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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 (Executive Director position currently vacant)

In FY 2023-24, the Board:

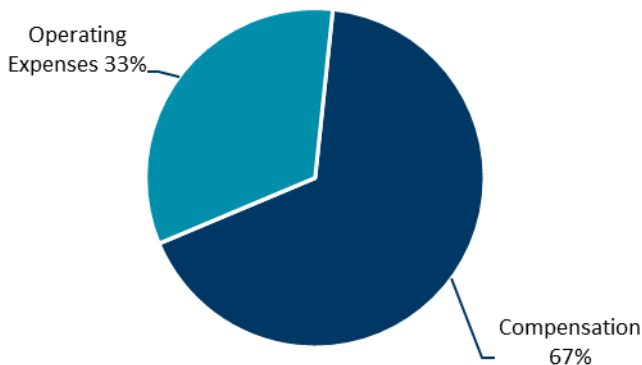
- Evaluated 4,493 applications for examination, in-training certification, and licensure
- Issued 2,440 new licenses/certificates
- Renewed over 18,500 licenses/certificates
- Investigated 130 new complaints
- Completed 4,269 examination and licensure verifications

**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.

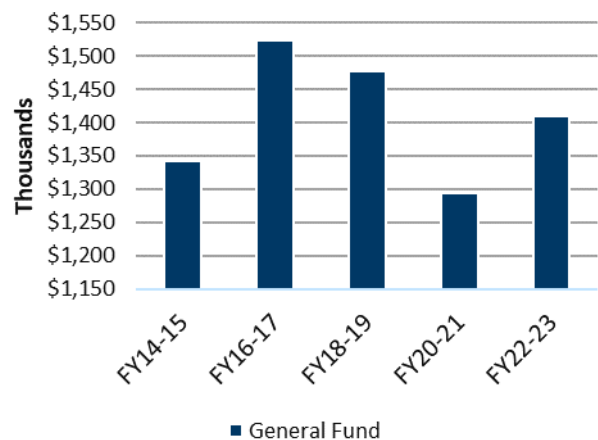
**BUDGET**

**Spending by Category  
FY 2023 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 FY24-25 biennial budget is \$1,806,000. 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:

- **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.
- **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.
- **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>Measure Name</i>	<i>Measure Type</i>	<i>Measure Data Source</i>	<i>Historical Trend</i>	<i>Most Recent Data</i>
Average business days to process online renewal applications	Quantity	Board’s Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: .88	FY 23-24: .92
Average days to approval/denial of applications for PE Examination*	Quantity	Board’s Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 28	FY 23-24: 19

<b>Measure Name</b>	<b>Measure Type</b>	<b>Measure Data Source</b>	<b>Historical Trend</b>	<b>Most Recent Data</b>
Average days to approval/denial of initial licensure/certification applications, excluding PE by Examination*	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 48	FY 23-24: 30
Average days to approval/denial of applications for licensure by those already licensed in another jurisdiction	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 44	FY 23-24: 52
Average days to resolve/close a complaint	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 192	FY 23-24: 250

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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 FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	715	694	759	1,047	914	914	928	943
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>943</b>
Biennial Change				397		22		65
Biennial % Change				28		1		4
Governor's Change from Base								43
Governor's % Change from Base								2

**Expenditures by Program**

AELSLA	715	694	759	1,047	914	914	928	943
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>943</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	469	468	513	572	517	517	531	546
Operating Expenses	247	226	246	475	397	397	397	397
Other Financial Transaction	0	0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>943</b>

**Full-Time Equivalent**

	<b>6.04</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>
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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		156		134				
Direct Appropriation	863	874	893	913	914	914	928	943
Cancellations		336						
Balance Forward Out	148		134					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>943</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				397		22		65
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		1		4
Governor's Change from Base								43
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	6.04	6.12	5.85	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	913	913	913	1,826
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Minnesota Paid Leave Allocation		1	1	2
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>1,828</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		14	29	43
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,871</b>
 <b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	831	2,331	831	3,162
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>3,162</b>

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

## 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	14	29	29	29
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	14	29	29	29
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$14,000 in FY 2026 and \$29,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to help address operating cost increases at the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design.

### 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, this funding will help cover expected growth in employee compensation and insurance, rising rents, IT services, 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	14	29	43	29	29	58
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>



Fund	Component Description	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
GF	Operating Costs	14	29	43	29	29	58

**Results:**

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