

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSING BOARD

Enabling Laws

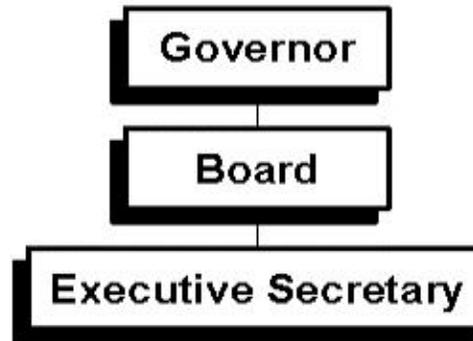
Act 136 of 2016
Act 266 of 1989 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-17-201

History and Organization

The Auctioneer's Licensing Board, consisting of seven members - four auctioneers and three consumer representatives, was created in 1989.

The mission of the organization is to protect public welfare by establishing and maintaining a high standard of integrity in the Profession of Auctioneers and Auction Houses.

The responsibility of the organization is to certify, license, register individuals and companies who meet the requirements to engage in the profession of Auctioneers and, additionally, to protect the public from illegal, incompetent, unethical and unprofessional practitioners.



Agency Commentary

The Auctioneer's Licensing Board was created by Act 266 of 1989. The Board is self-funded from funds collected through application fees for licensure, renewal of licenses and permits, issuance of permits, late penalties, examinations, and disciplinary fines.

The primary activities of the Board are as follows: 1) Administer a professional auctioneer examination four times a year; 2) License those who pass the examination and otherwise qualify; 3) Annually issue renewal licenses to all qualified auctioneers and auction house owners; 4) Maintain and publish a register of all qualified auctioneers and auction house owners that are permitted to operate in the State; 5) Conduct investigations into allegations of violations of Statutes and Rules and Regulations; 6) Conduct hearings and take disciplinary actions when appropriate; 7) Monitor continuing professional education on auctioneers for license renewals; 8) Conduct yearly audits of auction houses to ensure compliance with record keeping and reporting requirements. All of this is done with one secretary/treasurer position and an extra help position.

The Board is requesting Base Level for the 2017 - 2019 Biennium. The Board has succeeded each year in fulfilling its statutory obligations with an emphasis on efficiency and cost containment. It is essential to maintain the current level to ensure the Board's financial obligations are met. Reductions in Base Level funding or appropriation would restrict the Board's ability to perform its core regulatory functions.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

Cash Fund Balance Description as of June 30, 2016

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
3440000	\$82,764	Checking and TMMP	Centennial Bank and Treasury

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

A.C.A. §17-17-204 authorizes all fees, charges, and penalties collected to be deposited in a bank or banks to be designated by the Board.

Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-17-214 and A.C.A. §17-17-301 et seq. authorize the Agency to collect and use fees, fines, and penalties for operating costs.

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

Fees, fines, and penalties are collected during the fiscal year.

Fund Balance Utilization:

Funds are collected during the fiscal year and are used for operating expenses.

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
3440100	\$194,902	TMMP and CD	Bank of America and Treasury

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

A.C.A. §17-17-204 authorizes all fees, charges, and penalties collected to be deposited in a bank or banks to be designated by the Board.

Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-17-204 authorizes the Agency to collect fees at initial licensure and at each renewal period.

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

Funds are collected from new licensees during the fiscal year.

Fund Balance Utilization:

Funds are collected from new licensees during the fiscal year and are used to pay any claim resulting from a disciplinary hearing. The Agency may use any funds above \$180,000 to advance education, underwrite seminars, and for improvement of the profession.

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
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Licensee List	A.C.A. 17-17-206	N	N	75	Required by A.C.A. 17-17-206 to be available to the general public upon request.	0	0.00

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016						FY2016 - 2017					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: C51 - Auctioneer's - Cash Operations

Funding Sources: 344 - Auctioneer's Licensing Board - Cash

The Arkansas Auctioneer's Licensing Board was established by Act 266 of 1989, as codified in Arkansas Code Annotated §17-17-201, for promulgating rules and regulations, licensing, and publishing annually a register of all auctioneers that are licensed to do business in Arkansas. The Agency monitors auctions held within the State and gives examinations to certify new auctioneers four times a year. The Commission consists of seven (7) Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor.

This is the primary operating appropriation of the Agency. Its revenues are generated from receipt of fees charged for examinations, licensing, renewals, and penalties.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 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 Agency's Base Level and total request is for appropriation of \$212,363 each year of the 2017-2019 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		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	57,210	57,200	56,687	57,200	57,200	57,200	57,200	57,200	57,200
#Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Help	5010001	0	15,780	15,780	15,780	15,780	15,780	15,780	15,780	15,780
#Extra Help		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	17,427	18,272	18,334	18,578	18,578	18,578	18,578	18,578	18,578
Operating Expenses	5020002	32,533	52,117	52,117	52,117	52,117	52,117	52,117	52,117	52,117
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Professional Fees	5060010	23	13,688	13,688	13,688	13,688	13,688	13,688	13,688	13,688
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds/Reimbursements	5110014	0	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Claims	5110015	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		107,193	212,057	211,606	212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	280,926	277,666		176,861	176,861	176,861	75,750	75,750	75,750
Cash Fund	4000045	103,933	111,252		111,252	111,252	111,252	111,252	111,252	111,252
Total Funding		384,859	388,918		288,113	288,113	288,113	187,002	187,002	187,002
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(277,666)	(176,861)		(75,750)	(75,750)	(75,750)	25,361	25,361	25,361
Grand Total		107,193	212,057		212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363	212,363

FY17 Budget amount in Regular Salaries exceeds the authorized amount due to salary adjustments during the 2015-2017 Biennium.

Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.