

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET TESTIMONY
APRIL 29, 2016**

DEPARTMENT MISSION/PLANS

Mission: The Board of Building Standards is an advisory board that reviews appeals related to building safety and the application of Philadelphia's Building Code, makes recommendations on regulations and standards to the Commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, and reviews new building products for compliance with City safety standards.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2017:

The Board of Building Standards (BBS) will continue to focus on matters affecting building safety and is faced with interpreting technical issues involving the application of the Building Code. The BBS offers advice to the Commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, who may then grant a variance based on this advice. Denials can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days of notice of decision.

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
BUDGET SUMMARY AND OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS**

Staff Demographics Summary (as of January 2016)				
	Total	Minority	White	Female
Full-Time Staff	1	1	0	1
Executive Staff	0	0	0	0
Average Salary - Full-Time Staff	\$53,794	\$53,794	\$0	\$53,794
Average Salary - Executive Staff	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Median Salary - Full-Time Staff	\$53,794	\$53,794	\$0	\$53,794
Median Salary - Executive Staff	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Employment Levels (as of January 2016)			
	Budgeted	Approved	Filled
Full-Time Positions	1	1	1
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0
Executive Positions	0	0	0
<i>Overall Average Salary</i>	53,794	53,794	53,794
<i>Overall Median Salary</i>	53,794	53,794	53,794

Financial Summary by Class - General Fund

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Difference
	Actual Obligations	Original Appropriations	Estimated Obligations	Proposed Appropriations	FY17-FY16
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$63,024	\$73,970	\$73,970	\$75,419	\$1,449
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 300 - Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 400 - Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 500 - Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 700 - Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 800 - Payment to Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 900 - Advances/Misc. Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$63,024	\$73,970	\$73,970	\$75,419	\$1,449

Contracts Summary (as of December 2015)

N/A

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW**

PROPOSED FUNDING REQUEST

The proposed Fiscal Year 2017 general fund budget totals \$75,419, an increase of \$1,449 over Fiscal Year 2016 estimated obligation levels. This increase is due to the planned 3% salary increase for non-represented employees.

STAFFING LEVELS

The proposed Fiscal Year 2017 general fund budget will support 1 full-time position.

- BBS has no bi-lingual employees.

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
PERFORMANCE, CHALLENGES AND INITIATIVES**

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE (OPERATIONS)

The number of hearings is the primary metric for the Board of Building Standards (BBS). To date in FY16, hearing volumes are on pace to exceed FY15 levels. BBS projects to end FY16 with approximately 180 total hearings.

Performance Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 YTD (as of 12/31/15)	FY17 Target
Number of Hearings	150	116	180

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS**

FEDERAL AND STATE (WHERE APPLICABLE)

N/A

N/A

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
EMPLOYEE DATA**

Staff Demographics (as of December 2016)					
Full-Time Staff			Executive Staff		
	Male	Female		Male	Female
	African-American	African-American		African-American	African-American
<i>Total</i>	0	1	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	100.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	White	White		White	White
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	0.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	Hispanic	Hispanic		Hispanic	Hispanic
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	0.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	Asian	Asian		Asian	Asian
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	0.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	Other	Other		Other	Other
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	0.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	Bi-lingual	Bi-lingual		Bi-lingual	Bi-lingual
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	0.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		
	Male	Female		Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	0	1	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0.0%	100.0%	<i>% of Total</i>		

N/A