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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 2026 Credentialing Services

There were 3,489 registrations issued and/or renewed, encompassing 2,339 registered barbers, 840 barber shops, 246 student barbers, 57 barber instructors, and 7 barber schools.

FY 2026 Inspection and Investigation Services

The Board completed 71 inspections and investigations.

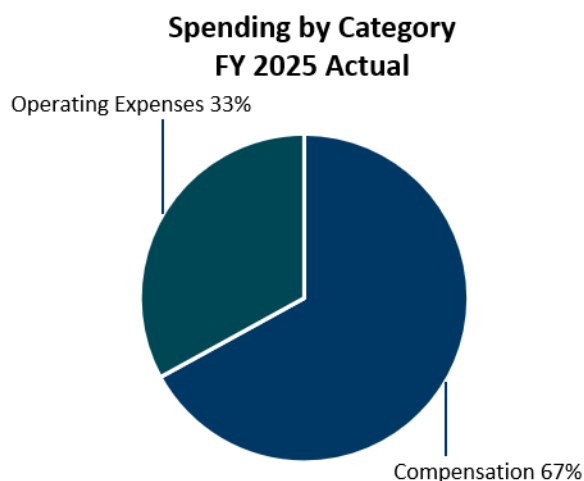
FY 2026 Discipline

The Board received 40 complaints, opened 40 complaint files, and issued 23 disciplinary orders. There are 12 cases open and pending resolution.

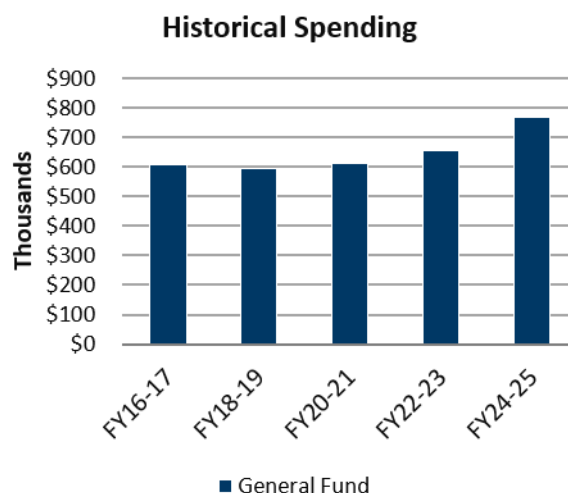
PURPOSE

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



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



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. 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 ensure 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

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of Registrations and Permits issued	Quantity	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY24 – 558 FY25 – 549	FY26 - 601
Inspections Completed	Quantity	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY24 – 496 FY25 – 765	FY26 – 719
Average Application Processing Time* (in calendar days)	Quality	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY24 – 1.2 Days FY25 – 1.4 Days	FY26 – 1.6 Days
Percentage of Barber Shops Inspected**	Quality	Collected from ALIMIS licensing database	FY24 – 61% FY25 – 91%	FY26 – 85%

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

**calculated using 809 total registered barber shop on 6/30/2024 for FY24, 840 total registered barber shops on 6/30/2025 for FY25 and 840 total registered barber shops on 6/30/2026 for FY26.

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

The Board of Barber Examiners does not have programs or activities that are evidence-based and directly funded.

The Board is governed by the following statutes and rules:

Minnesota Statute Chapter 154 Barbers [Barber Statutes 154 Hyperlink](#)

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/>