

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 Performance Report

Oklahoma Accountancy Board

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Board is to safeguard the public welfare by prescribing and assessing the qualifications of and regulating the professional conduct of individual registrants and registered firms authorized to engage in the practice of public accounting in the State of Oklahoma.

(This statement was adopted by the Board several years ago and is reviewed each year as a part of the strategic plan)

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GOVERNANCE:

The OAB is composed of five certified public accountants and one public accountant who serve for five-year terms, and one member who represents the public and serves coterminous with the Governor. All members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board hires an Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations of the agency and all administrative duties. There are several committees which are comprised of board members and others. (See attached committee list).

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

There is specific attendance and disqualification requirements of board members outlined in Title 10 section 15.3 and they are being strictly adhered to by the board.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

In 2012 the OAB took the lead in the State of Oklahoma for modernizing the licensing process of licensing agencies by becoming the pilot agency for the implementation of the AMANDA licensing system. The system provides for efficiencies in processing and accountability of each staff person and their duties. Additionally, the OAB began the process of becoming a paperless agency by implementing an imaging system that will be integrated into the AMANDA system.

The agency is embracing the use of technology to improve responsiveness to its customers. The elimination of regular mail and replacing with e-mail of bulletins and routine informational correspondence has reduced the postage, paper and manpower cost normally associated with mailing of the past. The imaging initiative is reducing storage space requirements and improved accessibility.

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CORE MISSION:

The OAB is not required to provide services outside its core mission.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

There are no private sector services which perform the duties of the OAB. The Board is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountants which does offers some services which are performed by the OAB. The OAB has contracted with NASBA to perform some of these services which are more cost efficient for the OAB. Remaining services that NASBA offers the OAB performs faster and more efficiently than does NASBA