

Sunset Advisory Commission
Board and Commission Review of __Board of Armory Commissioners__(BOAC)

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.
 - The BOAC has met twice in the last two fiscal years. The agendas/meeting minutes are maintained by the VT National Guard Judge Advocate General (JAG).
2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.
 - The membership is ex officio per the governing statute Title 20, Chapter 027. The members are the Governor, Adjutant General and the Senior Army National Guard Commander. The duration is the period they serve in the position. No per diem is received.
3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.
 - the Board is responsible for the real estate and personal property of the National Guard. The Board may acquire or purchase, maintain and dispose of by sale or otherwise real estate and personal property.
 - the board may determine the location of armories, the plan for construction and to make all contracts necessary for the purchase, erection and maintenance of armories.
 - the Board establishes rules governing the use and occupancy of the armories and property.
4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?
 - If the board was no longer in place, the National Guard would lose the ability to effectively manage the property in a timely manner based on the normal legislative schedule.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?
 - The board meets as required. In the recent past, the board has reviewed a comprehensive re-stationing plan that included divestiture of the Enosburg armory. This armory was subsequently made available for transfer to the Town of Enosburg to become a municipal building.
 - Additionally, a proposal was adopted to swap the Bennington armory for an available property owned by the Town of Bennington to build a new 100% federally funded armory.
6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?
 - We do not believe so. The board only meets when required.
7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?
 - There does not appear to be any overlapping/duplicate functions performed by another board or agency.
8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?
 - Yes
9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?
 - No expenditures. All members are full-time member of the State of Federal Government.
10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?
 - No
11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?
 - Effective and timely.