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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
State Vision Professionals Board

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Quick look...

- The State Vision Professionals Board employs a staff of four and licenses optometrists, ocularists, and opticians.
- The Board is governed by seven members appointed by the Governor.
- As a regulatory agency, the Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- Appropriations total approximately \$1.2 million over the biennium.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 129609, Operating Expenses					
\$553,118	\$534,490	\$538,930	\$476,212	\$608,684	\$619,684
% change	-3.4%	0.8%	-11.6%	27.8%	1.8%

Agency overview

The State Vision Professionals Board (VPB) was established by H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, which combined the regulatory duties of the former State Board of Optometry (OPT) and Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (ODB). The Board began operations on January 21, 2018. The Board issues optometry and optical dispenser licenses and certifications, conducts investigations of complaints, enforces continuing education requirements, and approves continuing education programs.

The Board’s governing authority consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including four optometrists, two dispensing opticians, and one public member.

The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the seven-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has four full-time employees as of July 2023. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

The State Vision Professionals Board’s operations are funded by a single line item appropriation from the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. Through this one line item, the Board pays all of its expenses. The budget provides an appropriation of \$608,684 in FY 2024, a 27.8% increase over FY 2023 expenditures, and \$619,684 in FY 2025, a 1.8% increase over FY 2024. As a regulatory agency, personal services is the Board’s largest expense category.