

## Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board

Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

### **General Information**

Professional Teaching Standards Board

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### **Statutory References**

W. S. § 21-2-801 and W. S. § 21-2-802

### **Agency to which PTSB Reports**

PTSB is an independent licensing board responsive to the Governor's Office and the Wyoming Legislature.

### **Number of Members**

13 (Thirteen)

### **Meeting Frequency**

Not less than once every three months

### **Employees**

In addition to the Executive Director, PTSB has six full-time equivalency (FTE) employees and one at-will employee contract (AWEC) employee.

### **Reporting Period**

This Annual Report covers FY 2018: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

### **Clients Served**

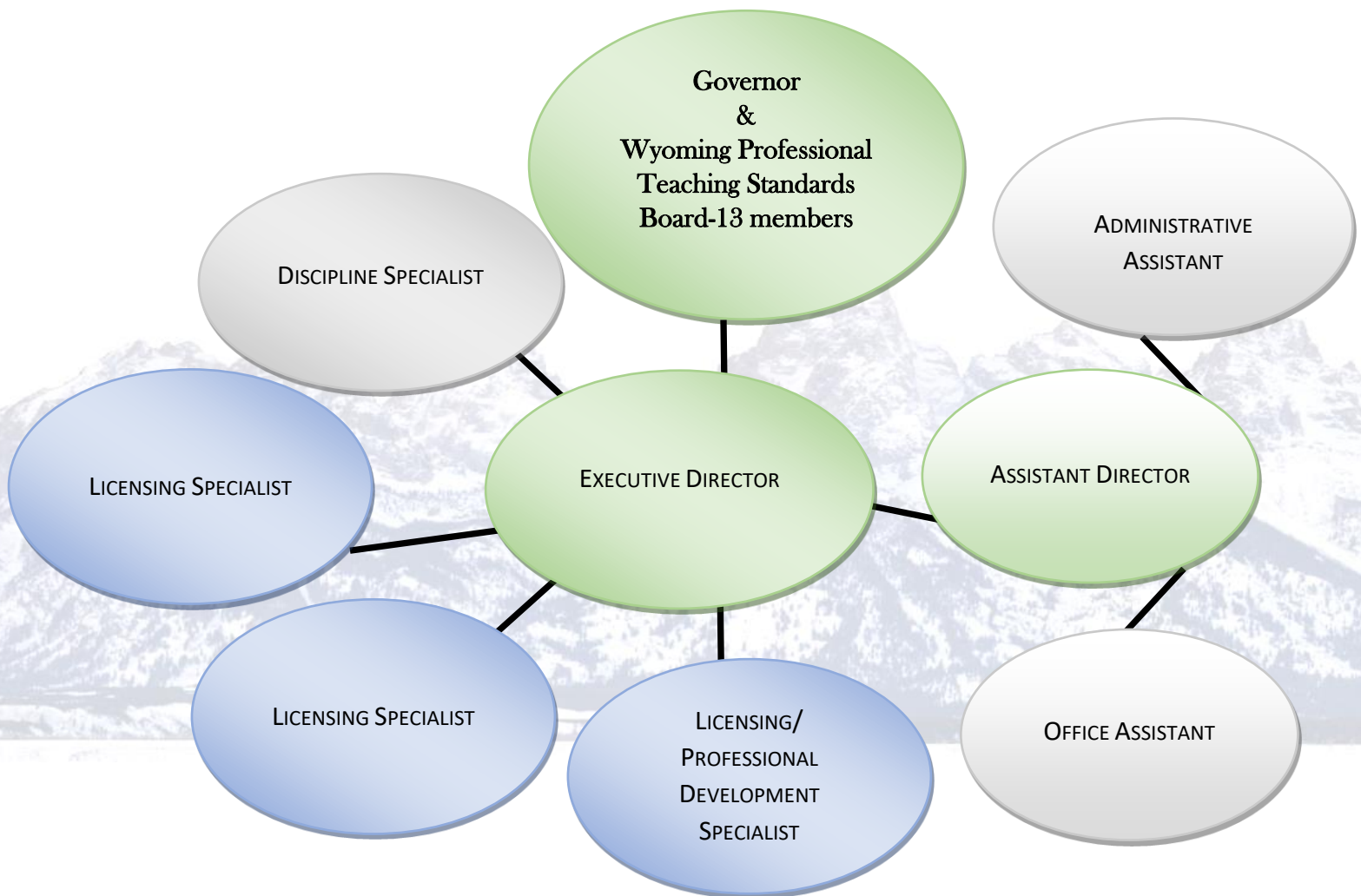
PTSB's three main functions include licensing professional educator candidates, approving programs leading to licensure, and educator discipline. Clients served include educators, school districts, state government, educational organizations, and the public.

### **Budget Information**

The expenditures for FY2018 were \$1,651,918.45

## Organizational Chart

# PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD



## Performance

The three objectives identified for the agency's strategic plan for the past year have been:

1. Educator Credentialing System (ECS)
2. Computer Science Endorsements
3. Improvements to the Professional, Industry, & Career Permit (PIC)

In the past year, strides have been made to increase the effectiveness of the targeted areas for improvement and are described below.

### ***Strategic Area 1: Educator Credentialing System (ECS)***

The Educator Credentialing System (ECS) is nearly complete. This system will allow the agency to complete applications, renewals, and professional development approvals all online. This

project was anticipated to be complete as of May 2019 but has run a few months behind schedule. PTSB is working with the vendor to see this project launched by the end of 2019.

***Strategic Area 2: Computer Science Endorsements***

The PTSB Board worked diligently to find a variety of pathways to allow educators to attain an endorsement in computer science. These pathways included developing a provisional license that allows teachers to teach computer science with an Exception Authorization (EA) supported with a documented professional development plan by their district, modifying the range for computer science endorsements to cover K-12, and approving Wyoming community colleges to offer computer science certificate programs requiring a minimum of 15 credit hours leading to a recognized endorsement.

***Strategic Area 3: Improvements to the Professional, Industry, & Career Permit (PIC)***

The Professional, Industry, & Career Permit has been in place for over a decade, however, the requirements were not aligned to current trends or needs in education. Modifications were made to allow educators to go on a PIC permit that meet industry standards, and therefore allow more opportunities for districts to hire experienced teachers from diverse backgrounds and workforce areas.