

2023 Kansas Statutes

74-7501. Behavioral sciences regulatory board created; composition; appointment; terms, organization; compensation and expenses; executive director and other employees. (a) There is hereby created a behavioral sciences regulatory board consisting of 12 members appointed by the governor. The membership of the board shall be as follows: Two members of the board shall be licensed psychologists; two members of the board shall be licensed to engage in the practice of social work; one member of the board shall be a professional counselor; one member of the board shall be a marriage and family therapist; one member of the board shall be a licensed master's level psychologist or a licensed clinical psychotherapist; one member of the board shall be a licensed addiction counselor, a licensed master's addiction counselor or a licensed clinical addiction counselor; and four members of the board shall be from and represent the general public. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state.

(b) The term of office of each member of the board shall be four years. No member of the board shall be appointed for more than two successive terms. Upon the expiration of a member's term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board prior to the expiration of a term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor to fill the unexpired term. The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty.

(c) The board shall organize annually at its first meeting subsequent to June 30 and shall select from its members a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Other meetings shall be held as the board designates. A majority of members appointed to the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(d) The board may appoint an executive director who shall be in the unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary set by the board, subject to approval by the governor. The board may employ clerical personnel and other assistants, all of whom shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. The board may make and enter into contracts of employment with such professional personnel as necessary, in the board's judgment, for the performance of its duties and functions and the execution of its powers.

(e) Members of the behavioral sciences regulatory board attending meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1980, ch. 242, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 299, § 61; L. 1982, ch. 347, § 48; L. 1986, ch. 299, § 41; L. 1988, ch. 304, § 3; L. 1990, ch. 286, § 7; L. 1992, ch. 116, § 39; L. 1996, ch. 153, § 42; L. 2010, ch. 45, § 16; L. 2023, ch. 90, § 40; July 1.