

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Here a simple statement of the adopted mission of the agency should be provided, along with the entity or person(s) who adopted the mission statement and when it was adopted.

The mission of this agency is to protect the public by regulating the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements and to ensure that each licensee practices osteopathic medicine within the provisions of the Osteopathic Medicine Act. The Territorial Board of Examiners existed prior to statehood. This mission was adopted by the first Osteopathic Board of Examiners shortly after the legislature established the agency in 1921.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Here the name, title and contact information for the lead administrative person should be listed.

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GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.

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

The agency's governance structure is statutory. The Board consists of eight (8) examiners appointed by the Governor. Two are public members. The current Board Members are:

*Carl B. Pettigrew, D.O., President
Jay D. Cunningham, D.O., Vice-President
LeRoy E. Young, D.O., Secretary/Treasurer
Gordon P. Laird, D.O., Member
Catherine C. Taylor, J.D., Public Member
C. Michael Ogle, D.O., Member
Dennis J. Carter, D.O., Member
Katie Templeton, J.D., Public member*

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The Board President appoints committees as needed. However, such committees are advisory only. All decisions are made by the Board sitting en banc.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

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

The statute does not provide for an attendance policy. Attendance by Board members has never been a problem.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2012. 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. What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

Notably, the staff responsible for licensing has not changed in size in the last seventeen (17) years even though the number of licensees has doubled during that time. Computerization of licensing and renewal procedures account for that cost savings. The Board has approved conversion of all license and discipline files from paper to electronic form. It is expected the initial outlay for the project will eventually be recovered in cost, equipment and personnel savings.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

All services we provide are central to our mission. No other agency or entity performs the functions we perform. The Board has been steadfastly and efficiently providing these services for the past ninety-three (93) years.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

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

The Osteopathic Board is the only entity in the nation that licenses osteopathic physicians to practice osteopathic medicine in the state of Oklahoma. The Board is also the only entity that disciplines osteopathic physicians for violations of the Osteopathic Medicine Act. Licensing physicians has never been subject to privatization. Private industry is not suited to handle either licensure or discipline of physicians.