

**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS - BOARD OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS REVIEW
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET TESTIMONY**

INTRODUCTION

Good Afternoon, Council President Johnson and Members of City Council. We are Commissioners Bridget Greenwald and Basil Merenda. We are pleased to provide testimony on the Department of Licenses and Inspections - Board of Licenses and Inspections Review's Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

DEPARTMENT MISSION & PLANS

Mission: The Board of Licenses and Inspections Review will continue to afford citizens a process for the review of decisions made by the Department of Licenses and Inspections and, in some cases, other departments. The Board of L&I Review also hears appeals of License and Firearm Permit disapprovals, as well as Health and Property Maintenance Code violations. Decisions of the Board can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas under the Local Agency Law.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2027: The Board of Licenses and Inspections Review will continue to follow its mission when hearing cases.

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PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW & OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS

General Fund Financial Summary by Class						
	FY25 Original Appropriations	FY25 Actual Obligations	FY26 Original Appropriations	FY26 Estimated Obligations	FY27 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY27 Proposed-FY26 Estimated
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$172,107	\$181,491	\$176,933	\$183,417	\$184,334	\$917
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$10,436	\$10,436	\$10,436	\$10,436	\$10,436	\$0
	\$182,543	\$191,927	\$187,369	\$193,853	\$194,770	\$917

**The Review Board has no large professional services contracts to report.*

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Proposed Funding Request:

The proposed Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund budget totals \$194,770, an increase of \$917 over Fiscal Year 2026 estimated obligation levels. This increase is primarily due to contracted DC33 and DC47 increases.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$184,334 in Class 100, a \$917 increase over FY26 estimated obligations for contracted pay increases.
- \$10,436 in Class 200, level with FY26 estimated obligations.

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STAFFING LEVELS

The Department is requesting two budgeted positions for FY27, level with FY26.

Employment Levels (as of November 2025)			
	FY26 Budgeted	Filled as of November 2025	FY27 Proposed
Number of Full-Time Positions	2	2	2
Number of Exempt Positions			
Number of Executive Positions (deputy level and above)			
Average Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$59,671	
Median Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$59,671	

NEW HIRES

**New Hire Information not applicable.*

VACANCY RATE AND ALLOWANCE

**The Review Board's budget does not include a vacancy allowance as it only has two employees.*

OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS

Federal and State (Where Applicable)

N/A

CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE

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PROGRAM BASED BUDGETING:

Program Name: Board of License and Inspection Review

Program Number: 01

FY27 Proposed General Fund: \$194,770

Program Description: The Board of Licenses and Inspections Review will continue to afford residents a process for the review of decisions made by the Department of Licenses and Inspections and, in some cases, other departments. The Board of L&I Review also hears appeals of License and Firearm Permit disapprovals, as well as Health and Property Maintenance Code violations. Decisions of the Board can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas under the Local Agency Law.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Number of appeals heard	2,892	Meet demand	Meet demand