

Agency Purpose

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design was established to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public's welfare. M.S. 326.15 mandates that the Board examine, certify, license, and regulate individuals practicing architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, professional geology, and professional soil science, and those who use the title certified interior designer.

Core Functions

The Board protects the public by regulating the seven professions. Core functions support the policy making process and administration of the board. These core functions include:

- ◆ ensuring that those entering the professions meet standards of competency by way of education, experience, and examination;
- ◆ enforcing the laws and rules governing the professions in a fair, expeditious, and uniform fashion;
- ◆ educating the public on the requirements and exemptions to licensed practice; and
- ◆ ensuring that the professionals regulated by the board will continue to remain competent in their areas of practice through mandated continuing education and adherence to established standards of a code of conduct.

Operations

The Board serves a diverse customer base and consists of 21 members appointed by the governor: three architects, five professional engineers, two land surveyors, two landscape architects, one professional geologist, one soil scientist, two certified interior designers and five public members. The full board meets ten times a year and additional committees meet as needed.

The Board's outreach program provides information to Minnesota citizens, legislators, building officials, fire marshals, other state agencies, and national councils.

Key Goals

The Board's key goals provide the framework for the results it wants to achieve in the furtherance of its mission of protecting the public.

- ◆ Enforcement: Protect public by effectively enforcing the Statutes and Rules when violations occur.
- ◆ Public and Professional Awareness: Increase public and professional awareness of the Board's mission, activities and services.
- ◆ Customer Service: Enhance effectiveness and improve quality of service in all programs.

Key Measures

The Board implemented on-line renewals in 2008 and had 83% participation by licensees.

The Board received and investigated 196 complaints in the last biennium.

Initial licenses issued, on average, one week after the applicant meets all requirements.

Protect the citizens by identifying and disciplining impaired licensees, certificate holders, or those in violation of the Statutes and Rules.

At A Glance

Annual Business Process:

Licensure: The Board licenses and certifies 18,000 individuals who meet the established qualifications. Online renewal and applications are available.

Enforcement: During the 2008-09 biennium, to date, the board received 196 complaints alleging violation of its rules and laws. The board in conjunction with the Attorney General's office has continued to receive, file, and investigate complaints of violation of the statutes and rules.

Budget

The Board's FY 2008-09 budget was \$1.61 million in general fund direct appropriations, and it has nine full-time equivalent employees. The board collects over \$2.6 million on a biennial basis from the following sources of non-dedicated revenue:

- ◆ examinations;
- ◆ licenses;
- ◆ fines; and
- ◆ filings.

The Board's license fees are set in statute.

Contact

See our web site: <http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us> for information on statutes, rules, newsletters, rosters, applications, and enforcement action.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	800	815	815	815	1,630
Forecast Base	800	815	815	815	1,630
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					0.9%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	745	869	815	815	1,630
Total	745	869	815	815	1,630
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	451	598	518	540	1,058
Other Operating Expenses	294	271	297	275	572
Total	745	869	815	815	1,630
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Aelsla	745	869	815	815	1,630
Total	745	869	815	815	1,630
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
General	1,917	875	860	860	1,720
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	1,917	875	860	860	1,720
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	1,917	875	860	860	1,720