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April 29, 1998

The Honorable Randy L. Ewing,
President of the Senate
The Honorable H. B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Senator Ewing and Representative Downer:

This report contains summary financial information and personnel data on 428 boards, commissions, and like entities. Although state law does not require the report to include boards, commissions, and like entities that are budget units of the state or which are included within such budget units, we have included information identifying these entities. This report is prepared to assist you in controlling the growth and costs of all boards, commissions, and like entities within Louisiana. Information in this report was provided by the boards, commissions, and like entities; it has not been audited, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduction

Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities Report to the Legislature

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the legislative auditor to submit annually to the legislature a report including summary financial and personnel information on all boards, commissions, and like entities created by law or executive order and to report findings and recommendations resulting from any analysis of the information. Based on our analysis, we submit the following information and recommendations:

- We identified, as of April 1998, 428 boards, commissions, and like entities created by existing law or executive order. This represents a net increase of 2.4% over the number in the prior year.
- Of the 428 entities, 193 pay per diem, salaries, and/or travel of the board members. The
 current year budgets and prior year amounts totaled \$1,318,082 and \$1,109,245 for per
 diem payments; \$2,107,197 and \$1,888,673 for board member salaries; and \$2,079,475
 and \$1,721,878 for board member travel.
- Forty-one boards, commissions, and like entities that were created during 1996 or earlier have never been fully organized, have disbanded, or are currently inactive. The legislature or governor, as applicable, should consider abolishing these entities.
- We were unable to determine the status of two boards, commissions, or like entities.
 Based on other information available to us, we recommend that the legislature consider abolishing these entities.
- We identified three boards, commissions, and like entities with insufficient resources to continue the purposes for which they were established. The legislature should consider abolishing these entities.
- Other recommendations requiring legislative action:
 - Legislation establishing the Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care as a licensing agency in the Department of Health and Hospitals should be revised, as this entity does not serve a licensing function.
 - Legislation should be considered to merge the North Bossier Levee District with the Bossier Levee District.
 - Legislation providing for the governor to appoint an executive director of the Offshore Terminal Authority, rather than a governing board, should be enacted.
- Thirty-two boards, commissions, and like entities, ten of which we determined are active, did not provide the requested information. Louisiana law requires these entities to provide requested information.

Legislative Mandate

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the legislative auditor to submit annually to the legislature a report containing summary financial information and personnel data on (1) boards, commissions, and like entities created by law or executive order that are made part of, or are placed in, the executive branch of state government; and (2) local boards, commissions, and like entities that are specifically created by law. The statute provides for the legislative auditor to report findings and recommendations resulting from any analysis performed of the information.

Growth of Entities

This report, as of April 1998, identifies 428 boards, commissions, and like entities. Our previous reports included the following number of entities.

Growth of Entities		
Year	Number of Entities	
1992	338	
1993	360	
1994	441	
1995	454	
1996	456	
1997	418	

Overall, these comparisons reflect an increase in the growth of boards, commissions, and like entities. The 1996 decrease in the number of such entities is primarily attributable to the termination, in accordance with R.S. 49:215(C), of entities that were created by executive order of the prior administration.

The recommendations included in this report are intended to control the growth of boards, commissions, and like entities.

Report Organization

Within the report, the boards, commissions, and like entities are grouped into five categories: (1) licensing agencies; (2) port commissions and harbor districts; (3) levee districts; (4) other boards, commissions, and like entities; and (5) budget units. The entities are arranged alphabetically within each category and an alphabetical index is included on pages F-1 through F-9 of this report.

Information Requested

R.S. 24:513.2(F) directs all agencies, boards, commissions, and departments of the state and its political subdivisions to furnish information and reports as requested by the legislative auditor to fulfill his responsibilities. R.S. 39:1335 and 1336 require licensing agencies to submit information on forms that were developed jointly by the legislative auditor and the legislative fiscal office and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The information required by licensing agency forms includes summary and detailed information pertaining to actual and budgeted revenues by source, expenditures by category, and fund balances; the number of classified and unclassified personnel; performance indicators; and certain general information pertaining to the board and its authority and functions.

All other boards, commissions, and like entities, except budget units, were requested to complete and submit similar forms, except that the financial and budget information was requested in summary form only and information pertaining to performance indicators was not requested. Budget units and entities that did not receive or expend funds, although member travel and per diem may have been paid through another entity, were requested to complete and submit forms to provide general information pertaining to the entity, its members, and its authority and functions.

incomplete Responses

In some instances, the submitted information was incomplete; in these instances, we have indicated that the information was not provided.

No Response Received

Some boards, commissions, and like entities did not respond to our request for financial information and personnel data. In these instances, we have provided general information about the entities and indicated that the specific information which we requested is unknown.

New Entities

This report includes basic information about those boards, commissions, and like entities that were created by law or executive order during 1997, and which were not fully organized at the time the financial and personnel information was requested.

Information Unaudited

Information included in this report was provided by the boards, commissions, and like entities; it has not been audited by this office, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the information. We did correct obvious errors in the submitted information.

Financial Information

Of the 428 boards, commissions, and like entities included in this report, 186 reported that their members do not receive any per diem payments, salaries, or travel expense reimbursements. Conversely, 193 such entities reported that their members do receive these payments. Another 49 boards, commissions, and like entities did not provide financial information on per diem payments, salary, and travel expense reimbursements.

Financial information relating to prior year payments and current year budgets for these costs is included in the body of this report and summarized by report category below.

Financial Information			
Payments Made to Board, Co	mmission, o	r Like Entity	Members
	Per Diem	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Travel</u>
Licensing Agencies:			
Prior Year Actual	\$258,735	\$16,284	\$ 614,439
Current Year Budget	\$323,505	\$7,200	\$714,113
Port Commissions:			
Prior Year Actual	\$61,375	\$87,700	\$159,341
Current Year Budget	\$40,000	\$95,000	\$197,660
Levee Districts:			
Prior Year Actual	\$263,078	\$341,179	\$112,254
Current Year Budget	\$240,230	\$398,665	\$153,389
Other Boards and Commissions:			
Prior Year Actual	\$115,110	\$301,665	\$223,002
Current Year Budget	\$160,355	\$293,739	\$274,604
Budget Units:			
Prior Year Actual	\$410,947	\$1,141,845	\$612,842
Current Year Budget	\$553,992	\$1,312,593	\$739,709
TOTALS			
Prior Year Actual	\$1,109,245	\$1,888,673	\$1,721,878
Current Year Budget		\$2,107,197	

Inactive Entities

Responses to our request for financial information and personnel data from the following 41 boards, commissions, and like entities revealed that the entities were never fully organized; were disbanded with no plans to reorganize; are inactive; or have no funding prospects to undertake the functions for which they were established, even though the board members continue to meet.

Because these entities are not fulfilling their established functions, the legislature or governor, as applicable, should consider their abolishment.

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Entities for Which the Status Is Unknown

As of March 27, 1998, we were unable to determine the actual status of the Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of Lake Charles Fee Commission (page D-23) and the Primary Care Advisory Council (page D-145). These entities previously reported that they had not held a meeting in at least four years. Because we have not received any indication that they are fulfilling their established functions, we recommend they be abolished.

Insufficient Resources

Certain factors, such as the inability to generate adequate revenues, cause concern that an entity may require assistance from outside sources to continue the purposes for which it was established. Based on the information provided and other information available to us, we conclude that the following entities do not have sufficient resources to fulfill their established purpose, causing us to question the entities' viability.

The legislature should consider abolishing these entities.

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Licensing agencies are responsible for regulating, examining, certifying, and/or licensing persons in the state and enforcing laws relating thereto and are required to comply with the "Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act" as contained in R.S. 39:1331 through 39:1342. As of March 27, 1998, the Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care (page A-1) is deemed a licensing agency because it was transferred to the Department of Health and Hospitals pursuant to R.S. 36:803, which specifically relates to licensing agency transfers. This entity serves neither the purpose nor the function of a licensing agency.

Legislation should be amended to organizationally place this entity within the Department of Health and Hospitals using another provision of law.

Entities Should Be Merged

The North Bossier Levee District Board of Commissioners (page C-11) has limited resources and maintains a small section of the levee within Bossier Parish. A representative of the board has expressed the board's desire to merge with the Bossier Levee District.

The legislature should consider merging the North Bossier Levee District and the Bossier Levee District.

Absence of a Governing Board

The statute creating the Offshore Terminal Authority Board of Commissioners (page E-88) provides for a governing board of commissioners to be appointed by the governor. Responses to our request for information about the board confirmed that there are no appointments made to a board of commissioners, rather an executive director is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The legislature should consider amending legislation to remove the provision for a board of commissioners and to provide for the appointment of the executive director.

No Responses

As of March 27, 1998, we identified 32 boards, commissions, and like entities that have not responded to our requests for personnel data and financial information. Based on other information available to us, we determined that 10 of the 32 entities are active. However, we are unable to determine the status of the other 22, for which we make no recommendation at this time.

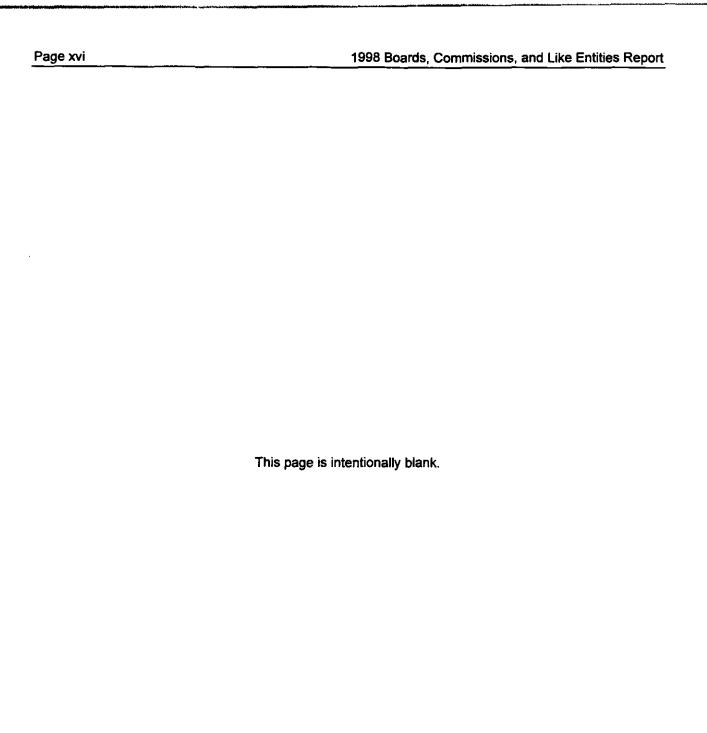
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Licensing Agencies



Licensing agencies are charged by law with regulating, examining, certifying, and/or licensing persons in Louisiana, and enforcing the laws relating thereto. Each of the following licensing agencies is subject to budget review and is required to comply with all accounting, reporting, auditing, and reviewing requirements that are applicable to budget units.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RESPIRATORY CARE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director

Board of Medical Examiners

(504) 524-6763

Legal authority R.S. 37:3356

Year created 1985

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners in

licensing and regulating persons practicing respiratory therapy.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$320	\$700
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	None	None
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	None	None
Examinations taken	None	None
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

Comments The committee is deemed a licensing agency by R.S.

36:259(E)(18) as provided by R.S. 36:803; however, the committee does not appear to serve either the purpose or

function of a licensing agency.

Recommendation Since this committee does not perform a licensing function, the

legislature may wish to organizationally place this committee within the Department of Health and Hospitals under R.S. 36:801

or 36:802 rather than R.S. 36:803.

AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Mary Norton

Executive Assistant (504) 925-3921

Legal authority R.S. 37:3111

Year created 1984

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged statutorily to adopt and enforce rules and

regulations necessary for the proper regulation of auctions and

Not provided

auction houses under its jurisdiction in the state.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$97 per meeting

Employees 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$65,649	\$70,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$77,425	\$83,900
Per diem	\$7,800	\$10,000
Members' travel expenses	\$6,144	\$10,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$85,292	\$71,892
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	57	Not provided
Examinations taken	24	Not provided

Not provided

Recommendation No change recommended.

Enforcement actions closed

BOARD FOR HEARING AID DEALERS

Contact: Mrs. Resa Brady

Administrative Secretary

(318) 362-3014

Legal authority R.S. 37:2441

Year created 1969

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for protecting the public welfare by

overseeing those persons rendering or offering to render services for the sale, maintenance, and repair of any type of hearing aid device and for examining and licensing hearing aid

dealers in the state.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$15,004	\$22,115
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$20,694	\$22,115
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,848	\$2,600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$50,286	\$50,286
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	141	203
Examinations taken	21	25
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

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BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Teeny Simmons

Executive Director (504) 925-4802

Legal authority R.S. 37:142

Year created 1910

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for conducting examinations, granting

licenses, and regulating the practice of architecture within

Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 2 classified; 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information Actuai **Budget** June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 Total revenues \$279,230 \$285,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$264,903 \$285,000 which include: Per diem \$3.825 \$6,000 \$22,600 Members' travel expenses \$16.328 Members' salary None None **Ending balance** \$216,210 \$220,487 Performance indicators Licenses issued/renewed 2.556 Not provided Examinations taken Not provided Not provided

Not provided

Recommendation No change recommended.

Enforcement actions closed

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. J. Wayne Daigle

President (504) 925-1701

R.S. 37:341 Legal authority

Year created 1928

Organizational placement Department of Labor

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with examining and licensing barbers and

barber schools, registering and inspecting barber shops, and

regulating the barbering industry in the state.

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5 Members

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 8

Authorized per diem \$100 per day spent on board business

Employees 3 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Employees participate in state benefit plans. Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
•	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$193,718	\$189,470
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$164,601	\$176,544
Per diem	Not provided	\$8,000
Members' travel expenses	Not provided	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$148,465	\$161,391
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided

Not provided Not provided Examinations taken Not provided Enforcement actions closed Not provided

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS

Contact: Ms. Rosalie Ridgeway

Secretary-Treasurer (504) 927-7600

Legal authority R.S. 37:3373

Year created 1987

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged to establish certification requirements,

examine candidates, and investigate and regulate the profession.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$ 59,673	\$51,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$57,038	\$50,150
Per diem	\$1,500	\$1,400
Members' travel expenses	\$3,963	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance (deficit)	(\$19,874)	(\$19,024)
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	235	190
Examinations taken	33	30
Enforcement actions closed	1	1

Recommendation If not adequately funded, the legislature should consider

abolishing the board.

BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Contact: Mr. Michael Henderson

Executive Director (504) 566-1244

Legal authority R.S. 37:71

Year created 1908

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining applicants to be certified

public accountants, identifying and establishing measures of control over individuals who have met prescribed requirements and who offer their services to the public as professional accountants, and taking appropriate administrative action to

regulate the practice of public accounting in the state.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem Officers - \$150 per month; other members - \$100 per month

Employees 6 classified; 3 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$581,267	\$600,420
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$610,603	\$600,420
Per diem	\$ 9, 4 50	\$10,200
Members' travel expenses	\$20,003	\$30,250
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$572,345	\$572,345
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	11,455	11,616
Examinations taken	1,894	1,300
Enforcement actions closed	483	100

BOARD OF CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Pevey

Administrator (504) 763-5470

Legal authority

R.S. 37:2704

Year created

1972

Organizational placement

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is charged with safeguarding the public against the unauthorized, unqualified, and improper practice of board certified social work. The board is empowered to train, educate, examine, and license board certified social workers so that competency may be assured. The board accepts examinations administered by the American Association of State Social Work

Boards.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

1 unclassified; 3 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997 \$145,456 \$135,982 None	Budget June 30, 1998 \$197,700 \$202,892 None
-		
Total revenues		
Total expenses/expenditures which include: Per diem		
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$92,846	\$87,654
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	2,900	3,100
Enforcement actions closed	33	Not provided

Recommendation

No change recommended.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Patricia Oliver

Executive Director (504) 765-2322

Legal authority R.S. 37:2802

Year created 1974

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board licenses and regulates chiropractors in the state,

approves educational training, certifies the proficiency of

chiropractic assistants, and conducts hearings on charges for the

revocation or suspension of a license.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$125,861	\$132,300
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$150,076	\$167,171
Per diem	\$3,550	\$3,800
Members' travel expenses	\$18,682	\$20,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$85,528	\$50,658
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	23	Not provided

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Contact: Mr. Barry Ogden

Executive Director (504) 568-8574

Legal authority R.S. 37:753

Year created 1880

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining and licensing applicants

for the professions of dentist and dental hygienist and for investigating complaints of illegal practices when evidence is

presented to the board.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$150 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$697,373	\$937,080
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$585,702	\$622,200
Per diem	\$22,425	\$36,500
Members' travel expenses	\$55,702	\$60,000
Members' salary	\$4,800	\$7,200
Ending balance	\$462,762	\$777,642
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	134	130
Examinations taken	140	140
Enforcement actions closed	170	Not provided

BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Cheri Miller

Chairperson (318) 463-6180

Legal authority R.S. 37:3061

Year created 1979

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining and licensing applicants,

accrediting electrolysis schools, and inspecting practitioners'

offices for sanitary practices.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$22,057	\$22,400
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$44,052	\$42,200
Per diem	\$850	\$1,000
Members' travel expenses	\$2,193	\$2,320
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$9,192	\$10,992
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	152	16 5
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Contact: Ms. Dawn Scardino

Executive Director (504) 838-5109

Legal authority R.S. 37:832

Year created 1914

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board regulates embalmers, funeral homes, and professional

funeral home directors and handles consumer complaints. It also

prescribes requirements for funeral homes and other

establishments engaged in the care and disposition of dead

human bodies.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$100 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 classified; 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$297,479	\$279,700
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$252,743	\$256,406
Per diem	\$12,000	\$12,000
Members' travel expenses	\$13,236	\$15,000
Members' salary	\$11,484	None
Ending balance	\$221,356	\$224,650
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,720	1,758
Examinations taken	89	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	45	Not provided

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS

Contact: Mr. Kemp Wright

Executive Director (504) 922-0009

Legal authority R.S. 37:2503

Year created 1969

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board was created to develop, impose, and enforce

standards for licensing nursing home administrators. The board issues licenses and investigates complaints. In addition, it approves and coordinates continuing education and conducts studies toward improving the standards of practice of registered

nurses and nursing home operations.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 3 classified; 4 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$418,697	\$247,650
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$352,829	\$352,735
Per diem	\$7,100	\$7,500
Members' travel expenses	\$5,050	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$116,234	\$11,149
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	64	60
Examinations taken	81	75
Enforcement actions closed	29	30

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SANITARIANS

Contact: Mr. William Goins

Secretary-Treasurer (318) 676-7489

Legal authority R.S. 37:2102

Year created 1954

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining and issuing licenses to

individuals qualified to inspect, educate, and investigate in the

field of environmental sanitation and public health.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
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Total revenues	\$5,868	\$6,400
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$6,413	\$7,030
Per diem	\$320	\$480
Members' travel expenses	\$1,538	\$1,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$11,558	\$10,928
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	469	485
Examinations taken	14	10
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Pevey

Administrator (504) 763-5480

Legal authority R.S. 37:2654

Year created 1972

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and

welfare of the public by providing for the licensure and regulation

of persons practicing speech-language pathology and/or audiology in the state. The board recognizes the NTE Area

Exam in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None

Employees 4 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997 \$157,685 \$136,336 None \$24,930 None \$98,527	Budget June 30, 1998 \$166,900 \$181,039 None \$26,000 None \$84,388			
Total revenues					
Total expenses/expenditures which include: Per diem Members' travel expenses Members' salary Ending balance					
			Performance indicators		
			Licenses issued/renewed	2,953	3,000
			Enforcement actions closed	6	Not provided

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

Contact: Ms. Gav Pilie

Executive Director (504) 523-4306

Legal authority R.S. 37:2551

Year created 1970

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with encouraging proficiency in the practice

of shorthand reporting as a profession, promoting efficiency in court and general reporting, and extending to the courts and public protection afforded by a standardized profession.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$92,236	\$92,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$84,595	\$92,500
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,758	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$8 5,725	\$85,725
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	107	106
Examinations taken	100	105
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Pevey

Administrator (504) 763-5490

Legal authority R.S. 37:3084

Year created 1987

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and

welfare of the public by providing for the licensure and regulation of persons practicing the profession of dietetics and nutrition.

The board accepts examinations administered by the American

Dietetic Association.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 3 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$33,303	\$38,700
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$44,603	\$49,943
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$7,280	\$7,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$40,800	\$29,557
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	900	950
Enforcement actions closed	17	Not provided

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Contact: Ms. Mary Norton

Executive Assistant (504) 925-3921

Legal authority

R.S. 37:3171

Year created

1984

Organizational placement

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state by prohibiting the use of the title "interior designer" by nonlicensed persons, establishing rules and criteria for licensing, protecting the public from those not competent, and prescribing penalties for

violations.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

\$97 per meeting

Employees

1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$40,874	\$72,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$57,616	\$59,523
Per diem	\$3,225	\$2,250
Members' travel expenses	\$3,513	\$2,400
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$50,518	\$ 62,995
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	21	Not provided
Examinations taken	315	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

Recommendation

No change recommended.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Contact: Ms. Ouida Nugent

Accountant (504) 752-3425

Legal authority R.S. 37:2353

Year created 1964

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensure and regulation of

psychologists within the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 22

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$130,768	\$133,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$131,445	\$133,500
Per diem	\$8,375	\$8,375
Members' travel expenses	\$7,907	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$8,838	\$8,838
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	462	471
Examinations taken	3 8	41
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Pam Dier

Library Programs Coordinator

(504) 342-4926

Legal authority R.S. 25:222

Year created 1926

Organizational placement Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations;

electing officers; and prescribing examinations, qualifications, conditions, and requirements for persons seeking certificates or permits to practice the profession of librarian. License revenue is

remitted to the State Library of Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
-	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1 5	\$25
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$15	\$25
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	None	None
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	3	5
Examinations taken	3	5
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Contact: Ms. Kayla Aymond

Executive Director (504) 658-8941

Legal authority R.S. 37:3554

Year created 1992

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for the examination, licensure,

registration, investigation, and regulation of persons practicing as massage therapists within the state. The board may establish continuing education requirements for license renewal and

criteria for certifying massage therapy instructors.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$129,781	\$139,925
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$135,229	\$138,187
Per diem	\$2,200	\$4,200
Members' travel expenses	\$3,310	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$12,404	\$14,142
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,370	1,485
Examinations taken	247	355
Enforcement actions closed	9	Not provided

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director (504) 524-6763

Legal authority R.S. 37:1263

Year created 1894

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examination, licensure or

certification, and regulation of doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and podiatry; midwives; occupational therapists and occupational therapists and techniques:

therapy assistants; respiratory therapists and technicians; acupuncturists and acupuncture assistants; et cetera.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business
Employees 33 classified; 2 unclassified, 6 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$3,073,090	\$3,000,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,169,767	\$2,395,236
Per diem	\$ 9,600	\$7,050
Members' travel expenses	\$29,907	\$20,039
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$1,633,871	\$2,238,635
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	23,447	23,166
Examinations taken	16	14
Enforcement actions closed	378	273

BOARD OF NURSING

Contact: Ms. Barbara Morvant

Executive Director (504) 838-5385

Legal authority R.S. 37:914

Year created 1912

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for safeguarding the life and health of

Louisiana residents through the regulation of persons practicing

or offering to practice as a registered nurse. The board establishes minimum curriculum requirements and approves

nursing schools.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 27; current year estimated - 30

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 21 classified; 11 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,300,410	\$1,792,266
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,464,849	\$1,792,266
Per diem	\$17,000	\$24,750
Members' travel expenses	\$44 ,913	\$56,100
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$1,056,060	\$637,409
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	40,956	40,885
Examinations taken	2,290	2,285
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

Contact: Dr. James Sandefur

Secretary (318) 335-3275

Legal authority R.S. 37:1042

Year created 1918

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing and regulating optometrists

in the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
-	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$99,511	\$103,400
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$66,123	\$73,335
Per diem	\$3,225	\$3,375
Members' travel expenses	\$1,355	\$2,344
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$91,746	\$121,811
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	485	485
Examinations taken	1	1
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Contact: Mr. Fred Mills

Executive Director (504) 925-6496

Legal authority R.S. 37:1172

Year created 1888

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for promulgating rules to regulate the

practice of pharmacy in the state, examining and licensing pharmacists, issuing permits and drug kits, and inspecting

pharmacies.

Members Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 6 classified; 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
•	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$790,949	\$850,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$838,455	\$863,155
Per diem	\$44,250	\$50,000
Members' travel expenses	\$113,372	\$123,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$754,500	\$756,345
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	8,605	8,480
Examinations taken	187	2,200
Enforcement actions closed	146	150

Comments In comparison with other state pharmacy boards, this board has

the greatest number of members and does not require its members to actively practice pharmacy. The majority of state pharmacy boards have six or fewer members and require the

members to actively practice pharmacy.

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. John Barton

Certified Public Accountant

(318) 232-0129

Legal authority R.S. 37:2401.1

Year created 1987

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining applications for the

practice of physical therapy, issuing licenses or permits to those

possessing the necessary qualifications, and regulating the

practice of physical therapy in the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees 1 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$341,705	\$348,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$257,761	\$307,692
Per diem	\$3,450	\$3,750
Members' travel expenses	\$7,888	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$381,767	\$422,075
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	478	550
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	. 24	Not provided

BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Dennis Mann

Executive Director (504) 838-5791

Legal authority R.S. 37:962

Year created 1948

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board prescribes minimum curricula and standards for

practical nurses, examines and licenses qualified applicants, accredits practical nurse schools and courses, and conducts hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$576,018	\$565,520
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$632,999	\$706,300
Per diem	\$3,225	\$5,000
Members' travel expenses	\$5,424	\$7,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$456,101	\$315,321
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	21,938	22,400
Examinations taken	1,310	1,146
Enforcement actions closed	280	250

BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Jim Brown

Executive Director (504) 763-3556

Legal authority R.S. 37:3504

Year created 1992

Organizational placement Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining, licensing, registering,

and regulating persons practicing as private investigators and

private investigator businesses in the state.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem None

Employees 3 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$278,433	\$250,300
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$188,295	\$233,500
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$18,432	\$15,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$116,044	\$132,844
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	350	300
Examinations taken	550	500
Enforcement actions closed	33	25

BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Wayne Rogillio

Executive Secretary (504) 295-8486

Legal authority R.S. 37:3273

Year created 1984

Organizational placement Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing, regulating, and examining

the contract security industry. The board is empowered to invoke

disciplinary action by fine or revocation or suspension of

licenses.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified; 7 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$414,571	\$416,600
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$435,264	\$416,246
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$ 3, 56 8	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$273,154	\$273,508
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	7,212	7,500
Examinations taken	86	95
Enforcement actions closed	2,330	2,284

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Contact: Ms. Alice Martina

Administrative Manager

(504) 295-8522

Legal authority R.S. 37:683

Year created 1908

Organizational placement Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining, certifying, registering,

and disciplining engineers and land surveyors in the state.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$80 per day spent on board business

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
•	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$826,321	\$1,010,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$924,497	\$901,800
Per diem	\$18,230	\$20,000
Members' travel expenses	\$4 3,894	\$52,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$378,973	\$487,173
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	20,763	21,000
Examinations taken	1,370	1,700
Enforcement actions closed	117	145

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Charles Mann

Executive Director (504) 342-2176

Legal authority

R.S. 37:1515

Year created

1908

Organizational placement

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for examining and determining the qualifications and fitness of applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the state. The board investigates

complaints against and disciplines licensees.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$188,715	\$195,269
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$187,999	\$209,318
Per diem	\$3,000	\$3,375
Members' travel expenses	\$3,053	\$4,342
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$91,594	\$77,545
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,237	1,271
Examinations taken	293	191
Enforcement actions closed	40	9

Recommendation

No change recommended.

BOARD OF WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTORS

Contact: Mr. John Liggio

Executive Director (504) 295-8567

Legal authority

R.S. 37:3463

Year created

1988

Organizational placement

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board reviews and certifies applicants as wholesale drug distributors, regulates the distribution of legend drugs,

promulgates rules and regulations, monitors compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations, and conducts inspections of wholesale drug facilities. The board does not administer

examinations.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$110,652	\$117,162
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$111,640	\$124,421
Per diem	\$1,500	\$3,000
Members' travel expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$150 ,902	\$143,643
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	525	555
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

Recommendation

No change recommended.

BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Fielding Lewis

Chairman (318) 828-5108

Legal authority R.S. 4:61

Year created 1974

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission regulates and licenses boxing and wrestling

contests or exhibitions held, conducted, or given within the state.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Performance indicators Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1996, audit is on file

with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is currently

engaged.

CEMETERY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Lucille McCann

Director

(504) 838-5267

Legal authority R.S. 8:61

Year created 1974

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board licenses cemeteries and monitors and reviews

perpetual care and merchandise trust funds. The board also

investigates consumer complaints and concerns.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1996	Budget December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$142,338	\$135,475
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$164,954	\$129,824
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,011	\$2,550
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$45,142	\$50,793
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	501	498
Examinations taken	None	None
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

CERTIFIED STRESS ANALYSTS BOARD

Contact: Mr. Hezekiah Clark

Secretary-Treasurer (504) 241-5944

Legal authority R.S. 37:2865

Year created 1981

Organizational placement Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board certifies and regulates persons who use

instrumentation to analyze changes in voice patterns for the purpose of detecting deception or verifying truthful statements.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Performance indicators Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1996, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is currently engaged.

For 1996 and 1995, the board's revenues totaled \$3,900 and \$2,475, respectively. As we have done in prior reports, we question whether this board should continue to operate with such

limited resources.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board and

transferring its functions to the Department of Public Safety and

Corrections, Public Safety Services.

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Lin Falcon

Administrative Assistant

(504) 765-2515

Legal authority

R.S. 37:1104

Year created

1987

Organizational placement

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for licensing and regulating persons practicing as mental health counselors and those who use the title "licensed professional counselor." The board accepts examinations administered by the National Board of Certified

Counselors.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

1 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$89,466	\$108,850
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$ 95,967	\$126,441
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$6,435	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$88,406	\$70,815
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	738	635
Enforcement actions closed	14	12

Recommendation

No change recommended.

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. DeVonna Ponthieu

Administrative Assistant

(504) 924-4935

Legal authority R.S. 37:3444

Year created 1988

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing, examining, and regulating

the practice of rehabilitation counseling in the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$27,719	\$25,850
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$23,676	\$37,145
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	\$600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$27,509	\$4,910
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	425	455
Examinations taken	8	18
Enforcement actions closed	None	None

LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

Contact: Ms. Kelli Gautreaux

Accountant (504) 765-2301

Legal authority

Year created 1956

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Active **Status**

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing and regulating contractors.

> In addition, it is responsible for the health, safety, and general welfare of all contractees and the affording of such persons of an effective and practical protection against the incompetent,

inexperienced, unlawful, and fraudulent acts of contractors.

Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 18 Members

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 509; current year estimated - 412

R.S. 37:2151

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 55 classified; 11 unclassified

Employees participate in state benefit plans. Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1996	Budget December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$2,349,982	\$2,404,228
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,189,257	\$2,981,972
Per diem	\$38,175	\$30,900
Members' travel expenses	\$37,336	\$39,818
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$2,513,590	\$1,962,801
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	12,963	13,000
Examinations taken	3,259	3,200
Enforcement actions closed	148	160

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Cynthia Styron

Accountant Technician

(504) 838-5207

Legal authority R.S. 32:1253

Year created 1954

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission regulates and licenses motor vehicle

manufacturers, distributors, new and used car dealers and their agents, leasing/rental companies, lessors operating in the state, and sales finance companies to prevent fraud, impositions, and other abuses upon the citizens. The board does not examine

applicants for licensure.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 18; current year estimated - 18

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$817,243	\$731,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,252,901	\$756,217
Per diem	\$8,550	\$9,600
Members' travel expenses	\$14,493	\$18,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$252,268	\$227,052
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	13,529	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Pat Faxon

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-4773

Legal authority R.S. 37:1007

Year created 1991

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The commission was created to study all aspects of the supply of

and demand for nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, nurses who have a baccalaureate degree, and nurse educators and to recommend action necessary to the

resolution of any shortage of nurses.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Performance indicators None

Comments A representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals

reported that the commission is currently in an inactive posture. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

PLUMBING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Don Traylor

Executive Director (504) 826-2382

Legal authority R.S. 37:1361

Year created 1902

Organizational placement Department of Labor

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for protecting all persons who use and

rely upon plumbing and medical gas piping systems for personal

or commercial need and for affording protection against incompetent, inexperienced, or unlawful acts by persons who perform work on plumbing and medical gas piping systems. The board qualifies and examines applicants for plumbers' licenses

and serves, licenses, and enforces the law.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 5 classified; 2 unclassified; 8 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$458,433	\$516,200
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$480,422	\$604,703
Per diem	\$11,100	\$13,950
Members' travel expenses	\$ 5,649	\$12,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$363,075	\$274,572
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	4,312	4,865
Examinations taken	914	1,047
Enforcement actions closed	590	400

POLYGRAPH BOARD

Contact: Mrs. Vicki King

Secretary (504) 389-3836

Legal authority R.S. 37:2835

Year created 1980

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board regulates all persons who use polygraph

instrumentation to detect deception or verify the truth of statements and provides a system for certification for these

individuals.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$4,316	\$3,560
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$3,235	\$3,390
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,552	\$1,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$7,791	\$7,961
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	91	91
Examinations taken	7	7
Enforcement actions closed	1	1

Comments With such limited resources, we question whether this board

should continue to operate.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board and

transferring its functions to the Department of Public Safety and

Corrections, Public Safety Services.

RADIO AND TELEVISION TECHNICIANS BOARD

Contact: Mr. Jessie Pugh

Administrator (504) 383-0185

Legal authority R.S. 37:2303

Year created 1958

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing and regulating

professionals who service and repair radios, televisions, and

recording devices.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
ŭ	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$100,015	\$109,090
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$97,760	\$107,760
Per diem	\$2,960	\$3,000
Members' travel expenses	\$ 3,699	\$ 3, 00 0
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$122,842	\$124,172
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,568	1,600
Examinations taken	127	150
Enforcement actions closed	28	28

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Richard Whitehorn

Executive Director (504) 838-5231

Legal authority R.S. 37:3201

Year created 1984

Organizational placement Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for examining, licensing, and regulating

qualified applicants as radiologic technologists, and to protect the

public from the misuse of ionizing radiation.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 classified; 1 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$176,326	\$90,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$120,334	\$155,520
Per diem	\$1,900	\$3,500
Members' travel expenses	\$3,246	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$340,879	\$275,359
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	360	325
Examinations taken	310	300
Enforcement actions closed	3	10

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS STATE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

Contact: Mr. Albert Rowe

Accountant II (504) 925-4789

Legal authority R.S. 37:3394

Year created 1987

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing educational

requirements for state certified real estate appraisers and for issuing certificates and conducting disciplinary proceedings. The

board contracts for examination services.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 1 classified

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$98,355	\$123,575
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$90,958	\$120,982
Per diem	\$2,700	\$10,800
Members' travel expenses	\$5,374	\$16,550
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$48,326	\$50,919
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	399	531
Enforcement actions closed	4	5

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Albert Rowe

Accountant II (504) 925-4789

Legal authority R.S. 37:1432

Year created 1920

Organizational placement Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for licensing real estate brokers,

associate brokers, salesmen, and schools and for regulating the real estate business in the state. The commission contracts for

examination services.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 33 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,825,865	\$1,899,501
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,537,399	\$1,752,947
Per diem	\$7,250	\$16,200
Members' travel expenses	\$27,194	\$40,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$2,117,44 0	\$2,263,994
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	19,574	20,895
Enforcement actions closed	131	140

USED MOTOR VEHICLE AND PARTS COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lynette Binning

Accountant II (504) 925-3870

Legal authority

R.S. 32:772

Year created

1984

Organizational placement

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission licenses and regulates salesmen and sales representatives of used cars and truck dealers; new and used motor homes, trailers, semi-trailers, all terrain vehicles, and motorcycles; automotive dismantlers; parts recyclers; boat dealers; and dealers, manufacturers, and distributors of marine products and motorcycles. The commission does not administer

examinations.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

20 classified; 3 unclassified

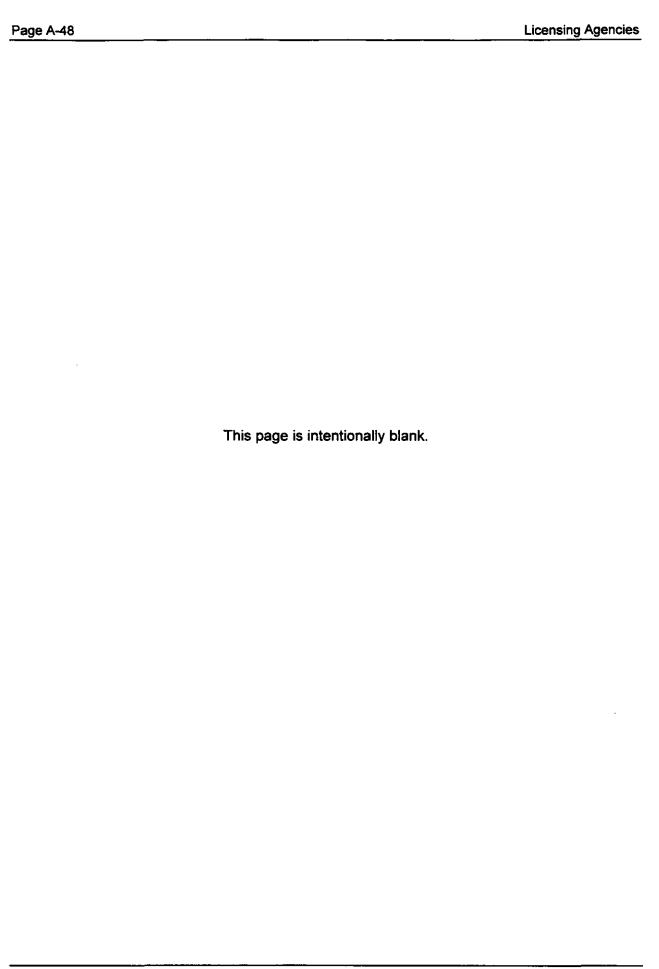
Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997 \$964,998 \$780,680	Budget June 30, 1998 \$859,225 \$947,709
Total revenues		
Total expenses/expenditures which include:		
Per diem	None	\$11,550
Members' travel expenses	\$5,637	\$5,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$969,594	\$881,110
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	11,360	11,200
Enforcement actions closed	789	700

Recommendation

No change recommended.



Port Commissions and Harbor Districts



A board of commissioners administers and operates each of the following port commissions and harbor districts and regulates commerce and traffic of these ports and harbors in such a manner as may be in the best interest of the public. The boards have charge of and administer wharfs, docks, sheds, and landings and are empowered to construct or acquire and equip wharfs, landings, and other structures useful for the commerce of the port areas. The port commissions and harbor districts may charge reasonable fees to each vessel arriving in the port area and may enter into contracts and leases for the use of the facilities or any part or portion thereof.

ABBEVILLE HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. James Campbell

Executive Director (504) 893-9465

Legal authority R.S. 34:333.1

Year created 1954
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem None

Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 \$385,937 Total revenues \$332,477 Total expenses/expenditures \$306,106 \$461,823 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None None None Members' salary Ending balance \$883,730 \$807,845

ALEXANDRIA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. John Marzullo

Executive Director (318) 473-1848

Legal authority R.S. 34:335.1

Year created 1987

Status Active

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** April 30, 1998 April 30, 1997 Total revenues \$790,979 \$169,000 \$169,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$791,792 which include: Per diem None None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None **Ending balance** \$270,520 \$270,520

AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Gene Britton

President (318) 346-7011

Legal authority R.S. 34:1801

Year created 1960

Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

Comments In 1996, we were informed that the Corps of Engineers had

approved the construction of a boat ramp (Phase I of the port project) and that funding for such was included in the Corps' 1997-98 proposed budget. We were also informed that the commission may seek voter approval of an ad valorem tax to fund Phase II of the project. No additional information has been

provided regarding the status of the project.

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Gloria Washington

Director of Administrative Services

(318) 861-4981

Legal authority R.S. 34:3158

Year created 1962
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 8 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1996	Budget December 31, 1997
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$15,243,958	\$29,019,352
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$16,058	\$20,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	(\$7,473,205)	(\$7,178,509)

Comments The commission should limit expenditures to available resources.

CATAHOULA PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Shelia Clark

Catahoula Parish Police Jury

(318) 744-5435

Legal authority R.S. 34:2151

Year created 1964

Status Never fully organized

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments For the fourth year, a representative of the Catahoula Parish

Police Jury informed us that the commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bruce Frazier

President (318) 649-5988

Legal authority R.S. 34:1901

Year created 1962 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments In prior reports, we commented that the port was used as a

docking facility in the early years. When the lessee filed bankruptcy, all buildings and land leases reverted to the bank that held the port's debt. Subsequently, the bank was placed in

default and the FDIC took possession of the leases and

buildings; the port repurchased the leases and buildings from the FDIC in 1989 for \$65,000. In prior years, we were informed that

the port leased a warehouse for \$1,000 per month.

As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

CONCORDIA PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Robbie Shirley

Concordia Parish Police Jury

(318) 336-7151

Legal authority R.S. 34:1851

Year created 1960

Status Inactive

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments For the fourth year, a representative of the Concordia Parish

Police Jury informed us that there have been no appointments to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

EAST CAMERON PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Darrell Williams

Secretary (318) 775-5718

Legal authority R.S. 34:2501

Year created 1962
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3

None

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 \$64,560 Total revenues \$64,560 Total expenses/expenditures \$37,100 \$37,100 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None None Members' salary None Ending balance \$761.013 \$761,013

Comments Administrative duties of the commission are performed by

employees of the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

GRAND ISLE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Andy Galliano

Secretary-Treasurer (504) 878-2500

Legal authority R.S. 34:3251

Year created 1982 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 \$15,865 \$90,000 Total revenues Total expenses/expenditures \$10,157 \$90,000 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None \$5,707 Ending balance \$5,707

GRANT PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Randy Briggs

Grant Parish Police Jury

(318) 627-3157

Legal authority

R.S. 34:2351

Year created

1966

Status

Never fully organized

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

For the fifth year, a representative of the Grant Parish Police Jury informed us that commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Al Starns

Director of Finance (504) 342-1660

Legal authority R.S. 34:1221

Year created 1952 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 51 classified; 2 unclassified; 2 part-time

-inancial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	October 31, 1996	October 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$4,375,922	\$3,872,742
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$4,733,606	\$4,522,859
Per diem	\$25,050	\$27,000
Members' travel expenses	\$2,806	\$16,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$17,438,043	\$16,657,926

GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Gary Soileau

Executive Director (318) 566-8867

Legal authority R.S. 34:1451

Year created 1956 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 36; current year estimated - 36

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$258,312	\$250,294
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$282,614	\$240,608
Per diem	\$23,975	None
Members' travel expenses	\$3,356	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$2,380,333	\$2,390,019

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lou Duet

Administrative Specialist

(504) 632-6701

Legal authority R.S. 34:1651

Year created 1960 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 17 classified; 3 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$4,623,080	\$5,967,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$3,880,385	\$6,624,500
Per diem	\$29,000	\$30,000
Members' travel expenses	\$5,900	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$7,460,595	\$6,243,000

JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PORT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Paul Hurley

Executive Director (504) 833-1881

Legal authority R.S. 34:2021

Year created 1963
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

LAFAYETTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Gregg Gothreaux

President and Chief Executive Officer

(318) 234-2986

Legal authority R.S. 34:291

Year created 1971

Status Active

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 8 unclassified; 6 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997** Total revenues \$1,444,782 \$1,108,000 \$1,421,251 \$1,369,000 Total expenses/expenditures which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$1,245 \$1,660 None None Members' salary \$5,709,963 Ending balance \$5,970,963

LAKE CHARLES HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Glenwood Wiseman

Executive Director (318) 439-3661

Legal authority R.S. 34:201

Year created 1924
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 15

Authorized per diem None

Employees 119 classified; 10 unclassified; 24 part-time

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 **December 31, 1997** Total revenues \$21,209,947 \$21,406,482 Total expenses/expenditures \$15,653,860 \$17,624,565 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$52,714 \$52,000 Members' salary None None \$141,218,383 **Ending balance** \$137,436,466

LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Wyly Gilfoil

Port Director (318) 559-2365

Legal authority R.S. 34:1501

Year created 1958 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget **December 31, 1996** December 31, 1997 Total revenues \$904,678 \$514,600 Total expenses/expenditures \$1,312,043 \$469,570 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None **Ending balance** \$426,160 \$471,190

MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kathy Jobe

Secretary-Treasurer (318) 574-2181

Legal authority R.S. 34:2401

Year created 1966
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 Total revenues \$237.839 \$225,242 \$210,323 \$197,716 Total expenses/expenditures which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None Ending balance \$449,973 \$61,964

MERMENTAU RIVER HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. John Craton

Ending balance

Attorney

(318) 785-1000

Legal authority R.S. 34:3221

Year created 1976

Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 \$49.541 Total revenues \$49,541 \$43,575 \$45,075 Total expenses/expenditures which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None

None

Recommendation No change recommended.

None

MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Jerry Hoffpauir

Executive Director (504) 384-0850

Legal authority R.S. 34:321

Year created 1952 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

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Number of meetings Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem None

Employees 2 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information Not provided

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. David Carson

President (318) 352-9089

Legal authority R.S. 34:3151

Year created 1975 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 1 classified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 Total revenues \$207,490 \$242,700 Total expenses/expenditures \$1,479,975 \$1,450,000 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$10,890 \$11,500 Members' salary \$44,400 \$50,000 Ending balance \$71,125 \$63,125

POINTE COUPEE PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. George Delaune

Certified Public Accountant

(504) 492-3367

Legal authority R.S. 34:2451

Year created 1967
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 \$76,900 \$77,034 Total revenues Total expenses/expenditures \$116,274 \$109.064 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None Ending balance \$218,403 \$186,239

PORT OF IBERIA DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Roy Pontiff

Executive Director (318) 364-1065

Legal authority R.S. 34:241

Year created 1938
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 20; current year estimated - 20

Authorized per diem None

Employees 3 unclassified

Financial/budget Information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,935,560	\$1,370,627
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,558,942	\$1,363,920
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$21,624	\$24,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$28,580,570	\$28,587,277

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James Ruckert

Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting

(504) 528-3346

Legal authority R.S. 34:1

Year created 1896 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 374 classified; 25 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 \$47,016,300 Total revenues \$44,443,767 Total expenses/expenditures \$50,562,756 \$69,643,000 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$24,804 \$40,000 Members' salary None None Ending balance \$360,143,542 \$368,221,550

RAPIDES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Angie Richmond

Rapides Parish Police Jury

(318) 473-6660

Legal authority R.S. 34:3201

Year created 1975

Status Inactive

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

None

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

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Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information None

Comments For the fifth year, a representative of the Rapides Parish Police

Jury informed us that there have been no appointments to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

RED RIVER PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Henry Bethard

President (318) 932-4071

Legal authority R.S. 34:3166

Year created 1975 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 8

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments Although the commission continues to meet and discuss the

possibilities of constructing a port, the commission has not been

funded since inception and a port does not exist. The commission is not fulfilling the purposes for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

SOUTH LOUISIANA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Cindy Martin

Finance Director (504) 652-9278

Legal authority R.S. 34:2471

Year created 1975
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 21

Authorized per diem None

Employees 60 classified; 5 unclassified; 2 part-time

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** April 30, 1997 April 30, 1998 Total revenues \$5,918,398 \$6,289,986 Total expenses/expenditures \$5,671,496 \$4,313,170 which include: Per diem None None \$6,086 Members' travel expenses \$30,000 Members' salary None None Ending balance \$16,856,385 \$17,474,875

SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. John Ware

Executive Director (504) 386-9309

Legal authority R.S. 34:1951

Year created 1962
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 15

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting Employees 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** December 31, 1996 **December 31, 1997** Total revenues \$405.990 \$395,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$262,418 \$395,000 which include: Per diem \$8,400 \$10,000 Members' travel expenses \$664 None Members' salary None None Ending balance \$265,975 \$265,975

ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mrs. Linda Dufour

Supervisor of Accounting

(504) 277-8418

Legal authority R.S. 34:1701

Year created 1961 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 28; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem None

Employees 24 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$2,512,788 \$10,028,328 \$9,911,097 Total expenses/expenditures \$2,395,557 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$8,801 \$12,000 Members' salary \$43,300 \$45,000 **Ending balance** \$1,783,894 \$1,783,894

ST. TAMMANY PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Mary Spell

St. Tammany Parish Police Jury

(504) 898-2522

Legal authority

R.S. 34:2001

Year created

1963

Status

Never fully organized

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

For the fifth year, a representative of the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury informed us that the commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

TENSAS PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Jane Netterville

Secretary-Treasurer (318) 766-3232

Legal authority R.S. 34:2281

Year created 1964
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments Commission members were appointed in August 1995. The

commission continues to meet and discuss the possibilities of constructing a port, even though the commission has no sources of revenue. The commission applied for but was denied funding through the port priority program. The commission is not fulfilling

the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kayla Dupre

Accountant (504) 873-6446

Legal authority R.S. 34:2201

Year created 1964
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual

December 31, 1996

Total revenues \$88
Total expenses/expenditures \$920

which include:

Per diem None
Members' travel expenses None
Members' salary None
Ending balance \$2,685

Comments The commission does not adopt an annual budget.

Administrative duties of the commission are performed by employees of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

TWIN PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Wendell Verret

Attorney

(318) 988-3875

Legal authority R.S. 34:1601

Year created 1959

Status Active

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ken Davis

Mayor's Office City of Vidalia (318) 336-5206

Legal authority

R.S. 34:1861 and 34:3141

Year created

1981

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

The commission is created in two separate sections of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A representative of the City of Vidalia informed us that the commission was inactive before September 1997, at which time members were appointed

to the commission. As of April 1, 1998, the commission

members had met once.

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

VINTON HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Charles Coppels

President (318) 589-7453

Legal authority

R.S. 34:334.1

Year created

1956

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

\$35 per meeting

Employees

1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

Unknown

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1996, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1997 audit is currently engaged.

Recommendation

No change recommended.

WASHINGTON PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Governor's Office

(504) 342-0919

Legal authority

R.S. 34:3351

Year created

1985

Status

Never fully organized

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

For the third year, a representative of the governor's office informed us that commission members have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

WEST CALCASIEU PORT, HARBOR, AND TERMINAL DISTRICT **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. John Dixon

Port Director (318) 625-3517

R.S. 34:2101 Legal authority

Year created 1964 **Status** Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None None **Employees** Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual June 30, 1997 \$78,948 Total revenues \$37,433

Total expenses/expenditures

which include:

Per diem None Members' travel expenses \$4,282 None Members' salary Ending balance \$1,314,464

The district does not adopt an annual budget. Comments

WEST CAMERON PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Edwin Kelley

Secretary-Treasurer (318) 775-5493

Legal authority R.S. 34:2441

Year created 1968
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT AND HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Audrey Boudreaux

Office Manager (318) 828-3410

Legal authority R.S. 34:334.31

Year created 1976
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans None

Ending balance

Financial/budget information Actual Budget **December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997** Total revenues \$1,528,188 \$615,622 \$339,552 Total expenses/expenditures \$316,378 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$2.917 None Members' salary None None

Not provided

Recommendation No change recommended.

Not provided

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Levee Districts



A board of commissioners administers the operations of each of the following levee districts. These boards have the authority to locate, relocate, construct, maintain, extend, and improve all levees, embankments, seawalls, jetties, breakwaters, water-basins, and other works to ensure the adequate protection of the lands of the districts from damage by flood.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Debora Avants

Administrative Specialist

(504) 387-2249

Legal authority

R.S. 38:291(A)

Year created

1890

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

65 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
•	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$4,553,240	\$ 4,445,627
Total expenses/expenditurés which include:	\$3,109,010	\$4,128,023
Per diem	\$32 ,175	\$33,975
Members' travel expenses	\$34,948	\$35,510
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$6,427,338	\$6,744,942

Recommendation

No change recommended.

BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Mary Easterly Administrative Manager

(318) 965-0668

Legal authority

R.S. 38:291(B)

Year created

1892

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

13 classified; 10 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$982,423	\$1,335,850
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$728,131	\$1,558,865
Per diem	\$94,500	\$13,500
Members' travel expenses	\$7,803	\$15,000
Members' salary	\$247,729	\$299,065
Ending balance	\$2,555,056	\$2,332,041

Recommendation

No change recommended.

CADDO LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Gaylyn Bell

Assistant Secretary (318) 221-2654

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(C)

Year created 1892 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 17 classified; 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information **Budget** Actual June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 \$2,221,527 \$1,365,000 Total revenues Total expenses/expenditures \$872,997 \$11,538,500 which include: \$7.650 \$18,900 Per diem \$20,000 Members' travel expenses \$5,198 None Members' salary None \$12,473,733 \$1,875,519 **Ending balance**

EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Royce Payne

Accountant (504) 733-0087

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(D)

Year created 1979
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 68 classified; 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$4,438,950	\$4,705,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$3,338,010	\$3,344,674
Per diem	\$8,100	\$8,100
Members' travel expenses	\$2,438	\$10,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$9.052.964	\$10.035.290

FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Nancy Graham

Administrative Assistant

(318) 574-2206

Legal authority

R.S. 38:291(E)

Year created

1853

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 9

Authorized per diem

\$68 per day spent on board business

Employees

13 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$610,183	\$714,217
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$693,074	\$606,135
Per diem	\$ 4,995	\$7,222
Members' travel expenses	\$8,739	\$7,043
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$248,725	\$356,807

Recommendation

No change recommended.

GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Patricia Bellanger

Secretary (504) 787-3753

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(S)

Year created 1992 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 36; current year estimated - 36

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$87,033 \$92,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$88,292 \$74,551 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None Ending balance None None

LAFOURCHE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Kenneth Peltier

President (504) 265-7545

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(F)

Year created 1892 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 36; current year estimated - 36

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 31 classified; 11 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$3,311,227	\$2,930,635
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,080,008	\$2,349,389
Per diem	\$19,500	\$24,300
Members' travel expenses	\$ 14,105	\$12,200
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$3,756,100	\$2,837,346

LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Daniel Caluda

Manager (504) 682-5941

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(G)

Year created 1892
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 15

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 31 classified; 3 unclassified; 3 part-time

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 Total revenues \$6,347,149 \$3,200,000 \$2,500,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$6,389,105 which include: \$4,000 Per diem \$3,000 Members' travel expenses \$2,907 \$600 Members' salary None None Ending balance \$4,951,509 \$5,726,509

NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Cliff Conine

Assistant Secretary and Attorney

(318) 357-1853

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(H)

Year created 1938
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 4 classified; 2 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$278,569	\$267,980
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$384,029	\$267,980
Per diem	\$5,850	\$7,333
Members' travel expenses	\$469	\$466
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$366,935	\$366.935

NINETEENTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Emma Hyde

Clerk

(318) 627-3261

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(I)

Year created 1930 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 8

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 2 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
_	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$36,645	\$36,634
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$ 41,991	\$32,420
Per diem	\$1,500	\$1,800
Members' travel expenses	\$103	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$116,896	\$128,215

NORTH BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James Southerland

Secretary (318) 965-2316

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(J)

Year created 1906
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 None Total revenues \$6,087 Total expenses/expenditures \$1,590 None which include: \$400 Per diem \$400 None None Members' travel expenses Members' salary None None **Ending balance** \$33,067 None

Comments The district consists of about one mile of levee. The president of

the district has expressed a desire to merge with the Bossier Levee District; however, the Bossier Levee District is not

interested in merging the two districts.

Recommendation The legislature should consider merging North Bossier Levee

District and Bossier Levee District.

NORTH LAFOURCHE CONSERVATION, LEVEE, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Carol LeBlanc

Administrative Assistant

(504) 537-2244

Legal authority

R.S. 38:291(T)

Year created

1992

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 17

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$283,654	\$398,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$126,360	\$227,050
Per diem	\$7,350	\$14,000
Members' travel expenses	\$99	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$1,022,943	\$1,194,393

Recommendation

No change recommended.

ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Mary Herbert, CPA, CGFM

Comptroller (504) 243-4068

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(K)

Year created 1890 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 17; current year estimated - 13

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 339 classified; 1 unclassified; 2 part-time

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$52,512,726 \$34,220,866 Total expenses/expenditures \$53,614,817 \$128,668,597 which include: Per diem \$21,600 \$10,725 Members' travel expenses \$1,622 \$500 Members' salary None None Ending balance \$42,348,050 \$22,954,099

PONTCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Aubrey LaPlace

President (504) 869-9721

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(L)

Year created 1895
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 64; current year estimated - 40

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 38 classified; 2 unclassified; 10 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actuai	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$4,349,961	\$4,179,600
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$3,887,992	\$4,447,164
Per diem	\$18,283	\$21,600
Members' travel expenses	\$3,649	\$7,200
Members' salary	\$2,800	\$8,400
Ending balance	\$10,233,885	\$9,966,321

RED RIVER LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Carrol Smith

Secretary (318) 932-6615

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(N)

Year created 1936
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 4

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 15

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 2 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$42,660	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$41,741	None
Per diem	\$ 5,175	\$5,200
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	\$18,650	\$19,200
Ending balance	\$34,071	None

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA AND BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Fritzie Shoun

Accountant II (318) 443-9646

Legal authority

R.S. 38:291(M)

Year created

1890

Status

Active

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

3 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,624,072	\$1,470,350
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,187,271	\$1,447,800
Per diem	\$5,400	\$5,400
Members' travel expenses	\$1,846	\$2,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$1,377,714	\$1,400,264

Recommendation

No change recommended.

SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Windell Curole

General Manager (504) 632-7554

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(P)

Year created 1968
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 31; current year estimated - 36

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 7 classified; 6 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$2,309,162	\$712,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$3,378,162	\$1,262,000
Per diem	\$8,925	\$15,300
Members' travel expenses	\$3,047	\$3,570
Members' salary	None	None
Ending balance	\$1,244,441	None

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. John Stringer

Executive Director (318) 728-4446

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(Q)

Year created 1881
Status Active

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees 34 classified; 2 unclassified; 6 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$3,024,589	\$2,541,708
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,403,414	\$3,926,050
Per diem	\$8,700	\$16,000
Members' travel expenses	\$17,962	\$29,300
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$6,241,111	\$4,856,769

TERREBONNE LEVEE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. James Erny

(504) 594-4104

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(U)

Year created 1997

Status Not fully organized

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

WEST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Harry Cahill

President (504) 340-0318

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(R)

Year created 1980 Status Active

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 27 classified; 2 unclassified

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$6,855,446	\$2,859,979
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$6,171,321	\$2,209,779
Per diem	\$20,850	\$21,600
Members' travel expenses	\$ 7,319	\$9,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending balance	\$4,004,271	\$4,654,471

Other Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities



Other boards, commissions, and like entities include such entities created by law or executive order to carry out specific governmental functions, but which are not authorized to perform a licensing function, are not created under the statutes that establish port and harbor commissions or levee districts, and are neither budget units of the state nor included within a budget unit of the state. These entities, some of which are political subdivisions or advisory in nature, perform a variety of governmental functions.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Contact: Mr. Robert Crew

Director

(504) 342-3490

Legal authority R.S. 17:31

Year created 1986

Oversight agency Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for advising the state Board of

Elementary and Secondary Education in areas relating to standards for teacher certification and certification programs.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL DRILLERS

Contact: Mr. Z. B. Bolourchi

Chief, Water Resources Section

(504) 379-1434

Legal authority R.S. 38:3098.6

Year created 1982

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee serves in an advisory capacity and makes

recommendations to the Department of Transportation and Development on the licensing, qualifications, and standards of conduct for those engaged in the business of drilling, or those

abandoning, water wells and holes in the state.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTED LIVING

Contact: Mr. David W. Hood

Secretary

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-9509

Legal authority R.S. 46:2675

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The committee works with the Department of Health and

Hospitals' assisted living consultant to provide information concerning the particular needs and problems of Louisiana

elderly citizens.

Members Number authorized - 18; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Budget

June 30, 1998

Total revenues None Total expenses/expenditures None

which include:

Per diem None Members' travel expenses \$7,501

Members' salary

Ending Balance

None

None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority R.S. 22:1922

Year created 1984

Oversight agency Department of Insurance

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for assisting the commissioner of

insurance in establishing educational and informational services to foster a greater awareness of the opportunities available in the insurance industry and of the skills, training, and education necessary to prepare for employment in the industry; for reviewing all complaints alleging violations; and for reporting

apparent violations to the commissioner.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information

Actual
June 30, 1997

June 30, 1998

Total revenues
None
None
Total expenses/expenditures
which include:
Per diem
None
None
None
None

Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$800\$3,081Members' salaryNoneNoneEnding BalanceNoneNone

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOSPICE CARE

Contact: Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 838-8944

Legal authority R.S. 40:2191

Year created 1988

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The committee has the responsibility to advise and make

recommendations to the Department of Health and Hospitals

concerning matters of hospice services in the state.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments In 1996, the former chairperson of the committee advised us that

the committee had been inactive for four years. However, new members were appointed to the committee during 1997. As of March 27, 1998, the committee had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

RecommendationNo change recommended at this time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIDWIFERY

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners

(504) 524-6763

Legal authority R.S. 37:3242

Year created 1988

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners on

all matters dealing with licensing of midwifery practitioners and

on regulations relating to midwifery practitioners.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information None

Comments R.S. 37:3242(E) states that the committee may meet as needed,

but shall meet at least twice a year. The committee did not meet in 1997 and has no plans to meet in 1998. The committee is not

fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PAIN

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners

(504) 524-6763

Legal authority R.S. 37:1285.2

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for examining current and

proposed practice guidelines on pain management, identifying problems in current treatment and practice guidelines, and making any recommendations to the state Board of Medical Examiners concerning practice guidelines on pain management.

Members Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN INFANTS

Contact: Ms. Linda Rose

Director

(504) 568-5028

Legal authority

R.S. 46:2265

Year created

1992

Oversight agency

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council advises the Office of Public Health on various aspects of the development and implementation of the Early Identification of Hearing Impairments in Infants Law. This includes making recommendations on risk factors for hearing loss, program standards and quality assurance, program integration with community resources, materials for distribution,

and program implementation and follow-up.

Members

Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Contact: Mr. John Joseph

Member

Legal authority EO MJF 96-59

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Department of Social Services

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council's duties include making recommendations to the

secretary of the Department of Social Services regarding the expenditure and disbursement of child care and development block grant funds, and for improving, modernizing, and updating the quality of child care at the day care centers which operate

within the state.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Contact: Mr. Frank Millican

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1292

Legal authority R.S. 3:264

Year created 1983

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority is responsible for providing capital at lower interest

rates for loans made by lending institutions to farmers and commercial agricultural businesses through a bond program.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues Not provided Not provided Total expenses/expenditures Not provided Not provided which include: Per diem \$80 Not provided Members' travel expenses Not provided Not provided Members' salary Not provided Not provided **Ending Balance** Not provided Not provided

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Glen Smith

Chairperson (504) 737-1600

Legal authority R.S. 2:654

Year created 1992

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The authority was created to acquire, construct, lease, operate,

maintain, or manage airports and airport facilities, except for these which existed before 1992, either within or outside the

territorial boundaries of the authority.

Members Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None
Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the authority informed us that the board

planned to hold its first meeting in January 1998.

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

ALARM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: State Fire Marshal's Office

(504) 925-4911

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1662.13

Year created

1995

Oversight agency

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board advises the state fire marshal with respect to administration and enforcement of laws relating to alarm services. The board also votes on requests for equivalency to

training.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

ALGIERS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Tamer Acikalin

Chairperson (504) 392-2828

Legal authority

R.S. 33:2740.27

Year created

1992

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for preparing a plan which specifies public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district. The board is also charged with conducting public hearings to inform the

citizens of the district of its plan.

Members

Number authorized - 15; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	None	\$75,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	\$75,000
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

AMBULANCE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Contact: Emergency Medical Services

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-4881

Legal authority R.S. 40:1232

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The committee advises the Department of Health and Hospitals

on establishing and updating a list of required medical and safety

equipment which shall be carried as part of the regular

equipment of every ambulance.

Members Number authorized - 18; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the committee had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kathryn Seale

Secretary (504) 336-9887

Legal authority R.S. 38:3301

Year created 1981
Status Active

Purpose/function The board has the authority to establish adequate drainage, flood

control, and water resource development to include, but not limited to, construction of reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and

pumped drainage systems, and other flood control works.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem \$60 per meeting

Employees 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$291,844	\$275,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$240,951	\$275,000
Per diem	\$9,540	\$12,300
Members' travel expenses	\$1,753	\$2,500
Members' salary	\$75,938	\$92,300
Ending Balance	\$81,343	\$ 81,343

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Thomas Eubanks

Director, Division of Archaeology

(504) 342-8170

Legal authority R.S. 41:1602

Year created 1974

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission advises the Department of Culture, Recreation

and Tourism on matters relative to archaeology, antiquities, and other culture resources in an effort to protect and preserve properties relating to the history, culture, and government of the

state.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

ARCHITECTS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-0820

Legal authority

R.S. 38:2311

Year created

1975

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for selecting professional architects for professional service contracts to perform the design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost greater than

\$200,000.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$691	\$762
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

ARTIFICIAL REEF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Rick Kasprzak

Artificial Reef Coordinator

(504) 765-2375

Legal authority

R.S. 56:639.6

Year created

1986

Oversight agency

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Plan.

The council is charged with providing guidance to the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on policy and procedural matters concerning the program and making recommendations to the department regarding the allocation of funds to various

program components.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

The council did not meet in 1997 and has no plans to meet in 1998. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

ARTS COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. James Borders

Director, Division of the Arts

(504) 342-8180

Legal authority R.S. 25:891

Year created 1976

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is responsible for receiving applications for

matching federal funds available from the National Endowment for the Arts and such other funds made available and making recommendations thereon; reviewing and approving or rejecting grant applications; advising departmental officers on the design and execution of an annual state plan; and administering the

Louisiana native crafts program.

Members Number authorized - 24; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

ASCENSION-ST. JAMES AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Janet Gonzales

Secretary (504) 644-1959

Legal authority R.S. 2:341

Year created 1982

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority is responsible for managing the airport upon its

completion. The Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for land acquisition and construction of facilities. Upon completion of the construction, the facilities will be turned over to the authority, which will be responsible for their operation.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting Employees 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$74.822 \$78,300 Total expenses/expenditures \$89,507 \$78,300 which include: \$7,650 Per diem Not provided Members' travel expenses \$293 Not provided

Members' salaryNoneNoneEnding Balance\$141,795\$141,795

ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mrs. Cloe Henington

Executive Secretary (504) 928-8886

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1401

Year created

1950

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for buying and selling securities for investment of surplus monies of the fund to allow disability payments and retirement allowances for assessors and assessor's employees and to otherwise administer the fund.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
September 30, 1997 September 30, 1998
\$3,075 Not provided
\$2,927 None Not provided

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Channing Hayden, Jr.

Commissioner (504) 522-9392

Legal authority

R.S. 34:1121

Year created

1968

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission governs the rates of the Associated Branch Pilots for the Port of New Orleans and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes in matters of pilotage rates and

other commission business.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

The commission has not held a meeting in at least four years and has no plans to meet during the current year. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS OF THE PORT OF LAKE CHARLES FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Malcolm Gillis

Commissioner (318) 436-0372

Legal authority R.S. 34:1121

Year created 1968

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The commission governs the rates of the Associated Branch

Pilots of the Port of Lake Charles and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to reach to dispute a regarding pilotogo rates and other

depositions to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates and other

commission business.

Members Number authorized - 16; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

The commission has not held a meeting in at least four years and we have not received any indication that the commission plans to meet during 1998. The commission is not fulfilling the functions

for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

ATCHAFALAYA TRACE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8198

Legal authority R.S. 25:1222

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for protecting the wet and wild

nature of the Atchafalaya Basin and promoting nature-based,

scenic, and cultural tourism.

Members Number authorized - 38; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN GOVERNING COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority R.S. 22:1417 (B)

Year created 1993

Oversight agency Department of Insurance

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for overseeing casualty insurance

rates for individuals who are unable to procure such insurance

through ordinary methods.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

BAYOU D'ARBONNE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Robert Dawkins

President (318) 251-3171

Legal authority

R.S. 38:2551

Year created

1956

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is charged with the conservation of soil and water and developing the natural resources and wealth of the district for sanitary, agricultural, and recreational purposes, as the same may be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience or

welfare, or of public utility or benefit.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$160,595	\$268,913
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$166,107	\$254 ,573
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$164,958	\$179,305

Recommendation

BAYOU LAFOURCHE FRESH WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Kirk Cheramie

Administrator (504) 447-7155

Legal authority Act 186 of 1970

Year created 1950

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with furnishing fresh water from the

Mississippi River to the incorporated villages, towns, and cities along Bayou Lafourche and within or adjacent to the boundaries of the district for purposes of drinking, irrigation, and industrial

uses.

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$934,852	\$766,664
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$712,391	\$579,817
Per diem	\$3,000	\$3,350
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,247,591	\$1,434,438

BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Robert Felknor

Administrative Assistant

(504) 343-3491

Legal authority

1978

R.S. 3:555.4

Year created

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status

Active

Purpose/function

Oversight agency

The council is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds to help develop, maintain, and expand markets for cattle and beef products produced, processed, or manufactured in the state and permitting the cattle production and feeding industry of the state to contribute to the development and sustenance of coordinated

programs of product improvement.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is currently engaged.

Recommendation

BELGIUM-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Earlene Broussard

Director, CODOFIL (318) 262-5810

Legal authority EO MJF 96-72

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate

authorities of the French community of Belgium to arrange for and organize educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments Although this committee only meets periodically, there are on

going activities directly linked to it. The last signing of Accords was in Europe during October 1996 and the next signing is

scheduled in Louisiana during 1999.

None

None

BI-STATE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. M. LeComte

Coordinating and Development Corporation

(318) 632-2022

Legal authority R.S. 48:1702

Year created 1991

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission initiates and coordinates research, studies, and

gathering of information on the construction, expansion, improvement, or extension of a route running through Sabine Parish, through Arkansas, and to the Oklahoma state line.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 22

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' salary

Ending Balance

Financial/budget information Actual Budget **September 30, 1997** September 30, 1998 Total revenues \$18,500 \$22,600 Total expenses/expenditures \$18,500 \$22,600 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None

None

None

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Contact: Ms. Carol Guidry

Assistant Commissioner of Management and Finance

(504) 925-7885

Legal authority R.S. 18:23

Year created 1950

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The board reviews election laws and procedures used in

conducting elections in the state; reports its findings,

observations, and recommendations annually to the legislature; and serves as a clearinghouse for proposed election-related

legislation.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Contact: Mr. Martin Gould

President (504) 832-8956

Legal authority R.S. 34:1042

Year created 1942 Status Active

Purpose/function The board is required to report immediately to the governor all

cases of neglect of duty, habitual drunkenness, and gross violations of its rules. Upon referral by the governor, the board is required to investigate the cases and report its findings to the

governor recommending, if justified, a penalty.

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF BAR PILOTS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

Contact: Mr. Paul Vogt

Chairperson (504) 833-5594

Legal authority R.S. 34:942

Year created 1865

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for setting rules and regulations to

govern bar pilots and administer examinations as necessary to

maintain the number of pilots required by the board.

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 7

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

BOARD OF MORGAN CITY, BERWICK PORT PILOT COMMISSIONERS AND EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Thomas Goyne

Chairperson (504) 384-0850

Legal authority

R.S. 34:1101

Year created

1962

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for regulating pilots, masters, and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters on the lower Atchafalaya River and through the channel into the Gulf of Mexico by way of Oyster Bayou Light and Eugene Island Light.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

Contact: Mr. Paul Vogt

Chairperson, Board of Examiners of Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans

(504) 833-5594

Legal authority R.S. 34:962

Year created 1988

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations

relative to hearing complaints of misconduct of any bar pilot and

conducting hearings of any such complaints.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOT REVIEW FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Contact: Mr. Martin Gould

President, Board of Examiners for the New Orleans

and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots

(504) 832-8956

Legal authority R.S. 34:1049

Year created 1983

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations

relative to hearing complaints of misconduct of any bar pilot and

conducting hearings of any such complaints.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

RecommendationNo change recommended at this time.

BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT COMMISSIONERS AND EXAMINERS FOR THE PORT OF LAKE CHARLES

Contact: Mr. Malcolm Gillis

Commissioner (318) 436-0372

Legal authority

R.S. 34:1072

Year created

1928

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The board establishes rules and regulations that are necessary for the purpose of regulating pilots, pilot associations, masters, and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters within the board's jurisdiction. The board makes recommendations to the governor for the commission of new pilots and for discipline for

any pilot wrong doing.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

Contact: Mr. Donald Short

President (504) 392-8001

Legal authority R.S. 34:991

Year created 1950 Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for formulating rules and regulations

establishing qualifications of river port pilots, providing for the examination and approval of apprentices, and policing river port

pilots in the performance of their duties.

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT REVIEW FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

Contact: Mr. Donald Short

Member

(504) 392-5116

Legal authority

R.S. 34:991.1

Year created

1986

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board reviews reports of the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners, reviews complaints filed against pilots, and files an annual report with the Department of Transportation and Development regarding investigations of pilot incidents.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

CADDO PINE ISLAND OIL AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Coe Haygood

(318) 995-6845

Legal authority R.S. 25:380.21

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing policies, rules, and

regulations for the operation of the museum including setting and charging admission and tour fees and user or rental fees to any

or all museum buildings and exhibits.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

CANE RIVER WATERWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Charles Powell

Treasurer (318) 357-3826

Legal authority

R.S. 34:3261

Year created

1982

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for establishing, operating, and maintaining, either individually or in cooperation with the federal government, the State of Louisiana and its various agencies, subdivisions, and public bodies, a navigable waterway system to be known as the Cane River Waterway in Natchitoches Parish.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$200 per meeting - treasurer

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$292,538	\$281,495
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$142,525	\$2 76,665
Per diem	\$5,775	\$6,900
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$534,412	\$539,242

Recommendation

CAPITAL AREA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Shawn Scallan

Administrative Assistant

(504) 293-7370

Legal authority

R.S. 38:3072

Year created

1974

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board provides for the efficient administration, conservation, orderly development, and supplementation of ground water resources in the parishes of East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,

Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

Members

Number authorized - 15; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$223,425	\$191,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$131,718	\$189,510
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$117,598	\$119,088

Recommendation

CASH MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD

Contact: Mr. James Blankinship

Department of the Treasury

(504) 342-0049

Legal authority

R.S. 39:371

Year created

1990

Oversight agency

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board reviews and approves the cash management policies and procedures adopted by state agencies and reports its recommendations for changes in cash management laws and

procedures to the legislature.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

Not provided

CATFISH PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ron Harrell

Corresponding Secretary

(504) 922-6211

Legal authority R.S. 3:558.3

Year created 1991

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board promotes the growth and development of the catfish

industry in the state by research and advertisement.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Ending Balance

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$165,221 Not provided Total expenses/expenditures \$118.537 Not provided which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$3,902 Not provided Members' salary None None

\$131,560

CHILDREN'S CABINET ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Gwendolyn Hamilton

Executive Director, Children's Cabinet

(504) 342-1677

Legal authority R.S. 46:2605

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board advises the Children's Cabinet on ways to facilitate

and require coordination of policy, planning, and budgeting affecting programs and services for children and their families.

Members Number authorized - 27; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments In accordance with R.S. 46:2606, the board shall terminate on

July 1, 2000.

CLERKS OF COURT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Charlotte Bennett

Executive Director

Clerks of Court Association

(504) 293-1162

Legal authority R.S. 13:782(J)

Year created 1990

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for governing the certification

program, which was established to formalize and recognize the

professional standards of clerks of court in the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

CLERKS OF COURT RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Charlotte Bennett

Executive Director

Clerks of Court Association

(504) 293-1162

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1541

Year created

1950

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board was created to administer and manage the fund for the purpose of providing regular disability and survivor benefits for clerks of court, their deputies and other employees, and their

beneficiaries.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual **Budget** June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 \$3,600 \$2,625 \$3,200 \$3,197 None

Per diem

Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

Recommendation

No change recommended.

None

CLINICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director (504) 524-6763

Legal authority

R.S. 37:1314

Year created

1993

Oversight agency

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The committee is required to make recommendations to the Board of Medical Examiners on the licensure of clinical laboratory personnel and rules and regulations for the appropriate training

and competency of the profession.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

5 classified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$ 271,543	\$277,657
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$159,363	\$193,639
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,342	\$800
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$274,017	\$358,035

Recommendation

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

Contact: Deputy Superintendent for Education

(504) 342-3625

Legal authority R.S. 17:1903

Year created 1943

Oversight agency Department of Education

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council is responsible for exchanging information and

making recommendations on matters of common interest to the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and the

State Board of Education.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Harvey Landry

Federal Energy Analyst

Department of Natural Resources

(504) 342-1298

Legal authority R.S. 40:1730.28

Year created 1997
Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for providing advice and

consultation to the office of the State Fire Marshal, the Facility Planning and Control section of the Division of Administration, and the Energy section of the Department of Natural Resources in the consideration of revisions or amendments to the energy

code.

Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

COMMISSION FOR THE PROMOTION OF UNIFORM LEGISLATION

Contact: Mr. Henry Gabriel

Professor (504) 861-5667

Legal authority R.S. 24:81

Year created 1991

Oversight agency Department of Justice

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission examines the uniformity of legislation in the

various states and territories of the union. It confers with commissioners appointed by other states and territories for the same purpose, considers and drafts uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several states, and generally devises and recommends such other or further course of action

as shall accomplish uniformity of legislation.

Members Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES PROCUREMENT

Contact: Mr. Mark Drennen

Commissioner of Administration

(504) 342-7000

Legal authority

R.S. 39:1493.3

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Not fully organized

Purpose/function

The commission oversees and directs the review of all agencies in the executive branch of state government relative to the procurement of professional, personal, consulting, and social service contracts and the procedures and practices utilized

therein.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

In accordance with R.S. 39:1493.2, the commission shall

terminate on June 30, 1999.

Recommendation

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON TELEMEDICINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

Contact: Mr. David W. Hood

Secretary

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-9509

Legal authority R.S. 45:835

Year created 1995

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council promotes and ensures communication between

public agencies in the area of telecommunications applications, planning, advancements, and technology as they apply to

telemedicine and distance education.

Members Number authorized - 19; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Robert Scheffy, Jr.

Attorney

(504) 231-2032

Legal authority

R.S. 39:1780

Year created

1985

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The corporation is a nonprofit entity responsible for financing and

acquiring correctional facilities for lease to the state.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	
Total revenues	
Total expenses/expenditures	

ActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998\$8,873,314\$8,417,724\$5,909,510\$5,765,965

which include:

Per diem Members' travel expenses None None S220 None None

Members' salary Ending Balance

Recommendation

(\$11,352,052) (\$8,700,293)

COUNCIL ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATES AND ENFORCEMENT

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority

R.S. 22:15

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Department of Insurance

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for undertaking a comprehensive

study and providing oversight and enforcement

recommendations on a continuing basis of the effectiveness of law enforcement and implementation of programs aimed at enforcement in the various parishes of those laws and programs

which affect automobile insurance rates.

Members

Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

CRAWFISH PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ron Harrell

Corresponding Secretary

(504) 922-6211

Legal authority R.S. 3:556.3

Year created 1983

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board provides a voluntary method of raising revenues to be

used to develop markets for Louisiana crawfish.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per day spent on board business

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information

Actual

June 30, 1997

Total revenues

Total expenses/expenditures

which include:

Budget

June 30, 1998

\$119,632

Not provided

Not provided

Not provided

Per diem None Not provided Members' travel expenses \$4,527 Not provided Members' salary None None Ending Balance \$12,064 Not provided

CREOLE NATURE TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Shelley Johnson

Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau

(318) 436-9588

Legal authority R.S. 48:1815

Year created 1995 Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for developing and implementing a plan

for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive known as the Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway District.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

CRESCENT RIVER PORT PILOTS ASSOCIATION FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Mark Delesdernier, Jr.

Member

(504) 392-5016

Legal authority

R.S. 34:1121

Year created

1968

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission governs the rates of the Crescent River Port Pilots Association and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates and other commission

business.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

DAIRY INDUSTRY PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1227

Legal authority R.S. 3:557.4

Year created 1983

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board promotes the sale and consumption of Louisiana milk

and dairy products.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$858,050	\$737,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$826,714	\$729,800
Per diem	\$1,160	\$1,400
Members' travel expenses	\$2,014	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$227,080	\$234,208

DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Emery Bares

Chairperson (504) 332-2500

Legal authority

R.S. 42:1302

Year created

1982

Oversight agency

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for the administration of the state employees' deferred compensation plan through a contractual

arrangement with an outside party.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,889	\$2,880
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None

Comments

A commission activity account, which is financed by an annual fee charged to plan participants and earnings on investments, is maintained to pay expenses of the commission and the plan

administrator fees.

Recommendation

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Gloria Benitez

Secretary-Manager (504) 947-5551

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1651

Year created

1956

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for administering the system; approving investments, retirements, and refunds; and handling all other business of the system for district attorneys and assistant district

attorneys in the state.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$1,950
 \$2,000

 \$2,361
 \$1,892

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Henry Stamper

Director of the Division of Economically
Disadvantaged Business Development

(504) 342-5373

Legal authority

R.S. 51:1765

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for reviewing and commenting upon

the processes used by the Division of Economically

Disadvantaged Business Development in determining qualified businesses, advising the division regarding approaches in delivering developmental assistance to disadvantaged business, monitoring the efforts of the division, and conducting regional meetings to inform the citizenry of the work of the division.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	\$4,500
Members' travel expenses	None	\$4,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None

Recommendation

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TRUST FUND DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Anthony Stoltz

Comptroller (504) 365-5485

Legal authority

R.S. 47:2341

Year created

1993

Status

Not provided

Purpose/function

The district, which is governed by a board of trustees, seeks revenue sources to assist in providing funding to the Orleans Parish School Board for capital improvement and maintenance.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

A representative of the Orleans Parish School Board reported that the district has had no financial transactions since it was created. The district is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the district.

EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE HISTORIC SITE GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Michael Chittom

Confidential Assistant (504) 925-4792

Legal authority R.S. 25:380.11

Year created 1993

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The governing board is charged with establishing policies, rules,

and regulations for the operation of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site, including setting and charging admission, tour, user,

or rental fees to site buildings and exhibits.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

EGG COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James Pruitt

Director

(504) 922-1358

Legal authority R.S. 3:551.2

Year created 1968

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission provides for inspection, grading, and

certification of eggs; collection of assessments; and promotion of

Louisiana eggs.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem \$15 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information **Actual** Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$54,099 \$54,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$53,528 \$53,500 which include: Per diem \$165 None Members' travel expenses \$150 \$450 Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** \$68,160 \$68,660

EL CAMINO EAST-WEST CORRIDOR COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Bob Holeman

President (318) 628-2712

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1751

Year created

1992

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The management and control of the El Camino East-West Corridor Commission is vested in the board of commissioners. The commission is authorized to initiate or coordinate research, studies, and gathering of information on the east-west corridor

project.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Contact: Emergency Medical Services

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-4881

Legal authority R.S. 40:1232.2

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The commission advises the Bureau of Emergency Medical

Services within the Department of Health and Hospitals, on requirements and standards for certification of emergency medical personnel and continuing education requirements for

certification.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 8

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Budget

June 30, 1998
Total revenues None

Total expenses/expenditures None

which include:

Per diem None
Members' travel expenses \$4,000
Members' salary None

Ending Balance None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Beth Toups

EMSC Program Coordinator

(504) 342-4881

Legal authority R.S. 40:1300.105

Year created 1995

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The council advises the Department of Health and Hospitals and

the coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services for Children program on all matters concerning emergency medical services

for children.

Members Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget

June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Total revenues None None

Total expenses/expenditures None None

which include:

Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expensesNone\$3,000Members' salaryNoneNoneEnding BalanceNoneNone

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Contact: Major Mark Oxley

Chairperson (504) 925-6113

Legal authority

R.S. 30:2364; EO MJF 96-48

Year created

1985

Oversight agency

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for establishing emergency planning districts, appointing local emergency planning committees and supervising and coordinating their activities, providing the Federal Environmental Protection Agency director with information concerning releases of hazardous substances; designating additional facilities to be covered; recommending additional substances which should be defined as hazardous materials, and acting as the centralized advisory body for coordinating state and federal activities concerning community

"Right to Know" legislation.

Members

Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 18

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

ENGINEERS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-0820

Legal authority R.S. 38:2311

Year created 1975

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for selecting engineers to perform the

design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost

greater than \$200,000.

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information

Actual

June 30, 1997

Total revenues

Total expenses/expenditures

None

None

None

None

which include:

Which include:

Per diem None None

Members' travel expenses \$62 \$66

Members' salary None None

Ending Balance None None

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Claudia Fowler

Chairperson (504) 767-4453

Legal authority

R.S. 30:2503

Year created

1993

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is charged to develop, review, approve, and transmit a plan for environmental education to the governor, the legislature, and the public; to provide advice on policies and practices needed to provide environmental education; to serve as a forum for the discussion and study of environmental education problems; and to assist and obtain information to coordinate

environmental education programs.

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 22

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Richard Hart

Director

(504) 898-2535

Legal authority R.S. 33:4064.1

Year created 1986
Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for the protection of public health

and the environment through the control, monitoring, and

inspection of all sewerage and water systems and supervision of environmental services located within the unincorporated portion

of St. Tammany Parish.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 2 classified; 1 unclassified; 2 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$416,664	\$412,915
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$286,266	\$311,490
Per diem	\$2,600	\$2,450
Members' travel expenses	\$463	\$600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided

ERNEST N. MORIAL NEW ORLEANS EXHIBITION HALL AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. David Ohlmeyer

Controller (504) 582-3082

Legal authority Act 305 of 1978; Act 572 of 1984; Act 43 of 1992; Act 1013 of

1993; Act 1174 of 1997

Year created 1978

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority was created to acquire, construct, reconstruct,

extend, improve, operate and maintain convention, exhibition,

and tourist facilities within Orleans Parish.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 290 unclassified; 300 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 Total revenues \$166,863,080 \$77,487,811 Total expenses/expenditures \$93,050,561 \$107,292,406 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** \$96,728,370 \$66,923,775

FILM AND VIDEO COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ed Lipscomb

Assistant Secretary (504) 342-8150

Legal authority

R.S. 51:2131

Year created

1986

Oversight agency

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission advises the Office of Film and Video on all matters relative to the development and expansion of film, motion picture, video, multimedia, and still photography industries in the state and on the development of the state marketing and

promotion plan for film-making.

Members

Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD OF REVIEW

Contact: Ms. Edna Gleason

State Fire Marshal's Office

(504) 925-4911

Legal authority R.S. 40:1578.1

Year created 1974

Oversight agency Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for hearing appeals and rendering

decisions as to whether suggested alternatives to fire codes, rules, and regulations are acceptable as equivalencies to satisfy

the requirements of fire safety.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Michael Hemphill

Chairperson (504) 925-4060

Legal authority

R.S. 11:2260

Year created

1991

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for the general administration and

proper operation of the retirement system.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Unknown

Comments

In prior years, a representative of the board stated that he did not

believe that R.S. 24:513.2(F) applied to the system and, accordingly, the board would not submit the requested

information. The board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor for at least seven years. However a June 30, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.

Recommendation

FIRST STOP SHOP COORDINATING COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Doug Woolfolk

Deputy Secretary (504) 922-2675

Legal authority R.S. 49:229.1

Year created 1991

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The council periodically reviews the operations of the First Stop

Shop and provides advice and recommendations to the secretary

of state and to the legislature.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees 3 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. JoAnne Sanders

Engagement Manager Legislative Auditor's Office

(504) 339-3802

Legal authority

R.S. 39:1351

Year created

1990

Oversight agency

State Bond Commission

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The committee is responsible for reviewing the financial stability of political subdivisions of the state and, where appropriate, initiating action requesting the Louisiana Attorney General to file a rule to appoint a fiscal administrator for any political subdivision that is reasonably certain to fail to make a debt service payment.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

FLUORIDATION ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority R.S. 40:5.11

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board assists any public water system with at least five

thousand service connections to obtain funding for fluoridation of its system by seeking all sources of funding, and also assists in educating the public on matters regarding dental health and the

prevention of tooth decay.

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

board.

RecommendationNo change recommended at this time.

FOLKLIFE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Maida Owens

Director of Louisiana Folklife Program

(504) 342-8180

Legal authority

R.S. 25:822

Year created

1981

Oversight agency

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for advising the Office of Cultural Development on the formulation of an annual state plan; outlining objectives and budgeting needs in the identification, preservation, and presentation of Louisiana folk cultural resources; acting in an advisory capacity to the Division of Arts and to the Louisiana State Arts Council with respect to the allocation of grant funds; advising the division and council on policies or guidelines as they relate to or affect the folk arts and artists in the state; formulating long-range goals for folklife activity; and advising the Office of Cultural Development as to the creation of a Division of Folklife.

Members

Number authorized - 24; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

FRANCE-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Earlene Broussard

Director, CODOFIL (318) 262-5810

Legal authority EO MJF 96-72

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate

authorities of France to arrange for and organize educational,

cultural, and touristic exchanges.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments Although this committee only meets periodically, there are on-

going activities linked directly to it. The last signing of Accords was in Europe during October 1996, and the next signing is

scheduled in Louisiana during 1999.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Sharon Balfour

Chairperson (504) 379-1477

Legal authority

R.S. 49:1053

Year created

1995

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for directing the activities of the Louisiana Geographic Information Center, establishing policies and procedures for the sharing of GIS data among state agencies, and advising state agencies on the acquisition and

implementation of GIS.

Members

Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA STATE COTTON MUSEUM

Contact: Mr. Michael Chittom

Confidential Assistant (504) 925-4792

Legal authority R.S. 25:380.1

Year created 1992

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The board adopts bylaws and establishes policies and

procedures for the museum's governance in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, advises the secretary of state on all matters relating to the operations of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum, and sets and charges admission, tour, and user

or rental fees.

Members Number authorized - 22; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Not provided Total revenues Not provided Total expenses/expenditures Not provided Not provided which include: Per diem None None None Members' travel expenses None None None Members' salary Ending Balance Not provided Not provided

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

Contact: Ms. Patricia Johnson

Chairperson (504) 736-6086

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-55

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for advising the governor on all issues concerning citizens who have disabilities, providing assistance to the Office of Disability Affairs, and coordinating state compliance

with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

Unknown

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SAFE DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Contact: Ms. Ann Revnolds

Executive Director (504) 342-3422

Legal authority EO MJF 96-6

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is responsible for assisting in setting priorities on the

state's Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act
Program, contributing to the design of requests for proposals,
reviewing and making recommendations on proposals, reviewing
monitoring reports on grantees, and recommending disposition of

contracts in the case of non-complying agencies.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues None None None Total expenses/expenditures None which include: Per diem None None \$2,000 Members' travel expenses \$1,934 Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** None None

GOVERNOR'S ARSON STRIKE FORCE

Contact: Mr. V. J. Bella

State Fire Marshal (504) 925-4168

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-46

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The strike force assists local fire departments in determining the cause and/or perpetrator(s) of a suspicious fire and compiles information about arsonists, arson prevention, and arson investigation techniques for the education and benefit of fire

departments.

Members

Number authorized - 20; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

Unknown

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the force had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

GOVERNOR'S DWI/VEHICULAR HOMICIDE TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Ronald Jones

Captain

(504) 925-4239

Legal authority EO MJF 96-9

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The task force is charged to address the unusually high

incidence of drunk and drugged driving in the state, the difficulty in proving identification of multiple DWI offenders, refusals to submit to breath tests, problems with obtaining evidence from drivers who cause fatal or serious injury crashes, and the arrest

and prosecution of drug-impaired drivers.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

GOVERNOR'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority EO MJF 96-75

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Departments of Economic Development and Agriculture and

Forestry

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The task force is responsible for identifying opportunities for, and

barriers to, growth and development of the value-added forest products industry in the state, as well as developing ideas and

plans that foster the growth of such industry.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

task force. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by executive order.

Recommendation The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Contact: Mr. James Antoon

Environmental Consultant

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-9509

Legal authority

EO MJF 97-9

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The task force is responsible for conducting in-depth studies and

preparing a preliminary and comprehensive report which

identifies potential health and environmental problems associated with individual wastewater treatment systems, which are those systems with a capacity of less than 1500 gallons per day.

Members

Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

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Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TUBERCULOSIS

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority EO MJF 96-60

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The task force is responsible for identifying and examining all

issues necessary to combat the disease of tuberculosis, recommending viable solutions to the problems raised by those

issues, and evaluating existing and proposed measures that are

designed to combat all forms of tuberculosis.

Members Number authorized - 30; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

task force. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by executive order.

Recommendation The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Hunter Wagner

General Manager (504) 835-3116

Legal authority Act 762 of 1986; R.S. 48:1251

Year created 1954

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for constructing, operating, and

maintaining the expressway. In addition, the commission polices the Huey P. Long Bridge and the one-mile heavy marine traffic

zone.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - not provided

Authorized per diem None

Employees 92 unclassified; 8 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget October 31, 1997 October 31, 1998 \$19,849,029 \$19,981,000 Total revenues Total expenses/expenditures \$19,981,000 \$19,849,029 which include: Per diem None None Not provided \$5,000 Members' travel expenses \$34,180 Members' salary \$34,180 **Ending Balance** None None

HARBOR POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Glenda Williams

Administrator (504) 598-0100

Legal authority R.S. 11:3681

Year created 1971

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for the general administration and

proper operation of a retirement system for commissioned members of the Port of New Orleans' Harbor Police Department.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority R.S. 22:9

Year created 1993

Oversight agency Department of Insurance

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission was created to undertake a comprehensive

study of the availability and affordability of health care in the state. Specifically, the commission is to examine the rising costs of health care in the state and the implementation issues relating to national health care reform initiatives. The commission

submits its recommendations to the commissioner of insurance.

Members Number authorized - 43; currently serving - 42

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 9

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments R.S. 22:9(C)(2) provides that the commission shall terminate on

June 30, 1999.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Senator Ron Landry

(504) 652-2379

Legal authority R.S. 48:108.1

Year created 1988

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council is responsible for developing a short and long range

research program into the development of a centralized and coordinated planning and permitting process for the location of high-speed rail lines and their construction, operation, financing, management, and maintenance to enhance the transportation

system of this state.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem Unknown

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Carol Coltharp

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-4253

Legal authority

R.S. 17:3129.2

Year created

1984

Oversight agency

Department of Education

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The committee is responsible for considering matters relating to education and making recommendations to the Board of Regents

as the committee deems necessary.

Members

Number authorized - 36; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the committee had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended.

HISTORICAL JAZZ SOCIETY

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8198

Legal authority R.S. 25:321

Year created 1993

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The society's purpose was to detail the origin of jazz and the

impact that jazz has had on society. The society was charged with establishing a national contest to be held annually in Louisiana to draw the attention of the public and jazz artists to the birthplace of jazz, offering a jazz award to provide a commemorative for jazz as it has evolved in the state. The society was also charged with establishing a jazz hall of fame.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments For the fourth year, a representative of the Department of

Culture, Recreation and Tourism informed us that society

members have never been appointed. The society is not fulfilling

the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the society.

HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY) ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Pamela Wall

State Coordinator (504) 342-2462

Legal authority R.S. 17:407.3

Year created 1992

Oversight agency Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The board assists in developing standards for funding qualified

HIPPY programs and public awareness for such programs and

to provide consultation and judicial guidance to the HIPPY

coordinator and the Department of Education.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Susan Poche'

Accountant Administrator

(504) 342-1320

Legal authority

Year created 1980

Oversight agency Department of the Treasury

Status Active

Purpose/function The agency provides funds for acquisition of owner-occupied

R.S. 40:600.4

homes at below market interest rates to Louisiana families of low and moderate income; for acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of multi-family housing projects that meet public purpose criteria; and for refinancing of existing housing issues to achieve operating capital to enable the developer or owner to

have viable multi-family projects.

Members Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees Not provided

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$6,850	\$8,000
Members' travel expenses	\$25,073	\$46,000
Members' salary	Not provided	Not provided
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. David Crais

Chairperson (800) 828-1181

Legal authority R.S. 9:2341(E)

Year created 1979

Oversight agency Louisiana Public Facilities Authority

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The authority is charged with promoting and facilitating the trade

of goods and services to benefit the citizens of the state,

developing financing mechanisms and trade promotion projects to increase international trade services, and producing tangible results that nurture small and medium sized export and import

businesses.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the authority had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Joey Strickland

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

(504) 342-2151

Legal authority

Act 888 of 1990; Act 817 of 1993

Year created

1990

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Inactive

Purpose/function

The commission was to serve as the formal negotiating agency of the state upon which federally recognized tribes in the state may serve notice of any request to negotiate Indian gaming compacts as provided by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

A representative of the governor's office informed us that no appointments have been made to the commission in at least three years and that the commission is inactive. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Frank Denton

Secretary

Department of Transportation and Development

(504) 379-1200

Legal authority

R.S. 48:82

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Department of the Treasury

Status

Not fully organized

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for establishing and administering an infrastructure bank to make loans and provide other assistance to public and private entities carrying out or proposing to carry

out eligible infrastructure projects.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

INSURANCE EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority R.S. 22:1192

Year created 1988

Oversight agency Department of Insurance

Status Active

Purpose/function The council reviews and evaluates each educational program

applying for certification as a registered insurance prelicensing or continuing education program and makes recommendations to the commissioner of insurance with respect to applicants for

certification and educational requirements.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

INTER-AGENCY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Carol Cranshaw

Public Transportation Administrator

(504) 379-1436

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-18

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Department of Transportation and Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The committee is charged with making recommendations designed to maximize the utilization of transportation resources and to increase the cost efficiency of providing transportation services through the coordination and consolidation of planning, funding, administration, and provision of public and specialized

transportation services.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

INTERAGENCY ACTION COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Contact: Mr. Keyth Devillier

Chairperson (504) 342-2277

Legal authority EO MJF 96-2

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The council coordinates state services and assistance on behalf

of homeless persons; conducts an annual assessment and evaluation of service needs and resources for the homeless; researches and assists in the development of funding resources for homeless services; and submits annual reports to the

governor and the legislature recommending improvements to the

service delivery system for the homeless.

Members Number authorized - 33; currently serving - 18

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer

Department of Economic Development

(504) 342-9658

Legal authority

EO MJF 97-12

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Department of Economic Development

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The commission advises the secretary of the Department of Economic Development on policies, programs, and activities that

stimulate growth in international trade and investment;

coordinates international trade and investment programs and activities; and ensures that Louisiana products are competitive in

international markets.

Members

Number authorized - 19; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

Unknown

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer

Department of Economic Development

(504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 51:1361

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Economic Development

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board is responsible for assisting, promoting, encouraging,

developing, and advancing economic prosperity and employment

throughout the state by fostering international trade and

investment.

Members Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 22

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

JOHN K. KELLY GRAND BAYOU RESERVOIR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Donald Horton

Attorney (318) 932-6615

Legal authority R.S. 38:2701

Year created 1975
Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with developing the wealth and natural

resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, and sanitary

purposes.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 Not provided \$3,516,624 Total revenues Total expenses/expenditures Not provided \$37,508 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** Not provided \$3,479,116

JOINT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Contact: Ms. Barbara Morvant

Executive Director, Board of Nursing

(504) 568-5464

Legal authority

R.S. 37:1031

Year created

1995

Oversight agency

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The committee is responsible for recommending rules and regulations to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners regarding prescriptive authority for advanced practice

registered nurses.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the committee had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

KENNER NAVAL MUSEUM COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8198

Legal authority

R.S. 25:1005.1

Year created

1992

Oversight agency

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status

Inactive

Purpose/function

The commission was created to acquire, lease, transport, berth, renovate, equip, operate, maintain, and exhibit the aircraft carrier USS Cabot-Dedalo and any other property acquired for use as a permanent naval museum and to adopt rules and regulations for

the use of such museum and its properties.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

For the third year, a representative of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism informed us that the commission is inactive. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

LAKE BRUIN RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Steve Doyle

President (318) 766-4182

Legal authority R.S. 38:3087.34

Year created 1995 Status Active

Purpose/function The district is charged to preserve, promote, and develop the

wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of the soil and water of Lake Bruin for agricultural, recreational, commercial, and sanitary purposes and by the regulation of

aquatic plant growth.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Tangipahoa Parish Council

(504) 748-3211

Legal authority R.S. 38:3201

Year created 1975

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The board was established to adopt rules and regulations

governing the discharge of drainage, sewerage, and trade waters into Lake Pontchartrain, and into channels which empty into Lake Pontchartrain, within the parishes of St. Charles, Jefferson, Tangipahoa, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Orleans.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the Tangipahoa Parish Council informed us

that board members have never been appointed. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-0820

Legal authority

R.S. 38:2311

Year created

1975

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for selecting professional landscape architects for professional service contracts to perform the design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost greater

than \$200,000.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

LICENSING BOARD FOR LOCKSMITHS

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority

R.S. 37:1393

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Not fully organized

Purpose/function

The board licenses natural persons engaged in or seeking to engage in the work of locksmithing. The board also establishes standards of conduct and performance relative to competent and

safe locksmithing.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

board.

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Charles Fuller

Executive Director

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission

(504) 925-4895

Legal authority R.S. 40:1851

Year created 1989

Status Active

Purpose/function The board advises the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission on

the expenditure of funds collected from the market development

assessment.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

LITTER REDUCTION AND PUBLIC ACTION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio

Fiscal Officer (504) 765-0700

Legal authority R.S. 30:2523

Year created 1980

Oversight agency Department of Environmental Quality

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for serving as a coordinating

agency between various government and private organizations seeking to aid in litter control and recycling efforts, assisting local governments in the adoption of ordinances aimed at litter control, and promoting public awareness and education in the areas of

litter control and recycling.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 55

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Gordon King

Executive Director (504) 344-5001

Legal authority R.S. 33:4548.1

Year created 1991 Status Active

Purpose/function The authority was created to provide economic development,

infrastructure, and environmental facilities; to assist political subdivisions in constructing, extending, rehabilitating, repairing, and renewing infrastructure and environmental facilities; and to assist in the financing of such needs by political subdivisions of

this state.

Members Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 31

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2

None

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information

Comments A representative of the authority reported that the authority

anticipates receiving and expending funds during 1998.

LOTTERY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. James Goodrum

Vice President of Finance and Controller

(504) 297-2012

Legal authority R.S. 47:9004

Year created 1990 Status Active

Purpose/function The board approves, disapproves, amends, and modifies the

corporation's budget, the terms of major lottery procurements recommended by the president of the corporation, and serves as a board of appeal for denial, revocation, or cancellation by the

president of a contract with a lottery retailer.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 166 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 Total revenues Not provided Not provided Total expenses/expenditures Not provided Not provided which include: Per diem Not provided Not provided Members' travel expenses \$23,046 \$20,000 \$144,215 \$145,000 Members' salary **Ending Balance** Not provided Not provided

LOUISIANA PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Winnie Pace

Ex Officio Secretary (504) 342-7825

Legal authority R.S. 23:103

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of Labor

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is required to inquire into the needs of the

employment service industry; to advise the assistant secretary on how the council may best serve employment applicants; and to make recommendations to the assistant secretary about

employment in the state, applicants for licenses, and complaints

against employment services.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information None

LOUISIANA STATE LIBRARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Pam Dier

Administrative Specialist 5

(504) 342-4926

Legal authority R.S. 25:2

Year created 1920

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with planning and working toward a

coordinated system of parish and regional libraries throughout the state that will provide free library service of the highest

quality.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues None None Total expenses/expenditures None None which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$2,077 \$1,029 Members' salary None None None None **Ending Balance**

LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Bob Martin

Deputy Assistant Secretary

(504) 568-6967

Legal authority R.S. 25:341

Year created 1906

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The board advises the secretary of the Department of Culture,

Recreation and Tourism with respect to policies for the State

Museum; exercises powers and duties with respect to

accessions, deaccessions, loans, and conservation of museum

artifacts; and serves as trustee for the William Irby Trust.

Members Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None
Financial/budget information None

LOUISIANA TOURISM PROMOTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8198

Legal authority R.S. 51:1282

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The district assists the state in the promotion of tourism and is

authorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax not to exceed

\$15,000,000 annually.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

 Financial/budget information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Total revenues
 \$16,885,273
 \$15,000,000

 Total expenses/expenditures
 \$16,642,159
 \$15,793,333

which include:

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None Ending Balance \$1,253,203 \$459,870

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Contact: Mr. Harry Blanchet

Program Manager (504) 765-2889

Legal authority R.S. 56:580.1

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The board was created to expand public awareness of marine

recreational fishing opportunities and assist the industry in improving the quality of its services and products, mainly through

marketing channels.

Members Number authorized - 23; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments The board has not held a meeting in at least four years and has

no plans to meet during the current year. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

MARITIME PROVINCES-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Earlene Broussard

Director, CODOFIL (318) 262-5810

Legal authority EO MJF 96-72

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate

authorities of the Maritime Provinces to arrange for and organize

educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments Although this committee only meets periodically, there are on-

going activities linked directly to it. The last signing of Accords was in Maritime Provinces during 1994, and the next signing is

scheduled in Louisiana during 1999.

MEDICAID DRUG PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Philip Medon

Chairperson (318) 342-1697

Legal authority R.S. 46:153.3

Year created 1989

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The committee was created to advise the secretary of the

Department of Health and Hospitals in the prudent administration of the Medicaid drug program. The committee is charged to review expenditures and overall utilization of the drug program, make recommendations regarding additional category coverage,

review drug utilization activities and results, make

recommendations for establishing prescribing protocols, make recommendations to promote the effectiveness of drug utilization reviews, and assist the department with budgetary funding and

the legislative appropriation process.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - not provided

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments We have not received any indication that the committee has met

in at least four years and there is no indication that the committee plans to meet in the current year. The committee is not fulfilling

the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. David W. Hood

Secretary

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-9509

Legal authority R.S. 17:1519.8

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The commission recommends to the secretary of the Department

of Health and Hospitals the distribution of funding for residency positions, residency supervision, and other medical education resources for the hospitals in the Health Care Services Division of the Louisiana State University Medical Center among medical

education programs providing services in such hospitals.

Members Number authorized - 3; currently serving - unknown

None

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

MILITARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-12

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Department of Economic Development

Status

Never fully organized

Purpose/function

The commission was established to pull together the various military interest which exists within the state, to provide a forum for those interests, and to serve as a liaison between various military entities and various civilian interests within the state.

Members

Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 32

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

A representative of the Department of Economic Development reported that the commission has never held a meeting and there is no indication that the commission plans to meet during the current year. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ROAD COMMISSION

Contact: Honorable Kathleen Blanco

Lieutenant Governor (504) 342-8198

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-65

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The commission serves as an advisory body to the Department

of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; the Department of

Transportation and Development; the Department of Economic Development; and to all other state agencies involved in developing the Mississippi River Road Corridor between Baton Rouge and New Orleans into a viable resource for the state.

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

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Financial/budget information

Unknown

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

Section

MOTOR CARRIER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Major Mark Oxley

Chairperson (504) 925-6424

Legal authority R.S. 40:1486.1

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee provides advice, consultation, and

recommendations to those agencies authorized to regulate, license, and tax the motor carrier industry. The committee is also the coordinating authority of the Louisiana Truck Center, which is the headquarters and central location for motor carriers in obtaining all permits and for payment of any fees or charges

required to engage in the motor carrier trade in the state.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. William Toadvien

Director

(504) 925-4810

Legal authority R.S. 11:1821

Year created 1991

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for formulating and promulgating rules

and regulations to facilitate the proper functioning of the retirement system and the administration of any of its funds.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Unknown

Comments In prior years, a representative of the board stated that he did not

believe that R.S. 24:513.2(F) applied to the system and, accordingly, the board would not submit the requested

information. The board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor for at least seven years. However, a June 30, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.

MUNICIPAL POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Stephen Stark

Director (504) 929-7411

Legal authority R.S. 11:2211

Year created 1973
Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for overall management of the

retirement system, which includes reviewing and making recommendations relative to investments, member appeals,

office procedures, personnel, and other matters.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting Employees 6 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information
Actual
June 30, 1997
Per diem
\$8,100

Members' travel expenses\$10,566\$15,000Members' salaryNoneNone

NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Patricia Duncan

Architectural Historian (504) 342-8160

Legal authority R.S. 25:901

Year created 1979

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Department

of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in matters relating to the conservation, preservation, and restoration of the historic resources of the state. The committee votes, at quarterly public hearings, on whether historic properties in the state will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

NAVAL WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Maury Drummond

Executive Director (504) 342-1942

Legal authority R.S. 25:1001

Year created 1979

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission acquires, transports, berths, renovates, equips,

operates, maintains, and exhibits the Destroyer USS Kidd for use

Not provided

as a permanent public Naval and Marine Corps memorial.

Members Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

None

Authorized per diem None

Employees 8 unclassified; 15 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Ending Balance

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997** Not provided Total revenues Not provided Total expenses/expenditures Not provided Not provided which include: Per diem None None None None Members' travel expenses Members' salary None None

Not provided

NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Larry Rivarde

Chief Fiscal Officer (504) 483-9374

Legal authority Act 130 of 1896; Act 104 of 1934; Act 492 of 1958; Act 405 of

1962; Act 865

Year created 1896

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The association manages and controls the New Orleans City

Park, providing recreational facilities for activities such as golf,

tennis, baseball, boating, fishing, et cetera.

Members Number authorized - 35; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem None

Employees 250 classified; 14 unclassified

Financial/budget information Actual Budget September 30, 1997 September 30, 1998 \$10,069,595 \$10,119,940 Total revenues \$10,019,940 Total expenses/expenditures \$9,915,546 which include: Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None \$1,590,912 \$1,690,912 Ending Balance

NEW ORLEANS-BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS ASSOCIATION FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Captain C. Clayton

Member

(504) 832-1199

Legal authority R.S. 34:1121

Year created 1968

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission governs the rates of the New Orleans-Baton

Rouge Steamship Pilots Association and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates and other

commission business.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - varies

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments The commission has not held a meeting in at least four years and

has no plans to meet during the current year. The commission is

not fulfilling the functions for which it was created by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

NORTH TERREBONNE PARISH DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Everett Giroir

Chairperson (504) 868-6077

Legal authority

R.S. 38:3341

Year created

1988

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is charged with establishing adequate drainage, flood control, and water resources development within Terrebonne Parish and outside the limits of the South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District. To accomplish its objectives, the board may construct reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, erosion control measures, marsh management, protection of water supplies from salt water intrusion, and other drainage and

conservation works.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$210,267	\$449,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$53,543	\$191,700
Per diem	None	\$7,000
Members' travel expenses	None	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$156,724	\$322,200

Recommendation

No change recommended.

OLD STATE CAPITOL ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Joyce Chaney

Executive Officer (504) 342-0500

Legal authority R.S. 25:372

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The board advises the Secretary of State on all matters relating

to the operations of the Old State Capitol. The board, in cooperation with any nonprofit corporation(s) established to support the Old State Capitol, may seek private funding to

support programs for the Old State Capitol.

Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

OYSTER LEASE DAMAGE EVALUATION BOARD

Contact: Ms. Sandra Thompson

Department of Natural Resources

(504) 342-0560

Legal authority R.S. 56:700.10

Year created 1995

Oversight agency Department of Natural Resources

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The board is responsible for developing rules and regulations to

compensate fishermen for damages caused by oil and gas

industry activities to their leased oyster beds.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

PAN AFRICAN COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer

Department of Economic Development

(504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 51:982

Year created 1992

Oversight agency Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission provides public relations and disseminates

information to government, business, and cultural leaders, with a

goal of coordinating economic development and resource utilization, including industrial solicitation, by fostering

entrepreneurial activity between Louisiana and the continent of

Africa.

Members Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 20

None

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information None

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Rita Malone

Secretary (504) 342-8111

Legal authority

R.S. 56:1681

Year created

1934

Oversight agency

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission promotes the goals and objectives of the Office of State Parks, acts in an advisory capacity to the office, and screens qualified projects for federal grants administered by the

office.

Members

Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$25 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Thomas Sims

Administrative Director

(504) 928-1361

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1981

Year created

1953

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board formulates and promulgates any and all necessary rules and regulations to facilitate the proper functioning of the retirement system. The system provides retirement benefits for

employees of 61 civil parishes of Louisiana.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

6 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual
December 31, 1996
\$1,800
\$19,681
None

Budget
December 31, 1997
\$2,250
\$26,050
None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

No change recommended.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison

Executive Director (504) 524-6763

Legal authority R.S. 37:1270.1

Year created 1993

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners on

all matters specifically dealing with licensing or disciplining physician assistants and on drafting and promulgating

regulations relating to physician assistants. The committee also

reviews and makes recommendations to the board on

applications for licensure as physician assistants.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

POINTE COUPEE-WEST FELICIANA BRIDGE, FERRY, AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Jessie Means

Chairperson (504) 635-6428

Legal authority R.S. 48:1091; Act 319 of 1977

Year created 1977

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The authority is charged with studying the feasibility of

establishing, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, administering, and operating toll bridge, tunnel, or ferry facilities across and under the Mississippi River between the parishes of Pointe Coupee and West Feliciana. If the authority determines such construction and operation to be feasible, it is charged with constructing and operating a toll bridge, tunnel, or ferry facility.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None
Financial/budget information None

Comments In 1997, a representative of the authority informed us that the

authority had not met within the past ten years. The authority is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the authority.

POSTSECONDARY REVIEW COMMISSION

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority EO MJF 96-71

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The commission conducts and coordinates the review of

institutions of higher education pursuant to federal law and ensures that each institution remains in compliance with the

standards required by that law.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by executive order.

Recommendation The governor should consider abolishing the commission.

POVERTY POINT RESERVOIR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Michael Thompson

Executive Director (318) 878-8572

Legal authority

R.S. 38:3087.1

Year created

1992

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The district is responsible for developing the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, and sanitary

purposes.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1997	Budget June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,588,612	\$176,701
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,545,765	\$176,701
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$189,690	\$189,690

Recommendation

No change recommended.

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. David W. Hood

Secretary

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-9509

Legal authority R.S. 40:2194.3

Year created 1989

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council was created to study and recommend program

priorities and recommend and review contracts for the

Community-Based Health Care Program.

Members Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

The council has not held a meeting in at least four years and we have not received any indication that the council plans to meet in

the current year. The council is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

PROJECT RESTORE TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Denise Stafford

Accountant Manager

Department of Environmental Quality

Legal authority EO MJF 96-56

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The task force researches and analyzes the potential of using

nonhazardous waste materials for coastal restoration projects.

Members Number authorized - 26; currently serving - 26

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None

Employees Not provided

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS' ACTUARIAL COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Ken Duncan

State Treasurer (504) 342-0010

Legal authority R.S. 11:121

Year created 1988

Oversight agency Department of the Treasury

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee coordinates orderly and consistent strategies for

continuing development and growth of state and statewide retirement systems and pension plans or funds that will attain and maintain their soundness and advises the Joint Legislative Retirement Committee of all findings and recommendations.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

QUALITY SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Donald Aguillard

(318) 984-2646

Legal authority R.S. 17:374

Year created 1992 Status Active

Purpose/function The council annually allocates all monies appropriated to the

council, establishes the criteria and eligibility standards for the receipt of materials and supplies, and establishes an inventory

process for equipment and supplies that are distributed.

Members Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Not provided

QUEBEC-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Earlene Broussard

Director, CODOFIL (318) 262-5810

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-72

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The committee meets, at regular intervals, with the appropriate authorities of the Province of Quebec to arrange for and organize

educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

Although this committee only meets periodically, there are ongoing activities linked directly to it. The last signing of Accords was in Quebec during 1993, and the next signing is scheduled in

Louisiana during 1999.

Recommendation

No change recommended.

RED RIVER VALLEY AREA COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Roy Barmore

Executive Director (504) 487-5675

Legal authority R.S. 51:2161

Year created 1986

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The council advises the governor and other federal, state, and

local officials of appropriate responses to development projects in

the Red River Valley.

Members Number authorized - varies; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments The council was abolished during the First Extraordinary Session

of 1998.

RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Morgan Collins

Accountant (318) 352-3652

Legal authority R.S. 34:2301

Year created 1965

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission establishes, operates, and maintains a

navigable waterway system extending from the vicinity of the confluence of the Red River with the Old River and the

Atchafalaya River north westward in the Red River Valley to the

state boundary.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1996	December 31, 1997
Total revenues	\$ 6,714,810	\$6,950,255
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$4,100,988	\$8,105,627
Per diem	\$14,750	\$27,000
Members' travel expenses	\$35,551	\$44,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$51,344,393	\$50,189,021

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA RIVER, AND BAYOU BEOUF GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Ronald Buschel

St. Landry Parish Police Juror

(318) 941-2796

Legal authority

R.S. 38:1921

Year created

1993

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The district is charged with providing an overall efficient and effective plan to address the drainage problems affecting the geographical area located within the Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District but not to include Rapides Parish. The board of commissioners is the governing authority of

the district.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

\$50 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the district had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES

Contact: Mr. Nicholas Silvey

Director of Management and Finance

(504) 568-6611

Legal authority R.S. 33:131

Year created 1962 Status Active

Purpose/function The commission develops and maintains plans for the

development of the regional planning area based on studies of physical, social, economic, and government trends and

physical, social, economic, and government trends and coordinates development of the regional planning area to promote the general welfare and prosperity of its people.

Members Number authorized - 26; currently serving - 26

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 18 unclassified; 3 part-time

Financial/budget information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$1,845,721 \$1,937,759 Total expenses/expenditures \$1,857,940 \$1,937,759 which include: Per diem \$3,750 \$11,600 Members' travel expenses \$20,070 \$22,000 None None Members' salary **Ending Balance** \$57,545 \$57,545

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. William DeVille

Deputy General Manager

(504) 248-3724

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1654

Year created

1979

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The authority is responsible for planning, designing, maintaining,

and administering a transit system within the New Orleans

metropolitan area.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1996	Budget December 31, 1997
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$5,025	\$7,200
Members' travel expenses	\$6,000	\$20,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided

Recommendation

No change recommended.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Lorraine Richard

Director

Members' salary

(800) 510-8515

Legal authority R.S. 11:2032

Year created 1955

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for managing the system to provide

retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters,

their deputies, and their permanent employees.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 2 part-time

 Members' expense information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Per diem S3,300
 \$3,300
 \$3,300

 Members' travel expenses
 \$6,893
 \$6,893

\$22,259

Recommendation No change recommended.

\$22,259

REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN TASK FORCE

Contact: Dr. Jimmy Avery

Chairperson (504) 388-2152

Legal authority R.S. 56:632

Year created 1991

Oversight agency Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status Active

Purpose/functionThe task force is responsible for assessing and analyzing the

reptile and amphibian industry in Louisiana and for reporting its

conclusions and recommendations regarding proper

management and regulation of the industry to the legislature.

Members Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None
Financial/budget information None

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Kelli Gautreaux

Accountant (504) 765-2301

Legal authority R.S. 37:2165

Year created 1995

Oversight agency Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function Subject to the approval of the state Licensing Board for

Contractors, the subcommittee is responsible for adopting rules and regulations to govern residential building contractors in the state; for issuing, suspending, modifying, or revoking licenses; and for prescribing and adopting regulations and policies for

continuing education.

Members Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 4

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget December 31, 1996 December 31, 1997 None None Total revenues None Total expenses/expenditures None which include: Per diem \$6.150 \$7,500 Members' travel expenses \$5.058 \$7,700 None None Members' salary **Ending Balance** None None

RESOURCE RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio

Fiscal Officer (504) 765-0700

Legal authority R.S. 30:2305

Year created 1980

Oversight agency Department of Environmental Quality

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority is charged with conducting a comprehensive solid

waste disposal, resource recovery, energy generation using energy sources other than lignite or nuclear as fuel. The authority may own, operate, and maintain solid waste

management projects; provide for the collection, transportation, storage, and disposal or diversion of solid waste; make plans, surveys, studies, and investigations in conformity with the state plan; initiate and encourage programs, including research and development leading to maximum recovery and reuse of recycling materials; and plan and develop energy parks and

waste parks.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

RICE PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ralph Cowen

Chairperson (318) 783-4250

R.S. 3:551.63 Legal authority

1972 Year created

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board promotes the growth and development of the rice

> industry in Louisiana. It serves all rice farmers in Louisiana and businesses serving the rice industry through promotion and

research activities.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None None

None Participation in state benefit plans

Employees

Financial/budget information Not provided

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

> requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, audit is on file with the

legislative auditor.

RICE RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. John Denison

Chairperson (318) 788-7531

Legal authority R.S. 3:551.73

Year created 1972

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board administers rice research check-off funds collected by

the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, selects projects for

funding, and reviews the progress of research.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information None

RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: St. James Parish Police Jury

Legal authority R.S. 48:1602

Year created 1976

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The board governs the mass transit system within the parishes of

St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the St. James Parish Police Jury informed us

that there have never been any appointments to the authority. The authority is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the authority.

SALINE LAKE GAME AND FISH PRESERVE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Rayford Roark

President (318) 628-3153

Legal authority Act 105 of 1976; R.S. 56:801

Year created 1976

Oversight agency Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for administering the game and

fish reserve and for providing rules and regulations for the control

thereof.

Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information

Actual
December 31, 1996
December 31, 1997

Total revenues
Total expenses/expenditures
Which include:
Per diem

Actual
Budget
December 31, 1997

None
\$80,950
\$80,000

None
None

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority R.S. 17:10.1

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Education

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The commission advises the Board of Elementary and

Secondary Education on all aspects of a statewide system of

school and district accountability.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None
Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

commission.

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Sylvia Sterne

Director of Adolescent and School Health

(504) 568-5050

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-74

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The task force is responsible for developing and recommending a uniform parental consent form which takes into consideration the needs of adolescent students to have appropriate medical attention or counseling, evaluating the types of services offered by school health clinics, and recommending any necessary

changes to those services.

Members

Number authorized - 14; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the task force had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Charlene Quinn

Accountant Supervisor

(504) 925-6491

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1001

Year created

1946

Oversight agency

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for managing the system to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for school bus drivers,

janitors, custodians, maintenance employees, and other

employees of the public school system.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

26 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual June 30, 1997 \$6,000 \$9,664 None Budget June 30, 1998 \$9,000 \$10,000 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

No change recommended.

SHERIFFS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Yvonne Richardson

Executive Director (318) 362-3191

Legal authority R.S. 11:2171

Year created 1946 Status Active

Purpose/function The board oversees the operations of the fund, to include

approving expenditures, making policy decisions, proposing legislation, approving purchases and sales of investments, and

approving applications for benefits.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Unknown

Comments In prior years, a representative of the board stated that he did not

believe that R.S. 24:513.2(F) applied to the system and, accordingly, the board would not submit the requested

information. The board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor for at least seven years. However, a June 30, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio

Fiscal Officer (504) 765-0700

Legal authority R.S. 30:2062

Year created 1992

Oversight agency Department of Environmental Quality

Status Active

Purpose/function The panel is responsible for rendering advisory opinions to the

Department of Environmental Quality on the effectiveness of the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental

Compliance Assistance Program.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPERATORS BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio

Fiscal Officer (504) 765-0700

Legal authority

R.S. 37:3152

Year created

1983

Oversight agency

Department of Environmental Quality

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for establishing a certification program

for operators of solid waste disposal facilities which

accommodate residential and commercial solid waste. Fees paid

by applicants for examination, training, and certification are

established by the board.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority R.S. 48:2022

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Not fully organized

Purpose/function The board is responsible for developing and implementing a plan

to construct and operate a tollway, and arteries feeding that tollway, from Port Fourchon, Louisiana, to Gramercy, Louisiana, and from the Wallace-Gramercy Bridge to the city of Thibodaux,

Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem \$75 per day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Unknown

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

board.

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

Status

SOUTH TERREBONNE TIDEWATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James Erny

Secretary (504) 594-4104

Legal authority R.S. 38:3321

Year created 1986

Purpose/function The board has authority to establish adequate drainage, flood

control, and water resources development, to include

construction of reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pump

drainage systems, erosion control measures, marsh

management, and other flood control works as they relate to tidewater flooding, hurricane protection, and salt-water intrusion.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Active

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

Employees 8 unclassified

Actual	Budget
June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
\$1,882,099	\$2,199,000
\$1,816,199	\$2,167,600
\$11,550	\$12,600
\$2,121	\$3,000
None	None
\$1,097,294	\$504,400
	June 30, 1997 \$1,882,099 \$1,816,199 \$11,550 \$2,121 None

SOUTHERN LOUISIANA DRINKING WATER STUDY COMMISSION

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority R.S. 40:2491

Year created 1984

Oversight agency Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for restoring the public's

confidence in the quality of the drinking water of the parishes of

Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans,

Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the

Baptist, and Terrebonne.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for

which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

SOYBEAN AND GRAIN RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Kyle McCann

Manager (504) 922-6209

Legal authority R.S. 3:551.32

Year created 1968

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board promotes the growth and development of the

soybean, wheat, corn, and grain sorghum industries in Louisiana through research and advertisement. Assessments are levied on the sale of soybeans, wheat, corn, and grain sorghum within the state and the board remits 50% of assessments collected to the

United Soybean Board.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information
Actual
June 30, 1997

Total revenues
Total expenses/expenditures

Actual
June 30, 1997

\$1,590,938
\$965,136
\$1,299,600

which include:

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$1,732 \$2,500 Members' salary None None Ending Balance \$1,191,517 \$857,053

ST. MARY PARISH MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Kimberly Pusateri

St. Mary Parish Council

(318) 828-4100

Legal authority R.S. 48:1635

Year created 1979

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The board was created to govern the mass transit system

located in St. Mary Parish.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the St. Mary Parish Council informed us that

board members have never been appointed. The board is not

fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

STATE EMPLOYEES INCENTIVE AWARD COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Rosemary Hannie

Deputy Commissioner (504) 342-7232

Legal authority R.S. 39:366.1

Year created 1989

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is the oversight authority for agency incentive

award programs, to include reviewing suggestions that have a

statewide impact.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments The committee has not held a meeting in at least five years. The

committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Wade Adams

Account Administrator

(504) 922-0185

Legal authority

R.S. 11:401

Year created

1946

Oversight agency

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for managing the system to provide retirement allowances and other benefits to employees of the

State of Louisiana and their beneficiaries.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$150 per meeting

Employees

76 classified; 4 unclassified; 3 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 \$7.875 Budget June 30, 1998

Per diem Members' travel expenses

Not provided Not provided \$15,525 Not provided Not provided

Recommendation

Members' salary

No change recommended.

STATEWIDE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Eric Kalivoda

Intermodal Transportation Planning Engineer

(504) 379-1925

Legal authority EO MJF 96-77

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for providing guidance, support,

and executive leadership for implementation of the statewide intermodal transportation plan and drafting legislation to

implement the plan, as well as coordinating the implementation of

the plan.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

STRAWBERRY MARKETING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Bowman

Accountant 4 (504) 922-1255

Legal authority R.S. 3:473

Year created 1958

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board promotes the general well-being of the strawberry

industries in Louisiana by expanding the market for the product and increasing consumption through acquainting the public with health-giving quantities and food value of Louisiana-grown

Budget

health-giving quantities and food value of Louisiana-grown

strawberries, wherever they may be sold.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem \$20 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information

	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$11,235	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$11,675	Not provided
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$19,456	Not provided

Actual

SWEET POTATO ADVERTISING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1277

Legal authority R.S. 3:451

Year created 1942

Oversight agency Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for expanding the market for and

increasing the consumption of sweet potatoes by acquainting the general public with the health-giving qualities and the nutritional

food values of sweet potatoes grown in Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$15 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1997	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$253,237	\$205,200
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$159,136	\$261,230
Per diem	\$765	\$780
Members' travel expenses	\$2,356	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$286.308	\$230,278

TANGIPAHOA RIVER TASK FORCE

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-76

Year created

1996

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Never fully organized

Purpose/function

The task force is responsible for coordinating the efforts of all state agencies involved in the cleanup of the Tangipahoa River and monitoring the cleanup to ensure its safety for recreational

use.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the task force. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by executive order.

Recommendation

The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

TASK FORCE FOR THE REDUCTION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATES

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority EO MJF 96-15

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Department of Insurance

Status Disbanded

Purpose/function The task force researched and analyzed the factors which

contribute to the escalating automobile insurance rates in the state and developed a comprehensive, detailed and actuariallysound plan which will cause dramatic reduction of automobile

insurance rates in the state.

Members Number authorized - 16; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the Department of Insurance reported that

the task force has fulfilled the purpose for which it was created

and has disbanded.

Recommendation The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

Contact: Governor's Office

Legal authority EO MJF 96-26

Year created 1996

Oversight agency Executive Department

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The task force facilitates discussions and exchanges between

environmentalists, conservationists, business interests, and

industrialists on prevailing environmental concerns.

Members Number authorized - varies; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of December 1, 1997, no appointments had been made to the

task force. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by executive order.

Recommendation The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

TECHE-VERMILION FRESHWATER DISTRICT **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Jason Dupuis

Executive Director (318) 233-6902

R.S. 38:3086.3 Legal authority

Year created 1986 Active Status

Purpose/function The board governs the affairs of the district, which establishes,

> maintains, and protects a fresh water supply in Bayou Teche and Vermilion River in the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, Lafayette,

and Vermilion.

Members Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 4

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 10 classified; 1 unclassified

Employees participate in state benefit plans. Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1996	Budget December 31, 1997
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$3,450	\$4,000
Members' travel expenses	\$1,662	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Donna Hanney

Budget Manager

Department of Education

(504) 342-3621

Legal authority R.S. 17:3921.2

Year created 1997

Oversight agency Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee assists the Department of Education in reviewing

and verifying all applications for the technology grant program. The grant funds are used to purchase various educational technologies for use by teachers and students for the purpose of

improving student learning.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 18

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information None

TERREBONNE PARISH MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Kevin Ghiardi

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

(504) 873-6401

Legal authority R.S. 48:1503

Year created 1975

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The board was created to govern the mass transit system within

Terrebonne Parish.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments A representative of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated

Government informed us that the board members have never been appointed and that the parish government operates a mass transit system. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it

was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

TRAUMATIC HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Don Tubb

Program Manager (504) 925-3502

Legal authority R.S. 46:2634

Year created 1994

Oversight agency Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for establishing priorities and criteria for

the disbursement of monies collected as additional fees imposed on all motor vehicle violations for driving under the influence, reckless operation, and speeding in the state, to be used solely for programs designed to provide services to Louisiana residents

disabled by traumatic head and spinal cord injuries.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

TRI-PARISH DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Ted Denstel

Secretary (504) 383-4755

Legal authority R.S. 38:3361

Year created 1990 Status Active

Purpose/function The board governs the affairs of the district, which provides

drainage and water conservation in parts of Pointe Coupee and Iberville parishes and all of West Baton Rouge Parish. The board may construct reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, and other flood control works.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

TRI-STATE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. M. LeComte

Coordinating and Development Corporation

(318) 632-2022

Legal authority R.S. 32:1751

Year created 1990 Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is charged with conducting research studies

pertaining to the four-laning, construction, expansion,

improvement, or extension of Louisiana Highway 1 and providing for the long-term economic/industrial development and tourism

development of the corridor area.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNone

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information Actual Budget September 30, 1997 **September 30, 1998** Total revenues \$15,000 \$20,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$15,000 \$20,000 which include: Per diem None None None Members' travel expenses None Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** None None

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 71 FOUR-LANE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: St. Landry Parish Police Jury

(318) 948-3688

Legal authority R.S. 48:1904

Year created 1993

Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The commission was created to gather information on the

construction of new roadways and bridges and the improvements

or extension of existing roadways along the route of U.S.

Highway 71 between the city of Alexandria and the town of Krotz

Springs.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diemNoneEmployeesNoneParticipation in state benefit plansNone

Financial/budget information None

Comments In the previous three years, we reported that a representative of

the St. Landry Parish Police Jury informed us that the

commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY NO. 65 COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. L. Spillers

Volunteer (318) 757-3033

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1811

Year created

1993

Status

Not fully organized

Purpose/function

The commission was created to initiate and coordinate research studies and the gathering of information on the improvement or extension of existing roadways and bridges along the route of

U.S. Highway 65 within the boundaries of Louisiana.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 1

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

For at least four years, we have been notified that the commission has never been fully organized, but hopes to organize and become active in the near future. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

UNMARKED BURIAL SITES BOARD

Contact: Dr. Thomas Eubanks

Director, Division of Archaeology

(504) 342-8170

Legal authority R.S. 8:675

Year created 1991

Oversight agency Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purposeffunction The board is authorized to adopt, implement, and enforce rules

and regulations to protect the burial sites of earlier residents of

the state from desecration and to enable the proper

archaeological investigation and study when disturbance of a

burial site is necessary or desirable.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments The board has not held a meeting in at least four years. The

board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by

law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

WELFARE REFORM COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Percy Manuel

Director of Budget and Business Services

(504) 342-9391

Legal authority R.S. 46:458

Year created 1990

Oversight agency Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is authorized to provide oversight of the Louisiana

Welfare Reform Act to ensure cooperation at all levels of

government; to avoid duplication among agencies and programs; to ensure smooth implementation of the program; to encourage involvement by the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in the

state; and to provide ongoing planning.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

Comments The committee has not held a meeting in at least four years. The

committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

WEST CALCASIEU PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Sandra Anderson

Recording Secretary (318) 625-8490

Legal authority R.S. 33:4576

Year created 1992 Status Active

Purpose/function The authority is charged with building, maintaining, and operating

a rodeo arena, sports complex, or community center within

Calcasieu Parish.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None
Employees Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans None Financial/budget information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the authority had not submitted

information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, attestation

report is on file with the legislative auditor.

WESTERN CORRIDOR COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Doug Ragusa

Chairperson (318) 479-2316

Legal authority R.S. 48:1682

Year created 1987

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The commission initiates or coordinates research, studies, and

> the gathering of information on the Western Corridor Project; contracts or performs work relating to the construction, expansion, improvement, or extension of U.S. Highway 171 within the boundaries of the district; and contracts for or

constructs bridges, overpasses, causeways, underpasses, traffic circles, interchanges, and landscaping relating to the highway. Such work shall be performed by or through the authority of the

Department of Transportation and Development.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - unknown

None

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown **Number of meetings**

Authorized per diem None

Employees None Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the board had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Wynnette Kees

Accountant Administrator

(504) 765-2862

Legal authority Article VI, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921; Article

IX, Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974; R.S. 56:1;

R.S. 36:601

Year created 1921

Oversight agency Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for the control and supervision of

the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life. The commission has general control, management, supervision, and direction of the department. It is a policy-making and budgetary-control board with no administrative functions. The commission has the sole authority to establish definite management programs and

policies and to approve and accept all contracts.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$25 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information None

WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ronnie Robert

Chairperson (504) 282-0625

Legal authority

R.S. 23:71

Year created

1997

Oversight agency

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for developing a multiagency

cooperative approach to job training by promoting

comprehensive workforce development programs, especially professional and technical programs that equal the highest

standards for achievement.

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

Unknown

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Financial/budget information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance

with R.S. 24:513.2(F).

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY DISTRICT **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Patrick Witty

Treasurer (504) 291-3060

Legal authority R.S. 48:1804

Year created 1992 **Status** Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for initiating and coordinating research

> studies for the construction of a highway traversing the Louisiana Highway 1 and Louisiana Highway 10 corridor and which will cross the Mississippi River by way of a bridge, which is planned for construction in the vicinity of St. Francisville and New Roads. The commission is authorized to assess the feasibility of obtaining designation of the highway as a National Defense

Highway and as a part of the National Highway System.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

None

Authorized per diem None **Employees** None Participation in state benefit plans

Financial/budget information Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Total revenues \$100,000 \$85,000 Total expenses/expenditures \$100,000 \$85,000

which include:

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary None None **Ending Balance** None None

Budget Units



A budget unit is any spending unit of the state authorized to exercise, or that does exercise, any functions of the state in the executive branch and which is declared to be a budget unit by the Division of Administration. Budget units are included in the executive budget of the state. The following boards, commissions, and like entities are budget units of the state or are included within such budget units.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority

Year created 1975

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for establishing pesticide

R.S. 3:3211

programs encompassing all phases of pesticide regulation including registration, distribution, sale, application, storage, and

disposal; certification of pesticide users; environmental

monitoring; and remediation of soil and water contaminated with

pesticides.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diem\$880\$1,500

Members' travel expenses\$1,182\$1,386Members' salaryNoneNone

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Contact: Dr. Janie Ponthieux

Executive Secretary (504) 219-4437

Legal authority

Year created 1972

Budget unit Department of Education

Active **Status**

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for establishing standards for the

R.S. 17:3141.3

conduct of solicitors and for the operation of proprietary schools by reviewing and recommending, to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, schools for initial licensure and for yearly renewal; for providing for the investigation, by the Department of Education, and the disposition of complaints relating to the standards; and for providing remedies for violations of the

standards.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

None Authorized per diem

1 unclassified **Employees**

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

Contact: Mr. Steve Phillips

Director of Bureau of Licensing

(504) 922-0015

Legal authority R.S. 46:1406

Year created 1985

Budget unit Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for developing the initial minimum

standards for licensure of Class A facilities and advising the Department of Social Services on matters pertaining to the review and revision of rules, regulations, and standards for licensure of Class A licensed child day care centers, child placing agencies, child residential facilities, and maternity homes. The committee also advises the department on all decisions to revoke

or refusals to grant or renew licenses.

Members Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$854 \$2,500 Members' salary None None

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY ACCESS BY THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Contact: Dr. Allen Doescher

Division of Administration

(504) 342-7000

Legal authority

R.S. 39:303

Year created

1997

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Not fully organized

Purpose/function

The council advises the Data Base Commission in all matters pertaining to accessibility of public data bases by individuals who

are blind or visually impaired.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Contact: Ms. Barbara Dunbar

Education Executive Administrator

(504) 342-3483

Legal authority R.S. 17:3762

Year created 1988

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The council was established as an advisor to the Board of

Elementary and Secondary Education in matters concerning the Administrative Leadership Academy, which is responsible for assessing the needs; developing programs and budgets; and developing, publicizing, and implementing workshops, courses, and activities designed to meet the needs of all levels of public

school administrators whose positions require teacher

certification.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$672 None Members' salary None None

Comments A representative of the Department of Education reported that

the council is inactive. The council is not fulfilling the functions

for which it was created.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. William Boudreaux

Director

(504) 922-1341

Legal authority

R.S. 3:3401

Year created

1940

Budget unit

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for grading, sampling, and inspecting all grain subject to inspection under an official USDA designation; for inspecting moisture metering devices for accuracy; for certifying elevator grades and samplers; for licensing, inspecting, supervising, and auditing all grain dealers and warehouses in the state; and for licensing and supervising all

cotton buyers in the state.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$40 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998
\$800 \$2,020
\$917 \$1,223
None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Percy Rodriguez

Program Compliance Officer Supervisor

(504) 342-7820

Legal authority R.S. 23:382

Year created 1938

Budget unit Department of Labor

Status Active

Purpose/function The council, subject to approval of the secretary of the

Department of Labor, is responsible for establishing standards

and procedures for registration and deregistration of apprenticeship programs, for approving apprenticeship agreements, and for issuing related rules and regulations.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$35 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem
Members' travel expensesNoneNoneNone\$175

Members' travel expensesNone\$175Members' salaryNoneNone

BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority

R.S. 51:923

Year created

1952

Budget unit

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for approving or disapproving tax exemption applications for new manufactured establishments and expansion of existing establishments and for property owners who propose development of existing structures in a downtown, historic, or economic development district.

Members

Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

12 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998
None None
\$10,231 \$12,000
None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority

R.S. 37:493

Year created

1950

Budget unit

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for supervising, investigating, and regulating the beauty and hairdressing industry in the state. The board is authorized to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses of cosmetologists, operators, hairdressers, estheticians,

manicurists, managers, beauty shop owners, teachers, schools, and students to protect the health and welfare of the people of

Budget

the state.

Members

Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 17; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

31 classified; 2 unclassified

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$82,957
 \$49,500

 \$54,715
 \$27,590

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Contact: Ms. Weegie Peabody

Executive Director (504) 342-5840

Legal authority R.S. 17:1

Year created 1974

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for supervising and controlling the

public elementary and secondary schools, vocational-technical training schools, and special schools under its jurisdiction and is responsible for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for

those schools.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees 9 classified; 6 unclassified; 2 part-time

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$18,950
 \$31,377

 Members' travel expenses
 \$33,924
 \$40,000

 Members' salary
 None
 None

BOARD OF ETHICS

Contact: Ms. JoAnn Johnson

Administrative Director

(504) 922-1400

Legal authority R.S. 42:1132

Year created 1996

Budget unit Department of State Civil Service

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for administering and enforcing

provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Election Integrity Act, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and the

Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 21 classified

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diem\$4,900\$5,590

Members' travel expenses \$9,502 \$5,008
Members' salary None None

BOARD OF PARDONS

Contact: Ms. Thomas Hollins

Executive Director (504) 342-5421

Legal authority Article IV, Section 5(E) of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution

Year created 1968

Budget unit Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for receiving and examining information

and documents to make recommendations to the governor regarding applications for clemency and pardon of individuals

who are incarcerated.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 448; current year estimated - 290

Authorized per diem None

Employees 2 classified; 5 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$949None

Members' salary \$186,000 \$186,000

BOARD OF PAROLE

Contact: Mr. Fred Clark

Chairperson (504) 342-6622

Legal authority R.S. 15:574.2

Year created 1968

Budget unit Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for determining the time and conditions

of parole for convicted felons sentenced to prison and confined in the state and for revoking and returning to incarceration those offenders who are unable to adjust and have violated the

conditions of their parole.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 192; current year estimated - 192

Authorized per diem None

Members' salary

Employees 6 classified; 3 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem
Members' travel expensesNoneNone\$2,291\$24,161

\$392,972

Recommendation No change recommended.

\$418,784

BOARD OF REGENTS

Contact: Ms. Marlene Freeman

Director of Fiscal Affairs

(504) 342-4253

Legal authority Article VIII, Section 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution

Year created 1975

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for planning, coordinating, and

budgeting for all public higher education in the state; for administering the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund as

required by Act 1020 of 1986; and for formulating a master plan for higher education, including as a minimum within the master

plan, a formula for the equitable distribution of funds.

Members Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 13

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees 16 classified; 45 unclassified

 Members' expense information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$15,300
 \$14,250

 Members' travel expenses
 \$31,286
 \$28,009

 Members' salary
 \$31,286
 \$28,009

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Contact: Mr. Leo Weimar

Secretary (504) 922-0172

Legal authority

R.S. 47:1401

Year created

1942

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for acting as an appeal board to hear and decide questions arising from disputes between taxpayers

and the state.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 18; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

2 unclassified; 2 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$21,600
 \$21,600

 \$1,448
 \$3,240

 None
 None

Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

Recommendation

Per diem

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Contact: Mr. James Caillier

System President (504) 342-6950

Legal authority Article VIII, Section 6 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution and

R.S. 17:1831

Year created 1974

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for supervising and managing state

colleges and universities that are not managed by a higher education board created specifically for such a purpose.

Specifically, under the supervision and management of the board

are:

Delgado Community College at New Orleans

• Grambling State University at Grambling

• Louisiana Tech University at Ruston

• McNeese State University at Lake Charles

Nicholls State University at Thibodaux
Northeast Louisiana University at Monroe

Northwestern State University of Louisiana at Natchitoches

Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond

. University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette

Nunez Community College at Chalmette

Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier Parish

Members Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees 3 classified; 12 unclassified

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 Members' expense information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$11,600
 \$12,000

 Members' travel expenses
 \$19,901
 \$10,000

 Members' salary
 None
 None

BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:1604

Year created 1992

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for suppressing or eradicating the

boll weevil and cooperating with state and federal agencies in the administration of cost-sharing programs for the suppression or

eradication of the boll weevil.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

BOND COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Sharon Perez

Director

(504) 342-0040

Legal authority

R.S. 39:1401

Year created

1968

Budget unit

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission issues and sells all general obligation bonds of the State of Louisiana issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of

the Constitution, payable from the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. In addition, state agencies and political subdivisions may not incur debt or levy taxes, or hold elections thereof, without approval or authorization of the commission.

Members

Number authorized - 14; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

10 classified; 1 unclassified

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

June 30, 1997 \$5,201 \$2,753 None Budget June 30, 1998 · \$12,000 \$3,200 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

CABINET ADVISORY GROUP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 51:2383

Year created 1996

Budget unit Executive Department
Status Never fully organized

Purpose/function The cabinet advisory group is responsible for advising,

coordinating with, and providing research, informational, and staff support to the Economic Development Council to implement the

strategic economic development plan for the state.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

Comments The Economic Development Council is still in the process of

developing the strategic economic development plan for the state. The cabinet advisory group will not be organized until the

plan has been developed.

CANCER AND LUNG TRUST FUND BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ray Whiting

Administrator (504) 568-3335

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1299.88

Year created

1980

Budget unit

Louisiana State University Medical Center

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for directing disbursements of grant monies from the Cancer and Lung Trust Fund to be used solely for research, clinical investigations, and training in the cancer and

cardiopulmonary fields.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

1 classified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

None None
\$1,299 \$4,680

None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Willie Johnson

Chairperson (504) 922-2700

Legal authority R.S. 46:2663

Year created 1996

Budget unit Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for directing the operation and

management of community-based programs and services relative to public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services for the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton

Rouge.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 134 classified; 2 unclassified

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem
Members' travel expensesNoneNoneMembers' salaryNoneNone

CHILDREN'S CABINET

Contact: Ms. Susan Hoffman

Executive Director (504) 342-8889

Legal authority R.S. 46:2602

Year created 1992

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Unknown

Purpose/function The cabinet is responsible for facilitating and requiring the

coordination of policy, planning, and budgeting which affects

programs and services for children and their families;

coordinating delivery of services to children and their families; and eliminating duplication of services where appropriate. The cabinet is responsible for assuring the most efficient and effective use of resources, particularly through programs for intervention

and prevention.

Members Number authorized - 23; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

Comments As of March 27, 1998, the cabinet had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). R.S. 46:2606 provides for the cabinet to terminate, its legal authority to cease, and the repeal of Title 46, Chapter 45

on July 1, 2000.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

Contact: Ms. Judy Harrison

Executive Director (504) 342-2245

Legal authority R.S. 46:2404

Year created 1983

Budget unit Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, adopting,

coordinating, and revising the comprehensive state plan for child abuse prevention which is to be funded through the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund. The board reviews, evaluates, and awards grants from the fund for child abuse and neglect prevention and monitors and evaluates the programs and services that have been funded by grants from the trust fund.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 unclassified

Members' expense information None

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Anne Soileau

Acting Deputy Director

(504) 342-8070

Legal authority Article XIV, Section 15(c) of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution

(adopted as Constitutional Amendment), continued by Article X,

Section 3 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution

Year created 1952

Budget unit Department of State Civil Service

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for the administration and

regulation of a merit system for state employees within the

classified service.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 23; current year estimated - 28

Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

 Members' expense information
 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$16,500
 \$15,450

 Members' travel expenses
 \$13,414
 \$11,388

Members' salary None None

COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner

Executive Director (504) 925-4177

Legal authority R.S. 46:2351

Year created 1980

Budget unit Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for promoting and coordinating

public and private services for deaf and/or hard of hearing individuals; serving as an advocate for the needs and rights of the deaf and hearing impaired; certifying and maintaining a registry of certified interpreters; reviewing and reporting on the status of available services; and recommending priorities for appropriate programs and services for the deaf and hearing

impaired.

Members Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem
Members' travel expensesNoneNone\$150\$750

Members' salary None None

None

None

COMMISSION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Contact: Mr. Ronnie Harrell

Director

(504) 925-3780

Legal authority

R.S. 3:4603

Year created

1952

Budget unit

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for testing and inspecting commercially used weights, measures, and measuring devices to maintain a fixed standard by which sales and purchases can be

made with confidence.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$40 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

Members' travel expenses

None

Members' expense information

Actual Budget June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 \$480 \$2,020 \$518 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Contact: Ms. Joy Bordelon

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 342-6717

Legal authority R.S. 46:2500

Year created 1984

Budget unit Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission serves as the advisory board for the Office of

Alcohol and Drug Abuse on state policy with respect to alcohol and drug abuse; advises other state entities on state alcohol and drug abuse policy; recommends policy, program initiatives, and

goals relative to alcohol and drug abuse prevention and

treatment to be included in an annual state plan; and serves as a

liaison to state and local entities advocating prevention and

treatment of alcohol and drug abuse.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diem\$4,611\$4,700Members' travel expenses\$4,611\$4,700Members' salaryNoneNone

COMMISSION ON HIV AND AIDS

Contact: Dr. Thomas Farley

Department of Health and Hospitals

(504) 568-5005

Legal authority

R.S. 40:2018.1

Year created

1991

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Never fully organized

Purpose/function

The commission was charged to research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures relative to HIV infection and AIDS and to make recommendations to the governor, the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the

legislature.

Members

Number authorized - 30; currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Comments

A representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals reported that the commission members have never been named. State law provides that the commission shall terminate on September 1, 1999. Currently, the commission is not fulfilling the

functions for which it was established by law.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Contact: Ms. Leah Raby

Executive Assistant (504) 342-6969

Legal authority R.S. 51:2233

Year created 1988

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for assuring that the state has

appropriate legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment and public accommodations sufficient to justify the deferral of

cases by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, the Secretary of Labor, and the Department of Justice, and to safeguard all individuals within the state from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, sickle cell trait, pregnancy, or other medical conditions; and to further the interest, rights, and

privileges of individuals within the state.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem \$65 per meeting day

Employees 3 unclassified; 2 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information None

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Contact: Ms. Judy Mouton

Deputy Director (504) 925-4430

Legal authority

R.S. 15:1201

Year created

1976

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for studying and encouraging adoption of methods that make law enforcement more effective and justice administration more efficient and fair, for encouraging public understanding of the responsibilities and problems of law enforcement officers and agencies, and for developing public

support for their efforts.

Members

Number authorized - 54; currently serving - 53

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

48 classified; 1 unclassified; 5 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

Contact: Ms. Sondra Burns

Program Manager (504) 342-9513

Legal authority

R.S. 40:2018

Year created

1989

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for researching and reviewing all state laws, regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures that

impact perinatal care and, where appropriate, making recommendations to the legislature and secretary of the

Department of Health and Hospitals. In addition, the commission is responsible for providing a plan that the state can adopt to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies, sick infants, and

infant mortalities.

Members

Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 7

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

16 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION OF POLICE SERVICES OF ELDERLY PERSONS

Contact: Ms. Nell Rives

Deputy Assistant Director

(504) 925-1997

Legal authority R.S. 15:1231

Year created 1994

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee advises law enforcement agencies and senior

citizen organizations in the study and evaluation of the "Triad Programs," sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons, as an effective response to the

problems of crime against elderly persons.

Members Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

COMMITTEE OF CERTIFICATION WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE WORKS OPERATORS

Contact: Mr. Larry Fox

Administrator (504) 568-5108

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1141

Year created

1972

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The committee is responsible for advising and assisting the state health officer in the administration of the certification program for operators of all water production facilities, treatment plants, distribution systems, and sewerage collection systems and treatment plants. The committee conducts all work necessary to promote the certification program by developing examinations, examining certificate candidates, and maintaining records.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CHILD CARE

Contact: Mr. Steve Phillips

Director of Bureau of Licensing

(504) 922-0015

Legal authority R.S. 46:1410

Year created 1985

Budget unit Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for developing minimum standards

for licensure of Class B child care facilities and consulting with the Department of Social Services on matters pertaining to decisions to revoke or refuse to grant Class B licenses.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH IN LOUISIANA (CODOFIL)

Contact: Ms. Earlene Broussard

Director

(318) 262-5810

Legal authority

R.S. 25:651

Year created

1968

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is empowered to do any and all things necessary to accomplish the development, utilization, and preservation of the

French language as found in the state for the cultural and

economic benefit of the state.

Members

Number authorized - 50; currently serving - 50

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

4 classified; 1 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPANISH IN LOUISIANA (CODESPAN)

Contact: Eric Lopez

Chairperson (504) 771-3030

Legal authority

R.S. 25:671

Year created

1985

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Unknown

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for promoting the study of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture in schools, colleges, and universities in Louisiana, and for developing a relationship between the State of Louisiana and the Spanish-speaking

nations of the world.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Comments

As of March 27, 1998, the council had not submitted information

requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S.

24:513.2(F).

In the prior year, we were advised that, although the council had been inactive for a number of years, the governor had appointed

members to the council.

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

COUNCIL ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Contact: Ms. Nell Rives

Deputy Assistant Director

(504) 925-1997

Legal authority

R.S. 40:2403

Year created

1976

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council has broad supervisory authority over education (training standards) made available to law enforcement officers. This council is responsible for accrediting law enforcement training centers; developing minimum curriculum requirements; establishing instructor qualifications; certifying officers and instructors; inspecting and evaluating training centers, courses, and programs; and adopting, amending, or repealing rules and

regulations to implement and interpret applicable acts.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

Contact: Ms. Nell Rives

Deputy Assistant Director

(504) 925-1997

Legal authority

R.S. 46:1801

Year created

1982

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is used by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to administer

federal Victims Reparations funds. The board is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying reparations' applications for

victims of violent crimes.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 \$7,875 Budget June 30, 1998 \$9,000

Per diem Members' travel expenses

\$6,665 None \$8,169 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

DAIRY STABILIZATION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bob Simon

Director

(504) 922-1346

Legal authority R.S. 3:4106

Year created 1974

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing (without charge) and

auditing processors, distributors, and retail stores selling dairy products and for conducting investigations to detect and prevent

violations of laws, rules, and regulations.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$30 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem\$480\$900Members' travel expenses\$86\$1,303Members' salaryNoneNone

DATA BASE COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Allen Doescher

Division of Administration

(504) 342-8898

Legal authority R.S. 39:291

Year created 1991

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission provides consistent financial, economic,

demographic, and other data to be readily accessible in a uniform

format for management and policy planning purposes.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees 5 classified

Members' expense information None

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE) ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Nell Rives

Deputy Assistant Director

(504) 925-1997

Legal authority EO MJF 96-41

Year created 1996

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is charged with developing, promoting, monitoring,

and evaluating the DARE program throughout the state. The board serves as an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice in

this respect.

Members Number authorized ~ 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Alyce Lappin

Deputy Assistant Director

(504) 925-4443

Legal authority EO MJF 96-44

Year created 1996

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The duties of the board include, but are not limited to, serving as

an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice and developing a statewide drug control and violent crime strategy encompassing all components of the criminal justice system.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

DRUG POLICY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Steve Young

Governor's Office (504) 342-3423

Legal authority R.S. 49:219.2

Year created 1990

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for identifying, examining, selecting, or

developing and recommending or implementing drug control policies to more effectively combat illegal drugs and alcohol

abuse; evaluating how anti-drug monies are used in

implementing related programs; identifying and evaluating the effectiveness of public awareness and drug prevention programs; and assessing the role of law enforcement in combating drug

abuse and trafficking.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Dennis Manshack

Executive Director (504) 342-5675

Legal authority

R.S. 51:2311

Year created

1988

Budget unit

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for governing the Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the single review board for all financial assistance, grants, and investment programs, administered by the Department of Economic

Development.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

8 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority

R.S. 51:2377

Year created

1996

Budget unit

Department of Economic Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for formulating and recommending a comprehensive strategic plan for economic development in the state, and working in concert with the Cabinet Advisory Group on Economic Development to provide direction and coordination for the implementation of any state measures the legislature decides

to pursue.

Members

Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

1 classified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 None
 None

 \$950
 \$11,625

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 51:2382(B)(1)

Year created 1996

Budget unit Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is authorized to divide the work of the Economic

Development Council into discrete areas and to establish and appoint subcommittees. The committee also meets quarterly with the Cabinet Advisory Group on Economic Development to exchange information and facilitate implementation strategies regarding the state master plan for economic development.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Beth Courtney

Executive Director (504) 767-4200

Legal authority R.S. 17:2503

Year created 1971

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority, which serves four million Louisiana residents and

school children through six television licenses and several cooperative endeavors, is responsible for promoting the use of

educational and public television in the state.

Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$25 per meeting day

Employees 78 classified; 2 unclassified

Members' expense information None

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BOARD OF REVIEW

Contact: Mr. Joseph Bryant

Deputy Undersecretary

(504) 342-3137

Legal authority

R.S. 23:1652

Year created

1936

Budget unit

Department of Labor

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board serves as the third level of employer claims hearing of appeals. The board is responsible for disposing of appeals filed

to the higher authority.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 159; current year estimated - 156

Authorized per diem

\$60 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$47,460
 \$48,660

 \$11,173
 \$16,343

 None
 None

Members' travel expenses
Members' salary

Per diem

nbers' salary None

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING

Contact: Mr. Kenneth Ritter

Chairperson (504) 895-6100

Legal authority R.S. 46:933

Year created 1992

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for developing and implementing

policies and procedures pertaining to the Office of Elderly Affairs within the Office of the Governor; for approving matters of policy and all rules and regulations pertaining to elderly affairs and all voluntary parish councils on aging; and for reviewing and making recommendations to the director of the Office of Elderly Affairs on matters of general importance and relevance to the planning, monitoring, coordination, and delivery of services to the elderly.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' salary

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNone\$2,400Members' travel expenses\$1,800\$2,223

None

Recommendation No change recommended.

None

FEED COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:1892

Year created 1948

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for registering and regulating

operations of the feed industry in Louisiana to ensure quality

products for the farmers and consumers in the state.

Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

FERTILIZER COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:1312

Year created 1948

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for registering and regulating the

activities of the fertilizer industry so that it may provide quality

products to the farmers and consumers of the state.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

Employees

FIREMAN'S SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD

Contact: Mr. James Thibodeaux

Deputy Undersecretary

(504) 925-6032

R.S. 33:2006 Legal authority

Year created 1967

Budget unit Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for deciding questions of eligibility of

firemen to receive supplemental pay out of state funds.

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5 Members

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem None None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 None Per diem None

\$529 None Members' travel expenses None None Members' salary

FORESTRY COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Paul Frey

State Forester (504) 925-4500

Legal authority R.S. 3:4271

Year created 1921

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for protecting, conserving, and

replenishing the natural resources of the state. The commission prepares plans for execution of laws relating to forestry, selects and employs the state forester and controls his tenure of office, and directs and advises the state forester in the work of the

commission.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$390 None Members' salary None None

FUR AND ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Greg Linscombe

Program Manager (318) 373-0032

Legal authority

R.S. 56:266(C)

Year created

1986

Budget unit

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for reviewing and approving recommended procedures and programs to be funded from the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Public Education and Marketing Fund and the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund and ensures that any

monies from the fund are expended for the specific goals of the

council.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 Budget June 30, 1998

Per diem Members' travel expenses None \$11,314 None \$18,500

Members' salary

None

None

Recommendation

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Contact: Ms. Lana Tramonte

Administrative Assistant

(504) 295-8450

Legal authority

R.S. 27:11

Year created

1996

Budget unit

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board has all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of gaming activities and operations

within the state.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 22

Authorized per diem

\$100 per meeting day

Employees

2 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$62,278
 \$156,800

 \$16,425
 \$77,400

 \$83,077
 \$156,800

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

Contact: Mr. Durand Macklin

Executive Director (504) 342-4886

Legal authority R.S. 40:2451

Year created 1980

Budget unit Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is responsible for developing, fostering, and

coordinating services and programs of physical fitness and sports for the people of Louisiana; sponsoring physical fitness and sports workshops; giving recognition to outstanding developments and achievements in physical fitness and sports; stimulating physical fitness research; and enlisting the support of individuals, civic groups, amateur and professional sports

associations, and other organizations to promote and improve

physical fitness and sports programs.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information None

GOVERNOR'S REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Brenda Bercegeay

Program Specialist (504) 925-4135

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-43

Year created

1996

Budget unit

Department of Social Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council advises the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Social Services in the development of programs, methods, and strategies designed to enhance opportunities of employment and independence for persons with

disabilities.

Members

Number authorized - 30; currently serving - 30

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

None None
\$28,755 \$35,000

None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

GOVERNOR'S STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Sarah Liberta

Program Specialist/SILC Coordinator

(504) 342-0187

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-42

Year created

1996

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for jointly developing, in conjunction with the Office of Rehabilitation Services, a state plan for independent living services and centers for independent living; and monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating implementation of this

state plan.

Members

Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 7

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 None
 None

 \$14,125
 \$37,306

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM

Contact: Mr. Art Jones

Disaster Recovery Chief

Office of Emergency Preparedness

(504) 342-6629

Legal authority

EO MJF 96-49

Year created

1996

Budget unit

Military Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The team advises and assists the Office of Emergency

Preparedness in updating and improving its disaster assistance

and emergency preparedness plans.

Members

Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

2 classified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Budget June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$4,000 \$4,000 Members' salary None None

Actual

Recommendation

HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA (HEAL)

Contact: Mr. Marshall Ryals

Executive Director (504) 568-5835

Legal authority

R.S. 17:3053

Year created

1968

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The authority is responsible for promoting the medical and health education activities of private and public institutions in the state, assisting in providing prompt and efficient medical and health care services at a reasonable cost, and striving to achieve superlative standards of attainment in health care and education.

Members

Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 Budget June 30, 1998

Per diem

Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

None None None

None \$3,600 None

Recommendation

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James Champagne

Executive Director (504) 925-6991

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1351

Year created

1968

Budget unit

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for developing and administering the state's traffic safety program by cooperating with the federal government and other entities for the purpose of highway safety; preparing highway safety plans; studying, evaluating, and preparing statistics regarding motor vehicle accidents, injuries, and deaths; and obtaining federal funds for use within the state

for highway safety purposes.

Members

Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

22 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

None None
\$2,616 \$2,000

None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

HORTICULTURE COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:3801

Year created 1950

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for governing the qualifications

and practices of professional arborists, retail and wholesale florists, horticulturists, landscape architects, landscape

contractors, nursery stock dealers, and cut flower dealers. The commission establishes examinations and collects examination.

license, and permit fees.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem\$80\$250Members' travel expenses\$20\$250Members' salaryNoneNone

INSURANCE RATING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Brenda St. Romain

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 342-5350

Legal authority

R.S. 22:1401

Year created

1992

Budget unit

Department of Insurance

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for regulating insurance companies and rating organizations governing the application of rules and rates; reviewing and approving or disapproving rates to be charged on all casualty-surety-fire and inland marine risks, including applications for deviations from rates, plans, schedules, or rules; and calling and conducting hearings when modified prior approval rate filings are not sufficiently documented by actuarial

evidence.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$50 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Per diem \$4,850 \$18,000 Members' travel expenses \$11,337 \$9,243 Members' salary None None

Recommendation

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILD NET

Contact: Ms. Janie Martin

Executive Director (504) 342-3638

Legal authority

R.S. 17:1979

Year created

1987

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for advising and assisting the Department of Education in developing and implementing policies and procedures of Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs (CHILDNET); assisting in achieving the full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all public agencies in Louisiana; assisting in the identification of financial sources and other support for early intervention

Budget

services; assisting in assigning financial responsibility to appropriate agencies; and promoting interagency agreements.

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 Per diem None None Members' travel expenses \$7.220 \$16,700 Members' salary None None

Recommendation

No change recommended.

Actual

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Cynthia Duhon

Board Secretary (504) 342-0349

Legal authority R.S. 39:461

Year created 1974

Budget unit Department of the Treasury

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for obtaining funds, either from the state

General Fund or by borrowing on the full faith and credit of the state, when an emergency situation arises between sessions of

the legislature.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$97 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem\$375\$800Members' travel expenses\$182\$400Members' salaryNoneNone

INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION BOARD

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner

Executive Director

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf

(504) 925-4177

Legal authority R.S. 46:2352(7)(c)(i)

Year created 1993

Budget unit Department of Social Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for reporting to and advising the

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf in the administration of the certification program for sign language interpreters, including any

specialized interpreters.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem
Members' travel expensesNoneNone\$1,042\$1,080

Members' salary

None

None

JEAN LAFITTE SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Gerald Breaux

President (318) 232-3737

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1831

Year created

1993

Budget unit

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is charged with developing and implementing a plan for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive and the natural, historic, and cultural sites and attractions of the route of Louisiana Highway 82, beginning at the Vermilion

Parish line and ending at Holmwood, Louisiana.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Dr. Leslie Tremaine

Executive Director (504) 838-5215

Legal authority

R.S. 28:831

Year created

1989

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for directing the operation and

management of mental health, mental retardation, and substance

abuse services for Jefferson Parish.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

175 classified; 34 unclassified; 12 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 None

Per diem Members' travel expenses

\$4,671 None None \$5,000 None

Budget

June 30, 1998

Members' salary

No change recommended.

Recommendation

LEARN COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Louann Bierlein

Governor's Education Policy Advisor

(504) 342-1608

Legal authority EO MJF 96-8

Year created 1996

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for overseeing the development

of a state consolidation plan to improve education, developing recommendations regarding the implementation of the plan, and

overseeing the implementation of the plan.

Members Number authorized - at least 15; currently serving - 30

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$3,400\$4,000Members' salaryNoneNone

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Charles Fuller

Executive Director (504) 925-4895

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1841

Year created

1950

Budget unit

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for regulating the Liquefied

Petroleum Gas and Anhydrous Ammonia Commercial

Distribution System within the state.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$50 per meeting day

Employees

11 classified; 1 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual June 30, 1997 \$4,600 \$2,448

None

Budget June 30, 1998 \$4,800 \$4,000 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

LIVESTOCK BRAND COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Terrel Delphin

Director

(504) 925-3962

Legal authority R.S. 3:732

Year created 1944

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for investigating livestock thefts,

maintaining brand records, and reporting livestock market information. The commission receives assistance from the state police, local sheriffs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and law

enforcement officials in other states.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$501\$600Members' salaryNoneNone

LIVESTOCK SANITARY BOARD

Contact: Dr. Maxwell Lea

Director

(504) 925-3980

Legal authority R.S. 3:2091

Year created 1908

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for licensing and supervising livestock

dealers and auction markets and for requiring livestock owners to quarantine, test, or vaccinate livestock to prevent, control, and eradicate disease. The board serves all livestock producers and

owners in the state.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$3,673\$500

Members' salary None None

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT TESTING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Rebecca Christian

Bureau Director (504) 342-3748

Legal authority

R.S. 17:24.4(J)

Year created

1986

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for studying elementary and secondary education testing issues and indicators of student performance. The commission serves in an advisory capacity to

the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by recommending procedures for conducting, maintaining, and

reporting reliable accountability measures of student

performance.

Members

Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual **Budget** June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 None None \$3.000 \$1.694 None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. David Sinitiere

Executive Director (318) 357-3174

Legal authority

R.S. 17:1964

Year created

1982

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board establishes policies necessary for an efficient operation, selects and employs staff, establishes a curriculum, and otherwise provides for the general operation of the school.

Members

Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

Per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 None \$4.675 Budget June 30, 1998 None \$5,000 None

Members' travel expenses Members' salary

None

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Mr. John Antolik

Director of Budget and Finance

(504) 388-6935

Legal authority

R.S. 17:1453

Year created

1855

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for the supervision and management of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical

College System. The mission of the system involves

development of the highest levels of intellectual and professional endeavor in programs of instruction, research, and service.

Budget

\$10,000

None

None

Members

Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 9

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

3 classified: 21 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Members' travel expenses

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 None \$7.027 None

Members' salary

Recommendation

Per diem

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (LUMCON) ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Dr. Michael Dagg

Executive Director (504) 851-2800

Legal authority

R.S. 17:3453(F)

Year created

1995

Budget unit

Board of Regents

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council meets as necessary to respond to requests of the LUMCON executive board for advice and information as well as to provide the board with the benefit of perspectives represented

on the council.

Members

Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - unknown

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - unknown

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Comments

A representative of LUMCON informed us that the council was inactive in prior years, but that it was reactivated in November

1997.

Recommendation

No change recommended at this time.

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (LUMCON) EXECUTIVE BOARD

Contact: Mr. William Hebert

Financial Operations Manager

(504) 851-2800

Legal authority

R.S. 17:3451

Year created

1979

Budget unit

Board of Regents

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for administering the affairs of the consortium. The board reports to the Board of Regents on all

fiscal and programmatic matters of the consortium.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

MARKET COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1277

Legal authority

R.S. 3:401

Year created

1940

Budget unit

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for promoting Louisiana products, administering loan programs for Louisiana agricultural industries,

and enforcing regulations on Louisiana products. The

commission serves all farmers subject to rules governing grading and certification of farm products and agribusinesses eligible for loans and loan guarantees for processing and storing agricultural

products.

Members

Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem

\$40 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$480
 \$2,400

 \$691
 \$113

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Bobby Breland

Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Motor Vehicles

(504) 925-6281

Legal authority R.S. 40:1351

Year created 1968

Budget unit Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is responsible for advising the Department of Public

Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, with respect to

the visual ability or physical condition of driver's license

applicants insofar as any impairment or disability may hinder the person's ability to maintain reasonable control of a motor vehicle.

Members Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 18

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Louis Lyles

Program Manager (504) 342-3922

Legal authority

R.S. 46:2604

Year created

1992

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for advising the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals in the administration of the Medical Assistance Trust Fund; providing recommendations, advice, and assistance in the analysis and preparation of rules and regulations pertinent to the operation and administration of the trust fund; and reviewing the financial records and accounts of the trust fund and making such recommendations to the

secretary as are deemed appropriate.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 None
 None

 None
 \$200

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE PANEL

Contact: Ms. Beth Millet

Program Specialist (504) 342-4702

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1299.40(E)

Year created

1975

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The panel is responsible for determining which risks and hazards

related to medical care and surgical procedures must be

disclosed by a physician or other health care provider to a patient or person authorized to consent for a patient and to establish the

general form and substance of such disclosure.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Budget Actual · June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 None None \$183 \$900 None None

Per diem Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

Recommendation

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PATIENT'S COMPENSATION FUND OVERSIGHT BOARD

Contact: Mr. Michael Walsh

Executive Director (504) 342-6052

Legal authority

R.S. 40:1299.44(D)

Year created

1990

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for the management, administration, operation, and defense of the Medical Malpractice Patient's

Compensation Fund.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per day spent on board business

Employees

26 classified; 2 unclassified; 5 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual June 30, 1997 \$4,800 \$2,280 None Budget June 30, 1998 None \$1,988

None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Kevin Robshaw

Director

(504) 342-6678

Legal authority R.S. 28:64

Year created 1977

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board governs the Mental Health Advocacy Service, which

provides legal counsel and representation for mentally disabled persons and ensures that their rights are protected. The Mental Health Advocacy Service provides legal counsel to all patients requesting such service who are admitted for treatment pursuant to involuntary admission, commitment, legal competency, change

of status, transfer, or discharge.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees 12 unclassified; 6 part-time

Members' expense information None

MINERAL BOARD

Contact: Ms. Lana Humphries

Accountant Manager (504) 342-4077

R.S. 30:121 Legal authority

Year created 1936

Budget unit Department of Natural Resources

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for leasing state lands for mineral

> exploration and development. The board reviews existing mineral leases for proper maintenance, development, and operation; reviews payments pursuant to state leases; and documents agreements affecting state leases, including unitization, compromise, consent letters, and assignments.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day

10 classified **Employees**

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

Per diem None \$15,450 Members' travel expenses \$6,225 \$13,760 Members' salary None None

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA

Contact: Mr. Sidney Babin

Chief Landscape Architect

(504) 379-1550

Legal authority R.S. 48:101(A)

Year created 1980

Budget unit Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is an affiliate of the National Mississippi River

Parkway Planning Commission and is required to cooperate with and assist it in promoting interest in the development of the Great River Road as designated by the federal authorities and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Transportation and

Development.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

June 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$827NoneMembers' salaryNoneNone

MUSIC COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 25:315

Year created 1979

Budget unit Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for promoting and developing

popular commercial music and its related industry in Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem None

Employees 1 classified; 2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNoneNone

Members' travel expensesNone\$1,000Members' salaryNoneNone

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Weegie Peabody

Executive Director

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

(504) 342-5840

Legal authority

R.S. 17:11

Year created

1975

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for advising and counseling the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education relative to guidelines for private and proprietary schools' minimum requirements of a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at least equal to that prescribed for similar public

schools.

Members

Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998
None None
\$883 \$1,000

None

Per diem
Members' trai

Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

Recommendation

No change recommended.

None

OFFSHORE TERMINAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Terry Gee

Executive Director (504) 379-1235

Legal authority

R.S. 34:3104

Year created

1972

Budget unit

Department of Transportation and Development

Status

Inactive

Purpose/function

The authority is charged with promoting the industrial and petrochemical base of the Mississippi Valley by providing adequate deep draft port facilities; promoting scientific and other uses relating to offshore terminal facilities; accommodating and planning for technological innovations occurring in the worldwide and domestic shipping industry to increase efficiency and the flow of commerce; protecting environmental values and Louisiana's coastal marshland ecosystem; and asserting and protecting Louisiana's economic, social, and environmental interests in the development of any offshore terminal facilities outside the State of Louisiana where such development may

have an impact upon the state.

Members

Number authorized - 11: currently serving - none

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

2 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Comments

R.S. 34:3104 specifies that the authority shall be governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the governor. According to the executive director, a board of commissioners does not exist and he was appointed by the governor and confirmed by the

Senate.

Recommendation

The legislature should consider amending R.S. 34:3104 as it pertains to the existence of a board of commissioners and

provide for the executive director's appointment.

OILFIELD RESTORATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Erin Enright

Petroleum Engineer (504) 342-2612

Legal authority

R.S. 30:83

Year created

1993

Budget unit

Department of Natural Resources

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for approving a priority list for site restoration for the first two years of restoration activity; publishing an inventory of oilfield sites; approving lists of contractors acceptable to conduct site assessment and restoration; making recommendations on oilfield sites to be declared orphaned; reviewing the administration of site restoration activities and the adequacy of restoration assessments and reopening the funding needs and arrangements for site-specific trust accounts every four years; and administering and managing the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.

Members

Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Contact: Ms. Clarice Eichelberger

Executive Director (504) 342-6804

Legal authority

R.S. 28:750

Year created

1982

Budget unit

Department of Health and Hospitals

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is established to plan effective coordination of state resources to meet the needs and promote the dignity of persons with developmental disabilities; to serve as an advisor to the governor, the secretary of the Department of Health and

Hospitals, and the legislature on programs and policies pertaining to services; and to promote provision of a full range of services, assistance, and opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities, including housing, education, rehabilitation, employment, recreation, family support, and other needed

Budget

None

None

support services in the least restrictive environment.

Members

Number authorized - 26; currently serving - 26

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

13 classified; 1 part-time

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

September 30, 1997 September 30, 1998 Per diem None \$18.062 Members' travel expenses \$20,000 Members' salary None

Recommendation

PORK PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1277

Legal authority R.S. 3:551.82

Year created 1972

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Inactive

Purpose/function The board was established to promote the growth and

development of the pork industry in Louisiana through research

and advertisement.

Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

Comments For the fourth year, a representative of the Department of

Agriculture and Forestry informed us that the board is inactive.

The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was

established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

PRISON ENTERPRISES BOARD

Contact: Ms. Ginger Sutton

Executive Officer (504) 342-6603

Legal authority

R.S. 15:1155

Year created

1983

Budget unit

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board advises the secretary of corrections regarding the management of the agricultural and industrial programs which

are operated by prison enterprises at the various state

correctional institutions.

Members

Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 15

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$4,500
 \$7,875

 \$2,745
 \$4,836

 None
 None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Contact: Mrs. Von Meador

Undersecretary (504) 342-4421

Legal authority R.S. 45:1161.1

Year created 1921

Budget unit Public Service Commission

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for fixing and regulating the rates

and services of public utilities; prescribing rules and regulations governing the operation of contract carriers in competition with common carriers; and prescribing minimum rates, fares, and

charges.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem None

Employees 96 classified; 17 unclassified

Members' expense information

Actual
June 30, 1997

Per diem
None
None
None
None

 Members' travel expenses
 \$27,000
 \$30,000

 Members' salary
 \$189,000
 \$225,000

RACING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 4:144

Year created 1940

Budget unit Department of Economic Development

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for instituting and maintaining a

regulatory program for horse racing in Louisiana to protect public

health, safety, and welfare.

Members Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 15 classified; 62 unclassified

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$1,350
 \$20,000

 Members' travel expenses
 \$27,770
 \$22,626

 Members' salary
 None
 None

REAL FRENCH DESTINATION SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Louis Cornay

Member

(318) 662-5876

Legal authority

R.S. 48:2002

Year created

1995

Budget unit

Department of Transportation and Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for developing and implementing a plan for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive beginning at LA 93 from Bayou Fusilier and ending at the

intersection with US 167.

Members

Number authorized - 8; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Curtis Patterson

Director of Public Works and Flood Control

(504) 379-1294

Legal authority R.S. 38:20

Year created 1978

Budget unit Department of Transportation and Development

Status Active

Purposelfunction The commission is authorized to provide Louisiana's policy,

engineering, and legal input to the Red River Compact for assurance of an equitable apportionment among the signatory

states (Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma).

Members Number authorized - 2; currently serving - 2

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActual
June 30, 1997Budget
June 30, 1998Per diem\$100\$200Members' travel expenses\$334\$500Members' salaryNoneNone

RED RIVER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-9658

Legal authority R.S. 51:2402

Year created 1989

Budget unit Department of Economic Development

Status Disbanded

Purpose/function The council was charged to develop a master plan for utilization

of the fresh water supply of the Red River and for the

development of the area within the watersheds of the Red River and its tributaries and for the protection of the watersheds.

Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none

Authorized per diem None Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

Comments The council completed its mission and submitted the master plan

to the governor and the legislature in February 1991. The council has not fulfilled the function for which it was established by law.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

REGIONAL MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM

Contact: Dr. George Shannon

Executive Director (318) 632-2020

Legal authority R.S. 25:379.1

Year created 1991

Budget unit Department of State

Status Active

Purpose/function The board establishes policies, rules, and regulations for the

operation of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and advises the secretary of state on all matters relating to the operation of the

museum.

Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

RURAL HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Lavergne

Program Manager (504) 342-9513

Legal authority R.S. 40:2198

Year created 1993

Budget unit Department of Health and Hospitals

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority, through the Department of Health and Hospitals, is

authorized to establish primary health clinics in each rural parish and to enhance comprehensive regional treatment centers to meet the special health care needs of rural Louisiana in the areas of Alexandria, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Monroe, New Orleans, and Lake Charles. The authority is charged with establishing three commissions in south Louisiana and three commissions in north Louisiana to meet the health care needs of

those areas.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Linda Curtis-Sparks

Executive Director (318) 256-4112

Legal authority

R.S. 38:2322

Year created

1950

Budget unit

Department of Transportation and Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for conserving, storing, controlling, preserving, using, and distributing the waters of the rivers and streams of the Sabine watershed; draining and reclaiming the marsh, swamp, and overflow lands in the district; controlling floods and causing settlement and cultivation of the lands; and conserving and beneficially using the water resources of the

Budget

\$18,900

\$5,000

None

Sabine River and its tributaries.

Members

Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 30

Authorized per diem

\$50 per meeting day

Employees

59 classified; 2 unclassified; 32 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual June 30, 1998 June 30, 1997 \$7,300 \$4,149 None

Members' salary

Per diem

Recommendation

SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Karl Turner

Executive Director (504) 568-5693

Legal authority

R.S. 56:578.2

Year created

1981

Budget unit

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board functions as a liaison with other state, federal, and regional fishery development agencies regarding investment, tax

incentives, and other means of assisting the economic development of the Louisiana's commercial seafood industry. The board also develops markets and marketing strategies for all

Louisiana seafood products.

Members

Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 14

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

\$35 per meeting

Employees

2 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Actual **Budget** June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998 \$3,150 None None \$5.000 None None

Per diem Members' travel expenses Members' salary

Recommendation

SEED COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:1432

Year created 1946

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for licensing and regulating the

seed industry and for providing quality seed for Louisiana consumers and producers. The commission is also responsible for a seed certification system which keeps pedigree records for crop varieties and provides a source of genetically pure seed and

propagating materials for general distribution.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

SENTENCING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Carle Jackson

Policy Advisor for Criminal Justice

(504) 925-4440

Legal authority R.S. 15:322

Year created 1987

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission serves local and state criminal justice agencies

by formulating advisory sentencing guidelines to be considered by the judiciary in determining sentences in particular court cases. The commission conducts an annual review on

sentencing in Louisiana and advises the governor and legislature

on all matters relating to sentencing.

Members Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

SERVE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8198

Legal authority

R.S. 49:1112

Year created

1993

Budget unit

Office of Lieutenant Governor

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is charged with encouraging community service as a means of community and state problem-solving, promoting and supporting citizen involvement in government and private programs, developing a long-term comprehensive vision and plan for action for community service initiatives in Louisiana, acting as the state's policy-making body for the corporation on National and Community Service, and serving as the state's liaison to national and state organizations which support its mission.

Budget

Members

Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 21

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

5 classified: 1 unclassified

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

June 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diemNoneNoneMembers' travel expenses\$473Not providedMembers' salaryNoneNone

Recommendation

SOUTHERN RAPID RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. John leBourgeois

Technical Liaison to Chairperson

(504) 568-6633

Legal authority

R.S. 48:1671

Year created

1980

Budget unit

Department of Transportation and Development

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission was created to investigate the feasibility of rail passenger service in the tri-state area and to promote and initiate

this service based on feasibility.

Members

Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

 Actual
 Budget

 July 31, 1997
 July 31, 1998

 \$7,000
 \$7,500

 \$34,565
 \$20,000

 None
 None

Per diem Members' travel expenses Members' salary

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Rev. Joe Gant, Jr.

Chair

(504) 771-4600

Legal authority

R.S. 17:1851 and 17:3216

Year created

1975

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for supervising and managing the Southern University System. The system includes Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, Southern University Law Center, Southern University at

Shreveport, and Southern University at New Orleans.

Members

Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 35; current year estimated - 24

Authorized per diem

\$50 per meeting day

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Actual June 30, 1997 \$30,400 \$61,856

None

Budget June 30, 1998 \$29,800 \$60,000

None

Per diem

Recommendation

Members' travel expenses

Members' salary

None

STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Harold Asher

Accountant (504) 525-8524

Legal authority Act 541 of 1976; Act 640 of 1993

Year created 1976

Budget unit Executive Department

Status Active

Purpose/function The board is responsible for financing and operating a

multipurpose domed stadium and related facilities.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting day

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' salary

 Members' expense information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Per diem Members' travel expenses
 \$4,550
 \$7,500

 \$2,992
 \$18,000

None

STATE EMPLOYEES GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Bruce Minor

Fiscal Officer (504) 925-6615

Legal authority

R.S. 42:871

Year created

1979

Budget unit

Department of the Treasury

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for adopting rules and regulations for the administration of the State Employees Group Benefits Program. The board provides group health and accident insurance and group life insurance to state employees, state retirees, school board employees, school board retirees, and

their dependents.

Members

Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 35; current year estimated - 44

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

355 classified; 3 unclassified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

Per diem
Members' travel expenses
Members' salary

Actual June 30, 1997 None \$13,474 None Budget June 30, 1998 None \$13,500 None

Recommendation

Budget

STATE POLICE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Debra Johnson

Director

(504) 925-7057

Members' expense information

Legal authority Article X, Part IV, Section 41 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution

Year created 1991

Budget unit Department of State Civil Service

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for administering and regulating

the state police classified and unclassified service.

Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 14

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting Employees 3 unclassified

Employees participate in state beliefit plans.

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$3,600
 \$3,600

 Members' travel expenses
 \$2,552
 \$2,600

 Members' salary
 None
 None

Actual

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Walter Smith

Director

(504) 925-4878

Legal authority

R.S. 11:1302

Year created

1938

Budget unit

State Police Retirement System

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for managing and administering the fund, authorizing the retirement of any police employee who may be eligible to retire, determining monthly pensions and retirement salaries, and incurring whatever expenses may be necessary to

Budget

properly administer the fund.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - not provided

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting

Employees

2 classified; 2 unclassified

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 None
 None

 Members' travel expenses
 \$4,000
 \$4,200

 Members' salary
 \$99,000
 \$125,000

Recommendation

STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Bradley Spicer

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 922-1269

Legal authority R.S. 3:1204

Year created 1938

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The committee is responsible for assisting the supervisors of soil

and water conservation districts in carrying out any of their

programs.

Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11

Authorized per diem \$35 per day spent on board business

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense informationActualBudgetJune 30, 1997June 30, 1998Per diem\$2,065\$2,100Members' travel expenses\$4,495\$3,800Members' salaryNoneNone

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger

Assistant Commissioner

(504) 925-3770

Legal authority R.S. 3:3363

Year created 1942

Budget unit Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for regulating the structural pest

control industry to protect the interests, health, safety, and

welfare of the public.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem \$40 per meeting day

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information

Actual
June 30, 1997

Per diem
None
Members' travel expenses

Sudget
June 30, 1997

None
None
None
\$100

Members' salary None None

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Connie Almond

Fiscal Officer (504) 922-1041

Legal authority R.S. 36:642

Year created 1964

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission is responsible for assisting post secondary

students in obtaining financial resources for the pursuit of their academic goals. Assistance is provided through the guarantee

of student loans and through scholarships, grants, and

entitlements.

Members Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 10

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees 121 classified; 1 unclassified

 Members' expense information
 Actual June 30, 1997
 Budget June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 \$3,600
 \$8,100

 Members' travel expenses
 \$3,694
 \$5,633

Members' salary None None

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS

Contact: Mr. James Thibodeaux

Deputy Undersecretary

(504) 925-6032

Legal authority

R.S. 33:2218.7

Year created

1962

Budget unit

Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety

Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for determining the eligibility of

municipal police officers to receive additional pay out of state

funds.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Rene Mire

Contracts and Fiscal Coordinator

(504) 922-0690

Legal authority R.S. 17:2757

Year created 1992

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The council is responsible for recommending and supporting

change and improvement in school mathematics and science to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the management boards for colleges and universities, the State Superintendent of Education, and the Commissioner of

Higher Education.

Members Number authorized - 26; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem None

Employees 4 classified; 11 unclassified; 1 part-time

Members' expense information Not provided

SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Rene Mire

Contracts and Fiscal Coordinator

(504) 922-0690

Legal authority

R.S. 17:2758(A)(4)

Year created

1995

Budget unit

Department of Education

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The executive committee is authorized to act for the council in its absence, except that the executive committee may not authorize the allocation of funds to professional development projects or

modify salaries of council staff.

Members

Number authorized - 6; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

TAX COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James Peters

Administrator (504) 925-7855

Legal authority

R.S. 47:1831

Year created

1916

Budget unit

Department of Revenue and Taxation

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for administering and enforcing Louisiana laws relating to local property tax and public service property tax assessments. The commission is charged with the responsibility of formulating and implementing a system that ensures uniformity of tax assessments throughout all parishes of

the state.

Members

Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 28; current year estimated - 30

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

32 classified; 4 unclassified

Actual

Participation in state benefit plans

Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.

Budget

Members' expense information

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 Per diem
 None
 None

 Members' travel expenses
 \$6,948
 \$6,300

 Members' salary
 \$160,510
 \$173,000

Recommendation

TAX FREE SHOPPING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Karen Kelly

Director

(504) 568-5323

Legal authority R.S. 51:1304

Year created 1988

Budget unit Department of Revenue and Taxation

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission provides refunds of state and local sales taxes

to international visitors on items purchased in Louisiana.

Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2

Authorized per diem None

Employees 9 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information None

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Penny Rodriguez

Accountant 2 (504) 925-1750

Legal authority

R.S. 11:821

Year created

1936

Budget unit

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for the general administration and proper operation of the Teachers' Retirement System, which provides retirement allowances and other benefits for the

teachers of the state.

Members

Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

\$75 per meeting day

Employees

113 classified; 3 unclassified; 4 part-time

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

 Actual
 Budget

 June 30, 1997
 June 30, 1998

 \$9,075
 \$23,400

 \$32,626
 \$41,000

 None
 None

Per diem Members' travel expenses Members' salary

No change recommended.

Recommendation

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Mark Drennen

Commissioner of Administration

(504) 342-7000

Legal authority

R.S. 39:212

Year created

1997

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The council is responsible for establishing policies, procedures, and criteria relative to innovative technological systems and services and their applications to government as well as recommending funding for those proposed projects that meet

established requirements.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM BOARD

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner

Executive Director

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf

(504) 925-4177

Legal authority

R.S. 46:2352

Year created

1995

Budget unit

Department of Social Services

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board advises the Commission for the Deaf on matters relating to the statewide program to provide access to all public telecommunications services by persons who are deaf,

telecommunications services by persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, and others such as severely hearing impaired or

severely speech impaired.

Members

Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998

None None
\$359 \$700

None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lois Ashby

Fiscal Officer (504) 342-8189

Legal authority R.S. 51:1256

Year created 1964

Budget unit Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Status Active

Purpose/function The commission serves in an advisory capacity to the assistant

secretary and the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism on matters relating to the development and implementation of programs promoting tourism and the historical, cultural, recreational, and scenic legacy of the state.

Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information None

TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Connie Almond

Fiscal Officer (504) 922-1041

Legal authority R.S. 17:3083

Year created 1993

Budget unit Department of Education

Status Active

Purpose/function The authority helps make higher education affordable and

accessible to all residents of Louisiana, to assist in the

maintenance of state institutions of higher education by helping to provide a more stable financial base to these institutions, to provide the residents of Louisiana with financing assistance, to encourage and enhance the ability of residents to obtain access to institutions of higher education, and to encourage academic

excellence.

Members Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20

Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6

Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting

Employees None

Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998
Per diem \$950 \$450

Members' travel expenses \$1,354 \$780
Members' salary None None

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. John Caulking

Executive Director (504) 922-0500

Legal authority

R.S. 29:253

Year created

1944

Budget unit

Executive Department

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The commission is responsible for adopting and promulgating rules and regulations governing the operations of the Department

of Veterans Affairs, advising the department's director in problems concerning the welfare of veterans, making and

publishing annual and special reports to the governor concerning the operations of the department, and establishing service offices

throughout the state.

Members

Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4

Authorized per diem

\$50 per day spent on board business

Employees

None

Participation in state benefit plans

None

Members' expense information

Members' travel expenses

Actual Budget
June 30, 1997 June 30, 1998
\$3,950 \$5,400
\$6,030 \$5,000
None None

Recommendation

Members' salary

Per diem

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Dan Boudreaux

Assistant Secretary (504) 342-7555

Legal authority R.S. 23:1294

Year created 1989

Budget unit Department of Labor

Status Active

Purposelfunction The council is responsible for monitoring and reporting to the

governor and the legislature on the implementation and

administration of laws pertaining to the administration of workers' compensation claims and to make specific recommendations

thereon.

Members Number authorized - 13; currently serving - not provided

Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not

provided

Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting

Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Members' expense information Not provided

WORKER'S COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY BOARD

Contact: Mr. James Campbell

Director

(504) 342-7866

Legal authority

R.S. 23:1372

Year created

1974

Budget unit

Department of Labor

Status

Active

Purpose/function

The board is responsible for administering the Worker's Compensation Second Injury Fund to determine whether an employer or his insurer is entitled to reimbursement from the fund when a handicapped employee receives a subsequent injury that creates a greater disability than would have resulted from the subsequent injury alone. The board serves all employers and insurance companies writing worker's compensation insurance.

Members

Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5

Number of meetings

Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12

Authorized per diem

None

Employees

11 classified

Participation in state benefit plans

Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Members' expense information

None

Recommendation

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