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Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

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AT A GLANCE

Oversight of teacher standards, licensure renewals, and ethics for more than 120,000 licensed educators in the State, over 62,000 of whom are actively teaching in Minnesota classrooms.

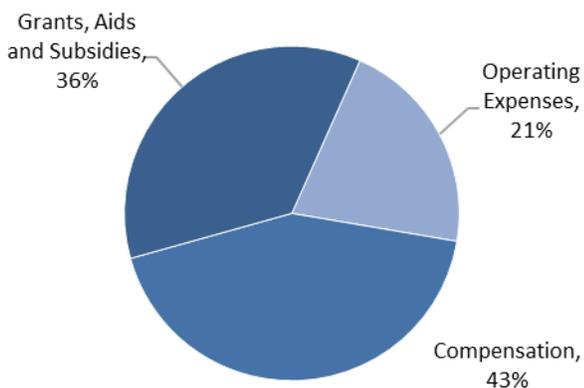
- Oversight and daily support for 34 teacher preparation program providers
- 6-8 onsite reviews of Minnesota institutions of higher education teacher preparation programs conducted annually
- Ongoing Program Review of over 400 licensure area programs annually
- Over 200 teacher conduct investigations reviewed annually
- Issuance and renewal of over 30,000 educator licenses annually

PURPOSE

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board’s (PELSB) primary mission is to assure that Minnesota students are served by licensed teachers who are equipped to deliver effective instruction and meet the instructional needs of all learners. PELSB is an independent board, with members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The agency provides leadership in teacher education, establishes and maintains licensure standards and renewal requirements, approves teacher preparation providers and licensure programs, and establishes and enforces the Code of Ethics for Minnesota teachers.

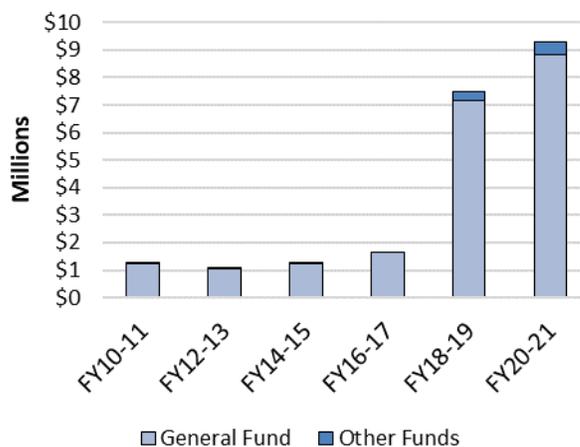
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The majority of the board’s funding is spent to retain 23 FTE positions to conduct the oversight of teacher preparation, teacher assessments, teacher conduct investigation and action, and to issue and renew educator licenses and permissions, including a licensure via portfolio process. PELSB receives an annual appropriation from the legislature, and a special appropriation for licensure via portfolio expenses. All licensing fees for teachers other than those pursuing licensure by portfolio are paid to the general fund. Operating expenses include reimbursement of mileage and per diem for Board members as well as support for staff administrative and travel fees.

STRATEGIES

PELSB has provided leadership in teacher education by establishing and maintaining licensure rules, policies and standards for the profession, as well as oversight for the approval of institutions and their licensure programs to prepare Minnesota teachers. The Board conducts investigations into teacher conduct, enforcing the established Code of Ethics for Minnesota teachers.

RESULTS

PELSB inherited multiple tasks by the combination of the Board of Teaching and Educator Licensing. PELSB became a new independent board on January 1, 2018. This new board will need to review all rules under the Board of Teaching and continue to work with the legislature to align rule with statute. A summary of work accomplished in the previous fiscal year includes:

<i>School Year</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>Details</i>
Preparation Providers Reviewed	7	34 providers, including traditional, alternative pathway, transfer pathway providers
Preparation Programs Reviewed	420	848 licensure programs
Permissions Granted	3,500	(unduplicated)
Licenses Issued	7,000	(unduplicated)
Licenses Renewed	19000	(unduplicated)
Ethics Cases Reviewed	260	Traditionally between 200-300 cases open each year. 71 cases had board action.
Portfolio Cohort	30	Worked with non-profit organizations and teacher preparation programs to support 30 individuals through the licensure via portfolio process.

The current authority and responsibilities of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board are delineated primarily in Minnesota Statutes §122A.05 – §122A.09, §122A.18, §214, and Minnesota Rules, Chapters 8700, 8705 and 8710.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base	
					FY24	FY25
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>						
1000 - General	4,345	4,481	5,728	8,403	7,085	7,085
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	242	231	274	297	220	220
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery			11	133		
Total	4,587	4,712	6,013	8,833	7,305	7,305
Biennial Change				5,547		(236)
Biennial % Change				60		(2)

Expenditures by Program

Prof Educator Licensing Std Bd	4,587	4,712	6,013	8,833	7,305	7,305
Total	4,587	4,712	6,013	8,833	7,305	7,305

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	1,997	2,033	2,110	2,338	2,170	2,202
Operating Expenses	808	993	1,052	1,341	1,014	982
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	1,779	1,683	2,851	5,152	4,119	4,119
Capital Outlay-Real Property	1			1	1	1
Other Financial Transaction	2	4	0	1	1	1
Total	4,587	4,712	6,013	8,833	7,305	7,305

Full-Time Equivalent

	21.57	21.00	21.70	22.60	20.60	20.60
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25	
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		302	0	1,318		
Direct Appropriation	4,593	4,518	7,046	7,085	7,085	7,085
Transfers In	70	68				
Transfers Out	70	366				
Cancellations		40				
Balance Forward Out	248		1,318			
Expenditures	4,345	4,481	5,728	8,403	7,085	7,085
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,304		39
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				60		0
Full-Time Equivalents	21.57	21.00	21.53	21.60	20.60	20.60

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	31	73	101	118	49	57
Receipts	245	243	291	228	228	228
Transfers In	133					
Transfers Out	95					
Balance Forward Out	72	85	118	49	57	65
Expenditures	242	231	274	297	220	220
Biennial Change in Expenditures				99		(131)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		(23)

3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In				133		
Direct Appropriation			144			
Balance Forward Out			133			
Expenditures			11	133		
Biennial Change in Expenditures				144		(144)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)
Full-Time Equivalents			0.17	1.00		

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	7,085	7,085	7,085	14,170
Forecast Base	7,085	7,085	7,085	14,170
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	297	220	220	440
Forecast Base	297	220	220	440
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	228	228	228	456
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	1,850	1,850	1,850	3,700