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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 20, 2025

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The Board of Hearing Aid Examiners is appointed by the Governor and is composed of five members (one vacant seat); 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

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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 PHILOSOPHY:

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.

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Program _____.**OVERVIEW OF AGENCY BUDGET AT EACH REQUEST LEVEL****CURRENT YEAR (FY25):**Salaries and Wages Requested amount is \$25,121.Contractual Services Requested amount is \$12,565.Commodities Requested amount is \$300.Capital Outlay No anticipated supplemental requests for FY 25.**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:**Contractual Services Board does not anticipate supplemental requests for FY 25.

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The agency has one part-time executive officer (.5 FTE). Statutorily there are five board members. At present, two additional licensees are employed as examiners for the purposes of conducting practical examinations. Funding for Salaries and Wages includes per diem for board members and examiners at regularly scheduled board meetings and examinations. The executive officer is remaining at her same pay of \$20/hr.

FY 25 Actuals --- Board spent \$22,798.

FY 26 --Board requests \$25,069.

FY 27 --Board requests \$25,786.

OBJECT CODES 200-290: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.

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

FY 25 Actuals \$9,299

FY 26 --Board requests \$12,632

FY 27 --Board requests \$12,586

The increase in requested amount for Contractual Services, from FY25 to FY26 and FY27, reflects the inflationary increases for the costs of printing, space rentals for practical examinations, and travel are also contributing factors.

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GOAL #1:

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

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 services 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:

Completely digitize paper records including licensee charts, previous exam drafts, etc.

Objective #1:

Work with the State of Kansas historical society to appropriately scan, dispose, and store all paper records to alleviate storage space and have easier access to requested data.