Narrative Information – DA 400	**August 2026**
Division of the Budget	Agency 266
State of Kansas	Program .

All statements and explanations contained in the requests submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Danielle Dorner, AuD
Executive Officer

Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners
August 26, 2026

The Board of Hearing Aid Examiners is appointed by the Governor and is composed of five members; three licensed hearing instrument dispensers and two who are representatives of the public. The three hearing instrument dispensers must have been licensed by the State of Kansas for at least five years. Those presently serving are:

Tim Stanton
2818 Vine St.
Hays, KS 67601

Erica Mears
4020 S. Meridian
Wichita, KS 67217

Jeanette Graue
18104 Quaker Rd
Parsons, KS 67357

Michelle Lundberg
20391 W 125th Pl
Olathe, KS 66012

Dana Jacobson, Au.D.
13822 Mackey St.
Overland Park, KS 66223

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of the Board of Hearing Aid Examiners is to establish and enforce standards to ensure that the people of Kansas receive competent and ethical hearing aid care.

AGENCY PHILOSPHY:

The Board of Hearing Aid Examiners will act in accordance with a standard of conduct that will ensure efficient, productive, ethical and accountable actions. It is our obligation to approach this responsibility in a fair and logical manner.

STATUTORY HISTORY:

K.S.A. 74-5801 establishes the Board of Hearing Aid Examiners for the purpose of regulating the practice of hearing aid dispensing in the State of Kansas.

OVERVIEW OF AGENCY BUDGET AT EACH REQUEST LEVEL

CURRENT YEAR (FY26):

Salaries and Wages Requested amount is $25,069.

Contractual Services Requested amount is $12,632.

Commodities Requested amount is $500.

Capital Outlay No anticipated supplemental requests for FY 26.

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:

Contractual Services Board does not anticipate supplemental requests for FY 26.

On the effective date of this act, the expenditure limitation established for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, by section 14(b) of chapter 150 of the 2026 Session Laws of Kansas on the hearing instrument board fee fund (266-00-2712-9900) of the Kansas board of examiners in fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments is hereby increased from $38,847 to $46,976.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION:

OBJECT CODE 100: SALARIES & WAGES

The agency has one part-time executive officer (.5 FTE). Statutorily there are five board members. At present, three additional licensees, in addition to three board members, are employed as examiners for the purpose of conducting practical examinations.

Funding for Salaries and Wages includes per diem for board members and examiners at regularly scheduled board meetings and examinations. On 6/8/26, the board voted to increase examiner daily pay from $100/day to $200/day. In addition, the board voted to increase the executive officer pay from $20/hr to $25/hr.

FY 26 Actuals $23,096
FY 27 --Board requests $32,651
FY 28 --Board requests $33,762
FY 29 --Board requests $32,680

OBJECT CODES 200-290: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.

Communication, printing, duplicating, space rental, and travel account for the major portion of the contractual services expenditures.

FY 26 Actuals $9,666
FY 27 --Board requests $13,425
FY 28 --Board requests $12,925
FY 29 --Board requests $13,385

The increase in requested amount for Contractual Services, from FY26 to FY27 is due to license number changes. This is a result of the new licensing platform. Due to coding limitations, there will be a slight modification of license numbers by adding a prefix to their existing license number. The board has voted to administer new wall certificates during the renewal period to reflect this change. Therefore, printing and postage will increase. We hope afterwards to see a plateau of spending in this area.

GOAL #1:

Continue transitioning to a fully online licensure application and renewal process.

Objective #1:
Transition our current license verification process to Excella (ELP). This would also facilitate our renewal process by allowing licensees to digitally upload CEUs and print digital license cards. The intent is to reduce printing and postage costs as well as move towards a fully digital infrastructure for the board. This should hopefully be completed by FY 2027.

GOAL #2:

Transition our website from a .com to a .gov to satisfy Kansas requirements

Objective #1:
Work with web service migration to transition our website including making it more consumer and licensee friendly. This will hopefully be completed by FY 2027 when the Excella (ELP) transition is complete.

GOAL #3:

Update the statutes and regulations to reflect changes in hearing aid dispensing practice and better enable the board to protect the Kansas consumer who is deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Objective #1:
Work with the board to create proposals for updated statutes and regulations to the most current best-practices to continue to protect the Kansas consumer.