

# Greenbook

## LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

### Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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### Quick look...

- The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (CSW) has a staff of 14 and licenses over 38,000 professionals.
- The Board is currently governed by 15 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director. However, the budget increases Board membership to 21 members and requires the Board to regulate art therapists and music therapists.
- The Board receives no money from the GRF; it is entirely supported by fees.
- The budget appropriates approximately \$4.3 million over the biennium.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
<b>Fund 4K90 ALI 899609, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$1,644,418	\$1,604,186	\$1,814,585	\$1,828,946	\$2,150,000	\$2,190,000
% change	-2.4%	13.1%	0.8%	17.6%	1.9%

### Agency overview

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board was established in 1984. Originally responsible for licensing counselors and social workers, the Board’s responsibility was expanded in 2004 to include licensing marriage and family therapists.

The Board’s governing authority currently consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, including four licensed professional clinical counselors or professional counselors, four licensed independent marriage and family therapists or licensed marriage and family therapists, two independent social workers, two licensed social workers, and three members representing the public. The Revised Code outlines additional membership requirements. Members are appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed. The Board is divided into three separate professional standards committees representing counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. The full Board must hold a regular meeting every three months to discuss issues such as finances, personnel issues, administration, and other Board issues. Additional meetings may also be held. The committees also meet as necessary to discuss concerns of their respective professions. Board members receive a per diem for each day employed in their official duties and are reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses. However, H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly makes changes to the Board’s membership and establishes additional professional committees (see the section below entitled “**Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget**” for a description of these changes).

The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the 15-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has 14 full-time staff members. The Board receives no GRF moneys; it is entirely supported by fees.

## **Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget**

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 899609, Operating Expenses. The budget appropriates \$2.15 million in FY 2024 and \$2.19 million in FY 2025.

H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly makes several changes to continuing law provisions. These are briefly discussed below.

### **Art and music therapy licensure**

H.B. 33 requires the Board to license and regulate art therapists and music therapists. As part of this regulation, the Board is to establish application fees, as well as the biennial renewal schedule and fee, in rule. The bill also creates the Art Therapist Professional Standards Committee and Music Therapist Professional Standards Committee to act on behalf of the Board concerning matters related to art and music therapists. The bill also expands the Board's membership to 21 members – this includes two additional public members, two art therapist members, and two music therapist members.

### **Other Board membership changes**

H.B. 33 also requires four members of the Board to be licensed as either independent social workers or social workers, provided that at least one member is a licensed social worker at the time the member is appointed to the Board. Currently, two members must be licensed independent social workers and two members must be licensed social workers. The bill also eliminates a requirement that no more than eight Board members be the same sex.

### **Licenses and fees**

The Board issues several different types of licenses. Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed on a biennial basis. In addition to the regular licenses listed in the table below, the Board also issues temporary licenses for a fee of \$20 each. Temporary licenses may be issued in certain instances. For example, they may be issued to students who have completed the educational requirements for licensure but are awaiting the actual awarding of the degree or licensees who have applied for licensure and are waiting to take a scheduled examination. The Board issues temporary licenses for social workers, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists. Again, as discussed above, the Board will be required to establish fees for art and music therapists in rule.

Current License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Independent Social Worker	\$100
Social Worker	\$80
Social Worker Assistant	\$60
Professional Counselor	\$80
Professional Clinical Counselor	\$100
Marriage and Family Therapist	\$80
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	\$100