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

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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 2021-22, the Board:

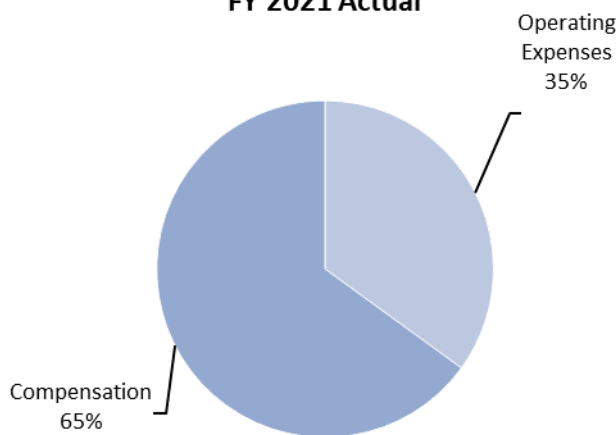
- Evaluated 4,182 applications for examination, in-training certification, and licensure
- Issued 2,317 new licenses/certificates
- Renewed over 18,000 licenses/certificates
- Investigated 135 new complaints
- Completed 4,417 examination and licensure verifications

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.

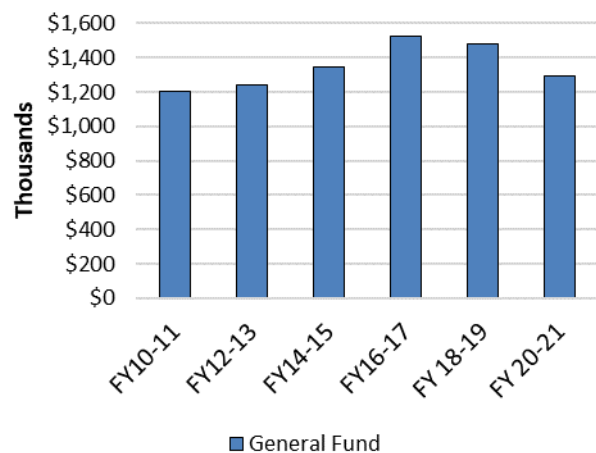
BUDGET

**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		Governor's Recommendation 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
Governor's Change from Base								58
Governor's % Change from Base								3

Expenditures by Program

AELSLA	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913
Total	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	465	395	469	557	557	557	576	596
Operating Expenses	219	213	247	465	317	317	317	317
Other Financial Transaction	0	0	0					
Total	685	609	715	1,022	874	874	893	913

Full-Time Equivalent

	5.78	4.83	6.04	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Governor's Recommendation 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					
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Full-Time Equivalents	5.78	4.83	6.04	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00

(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 Governor's Recommendations	874	893	913	1,806
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 2024-25 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Maintain Current Service Levels

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund				
Expenditures	19	39	39	39
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	19	39	39	39
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$19,000 in FY 2024 and \$39,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to maintain the current level of service delivery at Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID).

Rationale/Background:

Each year, the cost of doing business rises—employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, along with other salary and compensation-related costs increase. 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 from year to year.

Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these 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 AELSLAGID, efficiencies have been implemented to help offset rising operating costs such as staff and resource sharing agreements with the Accountancy Board. However, cost growth typically outstrips efficiencies, and without additional resources added to agency budgets, service delivery erodes.

For AELSLAGID, operating cost pressures exist in multiple categories—increases in compensation and insurance costs at the agency, increasing costs to maintain our current staff compliment in a challenging labor market, and increasing IT costs. If an operational increase is not provided, the services AELSLAGID delivers to Minnesotans will be impacted. Some examples of potential impacts include:

- Slower processing times for examination, in-training certification, and licensure applications
- Decreased capacity to investigate complaints

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support maintaining the delivery of current services. For AELSLAGID, this funding will cover anticipated employee compensation growth, cost increases in IT services, and other operating costs.

Results:

This proposal is intended to allow AELSLAGID to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.