

STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROF ENGINEERS & PROF SURVEYORS

Enabling Laws

Act 186 of 2012
Act 214 of 1953 (which amended Act 202 of 1925)
A.C.A. §17-30-101 et seq.
Act 101 of 1967, as amended.
A.C.A. §17-48-101 et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas General Assembly saw the need to regulate the practice of Engineering. They passed Act 202 of 1925 to create the Agency. A Board was established to review the qualifications of individuals to insure they met certain controlling and minimum qualifications to be awarded a license to practice engineering in the State of Arkansas. The Board was also given the authority to discipline individuals that provided substandard engineering services to residents of the State. The original Act has been amended numerous times and at present is A.C.A. §17-30-101 et seq.

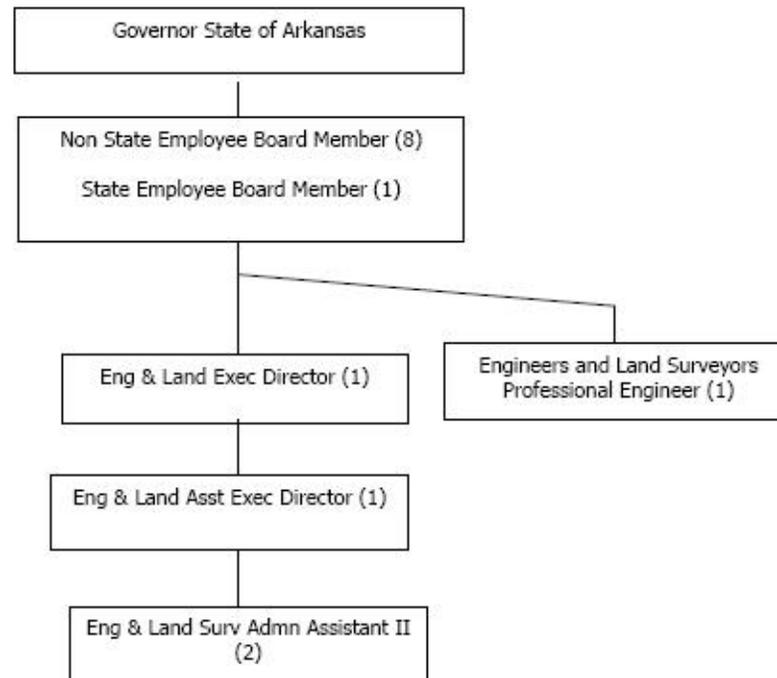
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The Agency has never received any money from the State for the operation of the office. All monies used by the Agency for operation, salaries, and etc. are generated from the collection of application fees, examination fees, renewal fees, and disciplinary civil penalties.

The Board consists of nine (9) members that are appointed by the Governor. Five (5) members shall be Professional Engineers of at least ten (10) years of active experience, of good standing in their profession, and registered as Professional Engineers at the time of their appointment; One (1) member shall be a Professional Engineer and a Professional Land Surveyor of at least ten (10) years of active experience in both, of good standing in both professions and registered as both a Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor, at the time of their appointment; One (1) member shall be a Professional Land Surveyor of at least ten (10) years active experience, of good

standing in their profession, and registered as a Professional Land Surveyor at the time of his appointment; Two (2) members of the Board shall not be actively engaged or retired as a Professional Engineers or a Professional Land Surveyor, One (1) shall represent consumers, and One (1) shall be at least sixty (60) years of age and shall represent elderly consumers. The term of office for each appointment is four (4) years. There is no restriction on the number of times an individual may be appointed.

The Agency is staffed at the present time by five (5) individuals and one (1) extra help position. They are an Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, a Professional Engineer, and two (2) Administrative Assistant II. The staff is responsible for compiling all information necessary for the Board to make decisions on the licensing of individuals. Other responsibilities include maintaining records of all renewals, correspondence, and financial records of the Agency.



Agency Commentary

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The Board requests Base Level appropriation for the 2013-2015 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	2	1	3	60 %
Black Employees	0	1	1	20 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	1	1	20 %
Total Minorities			2	40 %
Total Employees			5	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Newsletter	17-30-203 (b)(4)	N	N	10,000	Distributed biannually to keep licensees apprised of items of interest, changes affecting their professions, proposed rule changes, and the results of disciplinary actions taken by the Board.
Rules of Professional Conduct and Roster	17-30-305 (c)	N	N	10,000	To notify every registrant once every biennium of the rules of professional conduct, as provided by 17-30-203.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012						FY2012 - 2013					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
5	5	0	5	0	0.00 %	5	5	0	5	0	0.00 %	5	5	0	5	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 857 - Land Surveyors - Cash in Treasury

Funding Sources: NES - Cash in Treasury

Act 202 of 1925 created the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors. The purpose of the Board is to ensure the public through rules and regulations professional engineers or land surveyors will provide competent services to the citizens of the State. The Board is funded from application, certificate, and renewal fees charged pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-304.

Act 444 of 2009 changed the name of the board to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Board requests Base Level appropriation for the 2013-2015 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	262,143	247,286	255,128	247,286	247,286	247,286	247,386	247,386	247,386
#Positions	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Extra Help 5010001	4,511	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
#Extra Help	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching 5010003	80,445	77,719	76,823	79,071	79,071	79,071	79,094	79,094	79,094
Operating Expenses 5020002	222,035	259,461	259,461	259,461	259,461	259,461	259,461	259,461	259,461
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	8,097	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227	10,227
Professional Fees 5060010	9,230	11,744	11,744	11,744	11,744	11,744	11,744	11,744	11,744
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	586,461	618,437	625,383	619,789	619,789	619,789	619,912	619,912	619,912

Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	992,145	1,043,911		1,026,474	1,026,474	1,026,474	1,022,685	1,022,685	1,022,685
Cash Fund 4000045	638,227	601,000		616,000	616,000	616,000	631,000	631,000	631,000
Total Funding	1,630,372	1,644,911		1,642,474	1,642,474	1,642,474	1,653,685	1,653,685	1,653,685
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(1,043,911)	(1,026,474)		(1,022,685)	(1,022,685)	(1,022,685)	(1,033,773)	(1,033,773)	(1,033,773)
Grand Total	586,461	618,437		619,789	619,789	619,789	619,912	619,912	619,912

The FY13 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 biennium.