

Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation
Testimony by Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

Chairperson Rep. Troy Waymaster and members of the Committee

The mission of the Board of Technical Professions is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Kansas by regulating the professional practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, geology, and landscape architecture in Kansas. The Board accomplishes its mission by ensuring that these professional activities are carried out only by individuals who meet qualifications prescribed by state statute and the Board's rules and regulations.

The Board of Technical Professions is a fee fund agency. It is entirely funded by fees paid by those who it regulates. Generally, the agency collects application, reciprocal and renewal fees from individuals and business entities. The agency contributes a portion of the funds it collects to the state general fund.

The agency is governed by a board of 11 of members who are licensed in one or more of the professions regulated by the board and 2 public members. Members travel from across the state to attend five scheduled and occasionally specially called Board meetings in Topeka. These meetings require members to take a full day away from their offices to attend. Members volunteer additional time reviewing applications and performing other duties. These professionals are paid \$35.00 for their attendance at the Board's meetings. This rate of compensation has not changed in many years.

The agency has three full time employees. All employees are unclassified. The value of their earnings has been negatively impacted by inflation

The consideration of employee and board member compensation by the committee is appreciated.

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