constrained operating budgets. Such decisions are difficult and must be weighed against a program’s ability to conduct business with less staffing and its impact to service delivery.

This recommendation provides additional resources to help address these cost pressures and pay for agency operations.

### Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support current services. For the Board of Barber Examiners, this funding will help cover expected growth in employee compensation and insurance, rising rents, and other operating costs.

### Dollars in Thousands

Net Impact by Fund	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
General Fund	7	14	21	14	14	28
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>

Fund	Component Description	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
GF	Operating Costs	7	14	21	14	14	28

**Results:**

This recommendation is intended to help the Board of Barber Examiners address rising cost pressures and mitigate impacts to current levels of service and information to the public.