

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2013-14 Performance Report

Oklahoma Board of Examiners in Optometry

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Optometry Board is to protect the public by regulating the practice of optometry in the State of Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements and to insure that optometrists practice optometry within the provisions of the law.

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GOVERNANCE:

The State Board of Examiners in Optometry is the official licensing agency for the practice of optometry in the State of Oklahoma. The Board consists of five members, each appointed by the Governor to serve for a period of five years. Four of the five members possess sufficient knowledge of theoretical and practical optics to practice optometry, are licensed as optometrists, and are residents of this state and have been engaged in the practice of optometry for at least five years. The fifth member is a lay member who serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? No

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? No

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

- As of May 1, 2010 we require all optometrists annually renew their optometry license on-line
- Our agency is non-appropriated and we work with three part-time employees for a total of 2.7 FTE
- The Executive Director resolves most complaints without legal counsel saving the agency attorney fees
- Travel expenses for the Board Members are limited. We only have four (4) scheduled Board meetings per year and only have one (1) Board Member attend the National Meeting
- To save paper and postage, we utilize e-mail as much as possible

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CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? None

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? Services are only provided for the license in that particular state

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