

Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Operating Budget *General*

1. Please provide a crosswalk of all FTEs that were reclassified to a different activity in the FY27 proposed budget.

Response: BEGA did not reclassify any FTEs.

2. Please provide the position numbers for all positions eliminated in the proposed agency budget for FY27.

Response: No positions were eliminated in the proposed FY27 budget.

- a. Were all eliminated positions vacant? If not, which eliminated positions were filled?
 - b. Are these positions eliminated effective October 1, 2026, or were funds swept in the FY 2026 supplemental budget?
3. Please provide the title, salary, fund source, Activity/Division, and hiring plan for all new FTEs proposed in the proposed FY27 budget for the agency.

Response: BEGA does have any new FTEs proposed for FY27.

4. Regarding Special Purpose Revenue Funds, please provide the Committee with:
 - a. A detailed spending plan for FY26 and FY27 for unspent funds in:
 - i. 1060013 – Accountability Fund
 - ii. 1060029 – Lobbyist Fund

Response: See Exhibit #1 Spending Plans

- b. Spend from the following SPRs in FY 2025, broken down by division/program, cost center, and account, and noting the programmatic initiative or service supported by the SPR fund dollars:
 - i. 1060013 – Accountability Fund
 - ii. 1060029 – Lobbyist Fund

Response: See Exhibit #2

- c. Where the following SPRs have any restrictions on usage of fund dollars or fund balance (for example, a requirement that the fund maintain a certain balance) not reflected in the establishing statute, please provide a summary of those restrictions:
 - i. 1060013 – Accountability Fund
 - ii. 1060029 – Lobbyist Fund

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Response: No, all current SPR restrictions and requirements are reflected in the establishing statutes.

5. Please provide the total revenue generated in FY24, FY25, and FY26 to date from the following fees and penalties, broke out separately:
 - a. Lobbyist registration fees;
 - b. Nonprofit lobbyist registration fees;
 - c. Lobbyist activity report late filing penalties;
 - d. Registration late filing penalties; and
 - e. Any other lobbying-related fines, fees, or penalties.

Response: See Exhibit 3

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Lobbyist registration fees;	\$ 107,250.00	\$ 172,050.00	\$ 154,350.00
Nonprofit lobbyist registration fees;	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 6,300.00
Lobbyist activity report late filing penalties;	\$ 670.00	\$ 36,900.00	\$ 51,700.00
Registration late filing penalties; and	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 8,700.00
Any other lobbying-related fines, fees, or penalties.	-	-	-

6. Please provide the number of paid lobbyist registrations and nonprofit lobbyist registrations in FY24, FY25, and FY26 to date.

Response:

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Lobbyist	429	491	441
501-c-3	79	89	63

7. Please provide the number and dollar amount of late filing penalties assessed, collected, waived, reduced, or outstanding in each fiscal year.

Response:

FY24	Assessed	Reduced	Received
Lobbyist activity report late filing penalties;	\$ 670	\$ -	\$ 670
Registration late filing penalties; and	\$ 3,600	\$ -	\$ 3,600
FY25	Assessed	Reduced	Received
Lobbyist activity report late filing penalties;	\$ 36,900.00	\$	\$ 36,900
Registration late filing penalties; and	\$ 7,100	\$	\$ 7,100

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FY26	Assessed	Reduced	Received
Lobbyist activity report late filing penalties;	\$ 64,000	\$ 12,300	\$ 51,700
Registration late filing penalties; and	\$ 8,700	\$ -	\$ 8,700

8. The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024 increased the lobbying registration fee from \$250 to \$350, increased the nonprofit fee from \$50 to \$100, and increased the civil penalty for late filings from \$10 per day up to 30 days to \$100 per day up to 60 days. Please explain how these fee and penalty increases have affected BEGA’s revenue collections, compliance rates, and enforcement workload.

Response: The increased civil penalty for late filings has resulted in an increase in timely filing compliance rates from FY25 to FY26.

	FY25	Variance	FY26	Variance
Filed	2111	-	1829	-
On time	1999	95%	1753	96%
Late	112	5%	76	4%