

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 Performance Report

Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Interior Designers

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to protect the citizens of Oklahoma by regulating and promoting quality practice in the professions of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Registered Interior Design.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Jean Williams, Executive Director
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GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure: All members are Governor appointed for five (5) year terms, except the lay member, serving with the Governor's terms.

Eleven (11) Board members: Seven (7) persons who have been duly licensed to practice architecture and are actively engaged in the practice of architecture in this state or are teaching professors of architecture and duly licensed to practice architecture in this state, (2) persons who have been duly licensed to practice landscape architecture and are actively engaged in the practice of landscape architecture in this state or are teaching professors of landscape architecture and duly licensed to practice landscape architecture in this state, one (1) person as a registered interior designer and one (1) lay member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with that of the Governor.

Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board?
The agency director is an appointee of the board.

Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board. The Governor appoints the Board Members for five (5) year staggered terms, except the lay member is coterminous with the Governors terms. Listing of current Board Members:

**Randy D. Weatherly, Architect/
Landscape Architect, Chair**
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**James H. Hasenbeck, Architect
Secretary-Treasurer**
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Ben Graves, Architect

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Connie Scothorn, Landscape Architect

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J. Mark Taylor, Registered Interior Designer

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Mark A. Dale -Public Member

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Coterminous with the Governor
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Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? If so, please provide a detailed listing of the subgroups and their areas of focus?

1. Investigations: Alleged violations
2. Finance: Oversight of finances of the agency.
3. Law & Rules:
4. Architect/Engineering: Joint interest and mutual concerns.
5. Building Officials Joint Conference: Education of professions both to our 3 professions as well as to the building officials themselves.
6. College Public Relations: Keeping abreast of accredited programs and educating students by guest lecturing to them.

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7. Architect & Construction Manager: Continued discussions of roles of architect and/or landscape architect in construction management.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

1. A quorum of 6 (six) is required to conduct all meetings as written in the Act.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2010. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.

1. All documents have been scanned and are stored at the OMES Data Center.
 - a. Savings – agency no longer needs extra physical storage facility and intends to reduce office square footage space.
 - b. Expense – development and on-going scanning & storage services
2. Redeveloping online ok.gov licensing system.
 - a. Expense – hardware, software & development expenses
3. Agency has instigated the process to move to State's AMANDA licensing system as opposed to maintaining separate system.
 - a. Expense – development cost & on-going maintenance
4. Agency utilizing all applicable OMES People Soft/CORE systems for administration
 - a. Savings – minimal costs due to all agency use
 - Website/ok.gov
 - Expenditures/Revenues
 - Purchasing
 - Payroll/HR (HCM)

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste?

1. Extra storage facility eliminated.
2. Office space square footage to be reduced.
3. Savings forwarded to the public by reducing fees in 2012.
4. Meetings are held in conference rooms free or reduced rates to state government.
5. Savings by replacing desk tops every 5-6 stretching longevity of dollars invested.
6. Overall expenses are kept to a minimum while revenues are constantly evaluated.

Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

1. Scanning services utilizing consulting from Jon Anderson with OMES and GET Imaging were expertly handled with highly successful project management and future cost savings.

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CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission?

- None.

Developing and maintaining all technology related functions. Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency?

- No.

Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

- No.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma?

- No.

In other states?

- No.

Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

- No.

AGENCY COMMENTS

1. The major construction industry begins here in this agency with the design and remodeling of facilities and buildings. Each license issued has the potential of having a major economic impact on the State of Oklahoma's economy. Rapid evaluation and issuance of licenses by a knowledgeable and experienced staff are imperative and key to the efficient functioning of this agency. Any disruptions in the processes leads to the license being delayed and adversely impacts Oklahoma's economy.
2. We are hoping for approval from the Legislature and Governor to allow the Board, in times of excess revenue to pay all or a portion of the licensing fees for candidates graduating from Oklahoma accredited educational programs. This is will encourage Oklahoma licensing while retaining Oklahoma's investments in these graduates which in turn benefits.
3. Two-thirds of our licensing comes from out of state.
4. Two (2) of our current Board Members serve on the national councils of two separate associations, giving Oklahoma a major impact and voice on national trends and decisions affecting the nation.
5. This agency answers directly to the Governor and Legislature concerning all issues.