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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.

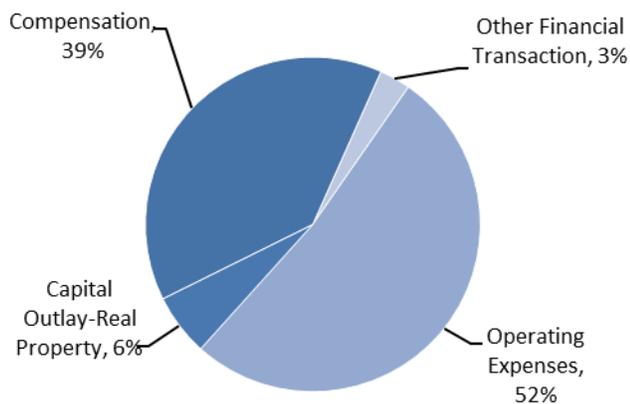
- Oversight and daily support for 31 teacher preparation program providers
- 6-8 onsite reviews of Minnesota institutions of higher education teacher preparation programs conducted annually
- Ongoing Program Review of over 400 licensure area programs annually
- Over 200 teacher conduct investigations 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.

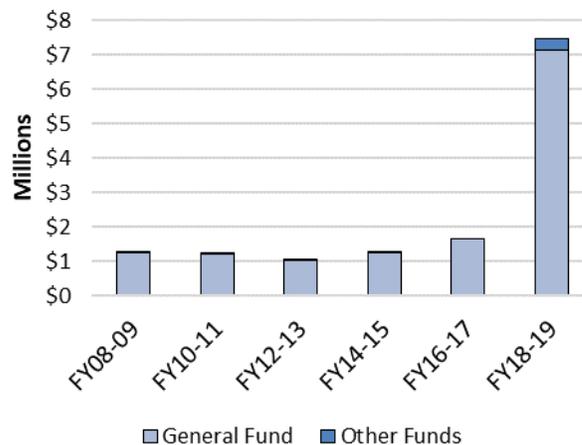
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 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>2020</i>	<i>Details</i>
Preparation Providers Reviewed	22	43 providers, including traditional, alternative pathway, transfer pathway providers
Preparation Programs Reviewed	440	848 licensure programs
Permissions Granted	3,036	(unduplicated)
Licenses Issued	6,217	(unduplicated)
Licenses Renewed	18,941	(unduplicated) 2020 allowed individuals about to expire an additional six months to renew due to COVID-19 testing delays.
Ethics Cases Reviewed	620	Traditionally between 200-300 cases open each year. 71 cases had board action.
Educators Online Licensing System		PELSB and MN.IT built a new online licensing system. The backend processing and renewal application portions were completed in FY20.

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.

Prof Educator Licensing Std Bd

Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>						
1000 - General	3,333	3,818	4,345	4,766	4,469	4,461
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	113	218	242	281	214	214
Total	3,446	4,036	4,587	5,047	4,683	4,675
Biennial Change				2,152		(276)
Biennial % Change				29		(3)

Expenditures by Program

Prof Educator Licensing Std Bd	3,446	4,036	4,587	5,047	4,683	4,675
Total	3,446	4,036	4,587	5,047	4,683	4,675

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	964	1,583	1,997	2,097	2,188	2,173
Operating Expenses	2,477	2,109	808	1,263	810	825
Grants, Aids and Subsidies			1,779	1,683	1,683	1,675
Capital Outlay-Real Property	1	239	1	2		
Other Financial Transaction	4	105	2	2	2	2
Total	3,446	4,036	4,587	5,047	4,683	4,675

Full-Time Equivalent

	10.07	18.38	21.57	21.35	22.10	21.60
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		1,221		248		
Direct Appropriation	3,467	3,497	4,593	4,518	4,469	4,461
Transfers In			70	67	67	67
Transfers Out		900	70	67	67	67
Cancellations		1				
Balance Forward Out	133		248			
Expenditures	3,333	3,818	4,345	4,766	4,469	4,461
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,960		(181)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(2)
Full-Time Equivalents	10.07	18.00	21.57	21.20	21.95	21.45

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In		38	31	72	5	5
Receipts	138	211	245	214	214	214
Transfers In	29	17	133	15	14	14
Transfers Out	17	17	95	15	14	14
Balance Forward Out	38	31	72	5	5	5
Expenditures	113	218	242	281	214	214
Biennial Change in Expenditures				192		(95)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				58		(18)
Full-Time Equivalents		0.38		0.15	0.15	0.15

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	4,518	4,518	4,518	9,036
Base Adjustments				
One-Time IT Appropriations		(49)	(49)	(98)
Current Law Base Change			(8)	(8)
Forecast Base	4,518	4,469	4,461	8,930
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	281	214	214	428
Forecast Base	281	214	214	428
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	214	214	214	428
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200