



# MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS

## 2017 Annual Report

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## Letter from the Executive Director

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MSBOC strives to be a model regulatory agency that works to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals without being overly burdensome to contractors or a deterrent to business. The agency values construction regulations that are enforced fairly and equally while ensuring that complaints are resolved in a timely and fair manner.

The agency is constantly working to strengthen expertise in the areas of administrative law, regulatory law and rulemaking in order to improve the quality of the construction industry and its licensees and establish greater trust and credibility with the public.

2017 marked 65 years of public service by MSBOC. Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. MSBOC applauds the many contractors and other construction industry professionals who do things the right way to build a better Mississippi. Unqualified, unscrupulous and fraudulent contractors can cause great damage and financial losses to consumers. For these reasons, the licensing and enforcement of contractor licensing laws are so important.

During 2017, MSBOC saw an increase in the number of licenses issued for both commercial and residential contractors. The number of construction sites visited by enforcement officers increased by 13%. These increases signal an improved economy that the agency anticipates continuing for the coming years. As construction grows so does the need for a skilled workforce. Utilizing a portion of fees collected from licensure and penalties, MSBOC was able to increase its contribution to construction education and craft training by more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Moving forward the agency will continue to promote and encourage careers in construction. We will also focus on increasing partnerships and cooperative efforts with building officials, permit offices, the Attorney General's office, the Mississippi Secretary of State, the Mississippi Department of Revenue and other agencies that are critical to helping us better serve the public. Our ongoing goal is to continue serving the citizens of Mississippi while increasing transparency and keeping operating cost low.

Visit our website at [www.msbooc.us](http://www.msbooc.us) to learn more about contractor licensing and sign up for our newsletter.

Stephanie Sills Lee  
Executive Director

## Overview

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The responsibility for licensing and regulating Mississippi's construction industry belongs to the Mississippi State Board of Contractors. The agency was created by the Legislature in 1952 to protect the public from irresponsible contractors and is funded solely by fees and penalties associated with licensure. There are more than 10,000 licensed contractors in the state, with multiple licensing classifications.

Board members are responsible for setting policy for the licensing standards for construction contractors. In order to assure Mississippi citizens of competent contractors, the Board requires contractors to meet minimum qualifications and ensures they adhere to all legal requirements and applicable regulations. The Board also promulgates rules and regulations necessary for implementing and enforcing the licensing statutes.

In addition to educating consumers about contractors and construction law, MSBOC activities include administering examinations to test prospective licensees, issuing licenses, investigating complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractor, issuing citations, suspending or revoking licenses, and seeking administrative, criminal and civil sanctions against violators.

## Board Composition

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The Mississippi State Board of Contractors is comprised of ten (10) members appointed to staggered terms by the Governor. Two (2) road contractors; two (2) building contractors; two (2) residential builders; one (1) plumbing or heating and air conditioning contractor; one (1) electrical contractor; one (1) water and sewer contractor and one (1) roofing contractor shall compose the board. Each member shall be a resident of the State of Mississippi and must have been actually engaged in the contracting business for a period of not less than ten (10) years before appointment.

The following are members of the board:

Tony Carroll, Chairman – Amory, MS – Building Contractor

Hunter L. Fordice, Vice Chairman - Vicksburg, MS – Road Contractor

Thomas H. Kline, Chairman – Fulton, MS – Mechanical Contractor (Plumbing, Heat & Air)

Madison H. Smith – Tupelo, MS – Electrical Contractor

O. L. Sims – Hattiesburg, MS – Water and Sewer Contractor

David Smith – Ridgeland, MS – Residential Contractor

Greg Smith – Gulfport, MS – Residential Contractor

John Laws - Madison, MS – Building Contractor

Tyler Norman, Meridian, MS – Roofing Contractor

*Vacant* – Road Contractor

## **Residential Standing Committee**

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The Residential Standing Committee is subordinate to the State Board of Contractors. The standing committee shall be composed of two (2) residential builders who serve as members of the State board of Contractors and three (3) additional residential builders.

The following are members of the Residential Standing Committee:

### **RESIDENTIAL STANDING COMMITTEE**

Carl B. Hamilton, Chairman – Ocean Springs, MS

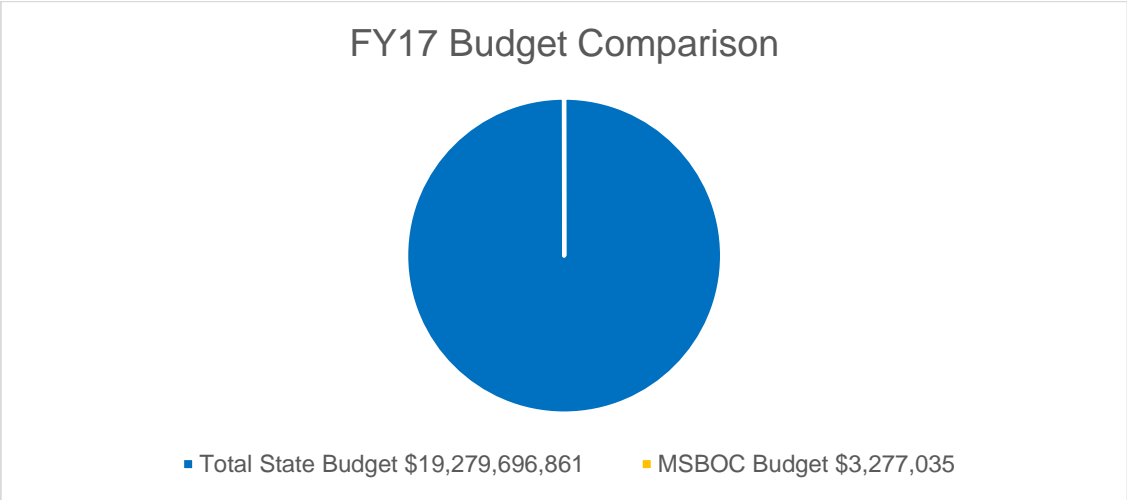
David Smith – Ridgeland, MS

Diane Neyland – Madison, MS

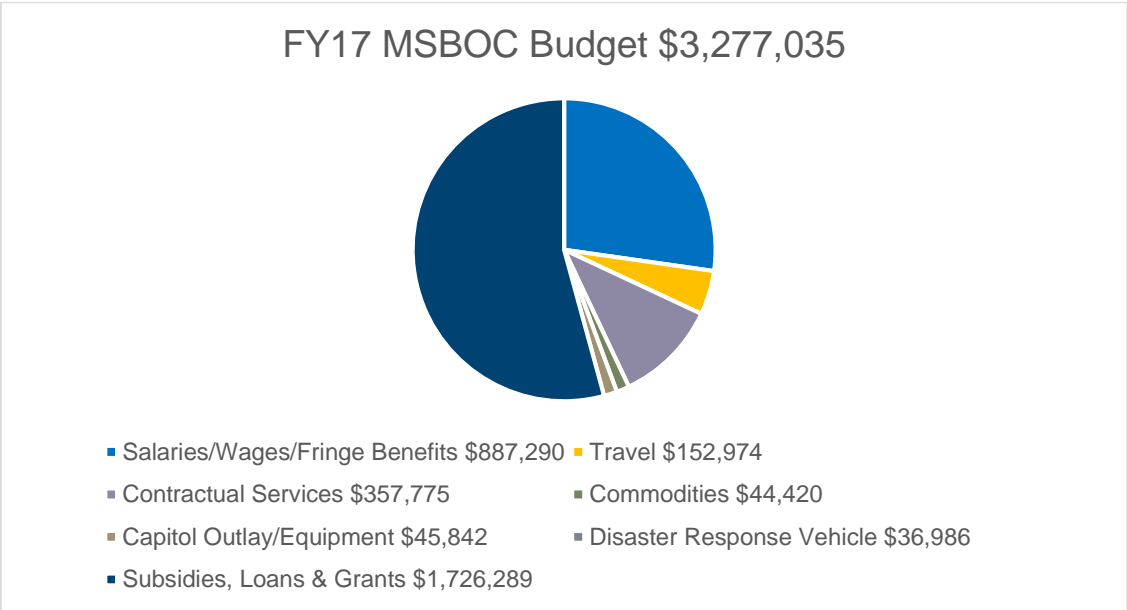
Greg Smith – Gulfport, MS

Kenneth Estes – Saltillo, MS

# Budget



The Mississippi State Board of Contractors was appropriated \$3,277,035 for fiscal year 2017. This amounts to less than one tenth of a percent of the overall budget for the State of Mississippi. As a fiscally responsible agency, MSBOC recognizes that all funds, whether special fund or general fund, belong to the taxpayers of the State of Mississippi. However, as a special fund agency, MSBOC is required to operate within the limits of the funds generated by the licensure process. Excess funds, if any, remain with the agency to be used to support agency goals and purposes as allowed by statute. This provides incentive to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.



## Program Performance

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Number of New Commercial Licenses</b>	686	477
<b>Number of Commercial Licenses Renewed</b>	6156	6177
<b>Number of New Residential Licenses</b>	285	141
<b>Number of Residential Licenses Renewed</b>	2720	2744
<b>Number of Additional Classifications Granted</b>	414	325
<b>Number of Construction Sites Visited</b>	7411	6511
<b>Number of Contractors Required to Pay Civil Penalties</b>	80	90
<b>Revenue Generated from Licensure Fees</b>	\$1,586,650	\$1,367,729
<b>Revenue Generated from Other Fees</b>	\$247,539	\$97,389
<b>Civil Penalties Collected</b>	\$272,772	\$91,374
<b>Grants provided for Construction Education and Craft Training</b>	\$1,436,400	\$1,177,000



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