

Performance Evaluation & Research Division (PERD)

PERD's Objectives:

To determine if there is a continued need for licensure by the Board, to assess whether the Board complied with the general provisions of Chapter 30 and other applicable laws, to determine if the Board's fees generate excessive revenue when compared to the Board's normal expenses, and to evaluate the Board's website for user-friendliness and transparency.

Key Recommendations:

- *The Board should identify proper authorization to hold executive sessions as required by West Virginia Code §6-9A-4.*
- *The Board should consider utilizing the State Treasurer's Lockbox system to reduce the risk of fraud.*

The Legislature should consider:

- *Amending W. Va. Code §30-1-5 to require additional entities to report individual practice violations.*
- *Amending law to impose the same notice standards that apply to virtual meetings held during a declared state of emergency to virtual meetings held during non-emergencies.*

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Regulatory Board Review:

Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Agency Purposes:

The purpose of the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board) is to protect the public through its licensing process, and to be the regulatory and disciplinary body for licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists throughout the state.

What Did PERD Find?

The Board is necessary to protect the public and complies with some of the general provisions of Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code.

Table 4 Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Budget Information FY 2018 through FY 2023					
Fiscal Year	Beginning-of-Year Cash Balances	Revenues*	Expenditures	End-of-Year Cash Balances	EOY Cash as a Percent of Annual Expenditures
2018	\$237,408	\$48,310	\$127,495	\$158,523	124%
2019	\$158,523	\$232,485	\$114,444	\$276,564	242%
2020	\$276,564	\$46,958	\$124,059	\$199,463	161%
2021	\$199,463	\$242,080	\$113,018	\$328,750	291%
2022	\$328,750	\$49,853	\$178,571	\$200,032	112%
2023	\$200,032	\$260,354	\$128,662	\$331,723	258%
Avg.	\$233,456	\$146,673	\$131,041	\$249,176	198%
<i>Source: Our Advanced Solution with Integrated Systems (OASIS) WV-FIN-GL-151 Cash Balance report. PERD calculations of percentages. *Licensees renew biennially so revenues fluctuate.</i>					

PERD also found the following:

- The Board is financially self-sufficient, and its fees do not currently generate excess revenue when compared to its normal expenses.
- The Board has established continuing education requirements.
- The Board's enabling statute does not require anyone to report potential practice act or rules violations, including sexual misconduct with patients and controlled substance diversion.
- The Board's website needs more improvement overall to enhance user-friendliness and transparency.