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- The State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SCR) is entirely funded through registration fee revenue. The Board receives no GRF funding.
- The Board is governed by eight members: the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee, the Chancellor of Higher Education or designee, and six members appointed by the Governor.
- SCR’s day-to-day operations are handled by three full-time staff members, including an executive director.
  - SCR also contracts with three part-time school evaluators who are based around the state and perform fieldwork and onsite visits.
- The budget appropriates $540,260 in each year of the biennium.

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The State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SCR) monitors and regulates Ohio’s private, for-profit, post-secondary career colleges and schools in order to ensure compliance with state law. SCR receives no GRF funding. It is entirely supported by fees that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Within Fund 4K90, SCR is funded by a single appropriation item: appropriation item 233601, Operating Expenses. Item 233601 supports SCR’s activities, which include the registration and approval of schools, programs, degrees, and majors; onsite visits and investigative inquiries by part-time paid consultants and staff; and the provision of permits for school agents. In FY 2019, approximately 245 career colleges, schools, and learning centers registered with SCR. Together, these schools offered 850 programs and enrolled over 37,000 students. SCR is also responsible for responding to complaints about schools and for maintaining the Ohio Student Tuition Recovery Fund. The preceding table shows SCR’s actual expenditures from FY 2016 through FY 2019 and appropriations of $540,260 for both FY 2020 and FY 2021.