

Performance
Evaluation &
Research Division
(PERD)

PERD's Objectives:

To determine the continued need for the Board, to assess the Board's compliance with the Chapter 30 general provisions and other applicable laws, and to evaluate the Board's website for user-friendliness and transparency.

Key Recommendations:

The Legislature should continue the Board as currently regulated.

The Board should consider discontinuing the requirement that complaints be verified by a notary public.

The Board should upgrade its website to allow other types of fees be collected electronically.

The Board should consider adding more user-friendliness and transparency elements to its website.

The Board should consider lowering the website's reading level to the recommended 7th grade reading level.

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Regulatory Board Review: West Virginia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers

Agency Purposes:

The purpose of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers (Board) is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of West Virginia by regulating the profession of engineering.

What Did PERD Find?

PERD found that the Board is needed to protect the public, and complies with all general requirements in Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code.

Table 2 Board of Registration for Professional Engineers Budget Information FY 2020 through FY 2023					
Fiscal Year	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Cash Balance	End-of-Year Cash as a Percentage of Annual Expenditures
2020	\$1,380,913	\$1,078,958	\$811,089	\$1,649,032	203%
2021	\$1,649,032	\$754,653	\$822,892	\$1,580,863	192%
2022	\$1,580,863	\$956,710	\$826,772	\$1,710,900	207%
2023	\$1,710,900	\$716,497	\$892,171	\$1,535,333	172%
Average	\$1,580,427	\$876,704	\$838,231	\$1,619,032	194%
<i>Source: OASIS WV-FIN-GL-151 Cash Balance report. PERD calculations of percentages and averages.</i>					

PERD also found the following:

- The Board is financially self-sufficient, and the risk of fraud is at an acceptable level.
- The Board has established continuing education requirements.
- The Board requires third-party complaints to be notarized by a notary public which has the potential to discourage the public from filing complaints.
- The Board's website needs little improvement overall to enhance user-friendliness and transparency.