

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

State Board of Psychology

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Board of Psychology currently licenses about 4,400 psychologists and behavior analysts with a staff of five employees.
- The Board is governed by nine members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is entirely supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- There are no proposed fee changes for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium.

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Introduced	FY 2023 Introduced
Fund 4K90 ALI 882609, Operating Expenses					
\$600,643	\$658,741	\$632,335	\$696,615	\$679,000	\$696,000
% change	9.7%	-4.0%	10.2%	-2.5%	2.5%

Agency overview

The Ohio State Board of Psychology was established in 1972. The Board is responsible for licensing psychologists and school psychologists who may also engage in restrictive private practice.¹ The Board also certifies applied behavior analysts. The Board establishes standards of practice, education, preprofessional training, and examination for psychologists, school psychologists, and applied behavior analysts. The Board also investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees and certificate holders. About 4,400 licenses and certificates issued by the Board were active at the end of FY 2020.

The Board’s governing authority consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including six psychologists or school psychologists and three patient advocates who are either parents or relatives of a recipient of mental health services or representatives of organizations that represent recipients of mental health services. Members are appointed for five-year terms. In addition to travel reimbursement, board members also receive a per diem for conducting official board business.

¹ School psychologists who practice only in school-based settings are regulated by the Department of Education.

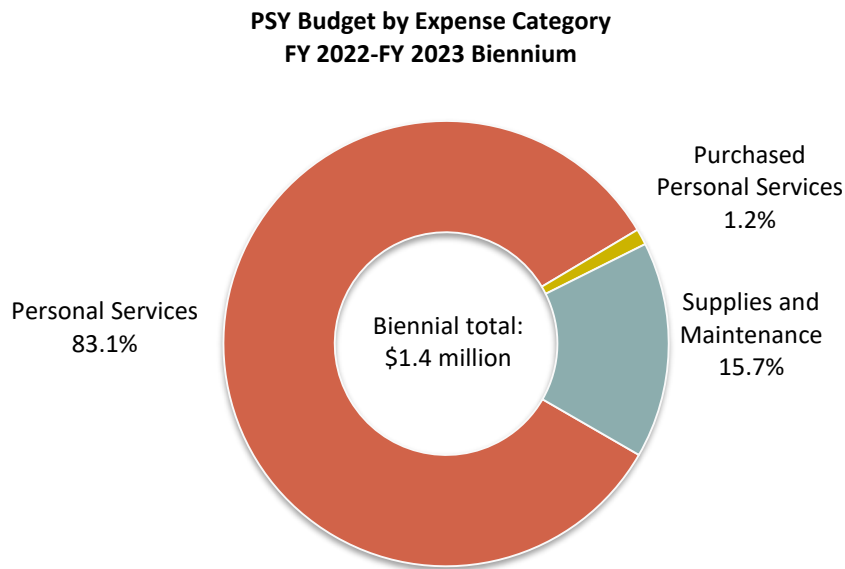
The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the nine-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has five full-time staff members. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) money; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget proposal

The Board’s operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 882609, Operating Expenses. The executive budget recommends \$679,000 in FY 2022, which is a 2.5% decrease from FY 2021 estimated expenditures, and \$696,000 in FY 2023, which is a 2.5% increase over FY 2022. The Board states that with this funding, it will maintain current operations.

Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personal services is the largest expense category for the Board. As seen in the chart below, 83.1% of the proposed budget recommendations for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium are for personal services, 15.7% are for supplies and maintenance, and 1.2% for purchased personal services.



Operating revenues and expenses

Table 1 shows the Board’s annual revenues and expenditures from FY 2015 through FY 2020 as well as the net revenues less expenditures. The Board collects fee revenue in odd-numbered fiscal years.

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Revenue	\$1,265,610	\$73,149	\$1,376,257	\$95,957	\$1,407,101	\$114,479
Expenses	\$550,759	\$549,381	\$589,651	\$600,643	\$658,741	\$632,335
Net	\$714,851	-\$476,232	\$786,606	-\$504,686	\$748,360	-\$517,856

Fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Table 2 shows the Board's current license fees.

License Type	Fee
Psychologist – License Application	\$300
Psychologist – License Renewal	\$365
School Psychologist – License Application	\$300
School Psychologist – License Renewal	\$365
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Application	\$125
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Renewal	\$150

Licensure

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board licenses and establishes standards of practice for psychologists, school psychologists, and certified behavior analysts. As shown in Table 3, from FY 2019 to FY 2020, the total number of active licenses increased by 5.8%.

License Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	Percent Change	FY 2020	Percent Change
Psychologist	3,492	3,431	-1.7%	3,532	2.9%
School Psychologist	224	204	-8.9%	213	4.4%
Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst	418	514	23%	643	25.1%
Total	4,134	4,149	0.4%	4,388	5.8%

The Board utilizes the online eLicensing system, which is administered through the Central Service Agency (CSA). All participating licensing boards share the cost of the system.

Investigation and enforcement

The Board's regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints about issues of incompetent, unethical, and impaired practitioners. The Board received 180 complaints in FY 2020 and completed 74 formal investigations.

Continuing education

Each licensee must complete at least 23 hours of continuing education with at least four of the hours being in the topics of professional conduct, ethics, and the role of culture, ethnic identity, or both in the provision of psychological interventions. The Board reviewed approximately 3,700 continuing education verification records in FY 2020.