

BOARD OF REVIEW

Our Mission

The Board of Review's mission is to provide a prompt, impartial, and thorough review of the record of an appeal filed by any of the parties entitled to notice on a decision of an Appeal Tribunal Hearing Officer.

FTE and Locations:

The Board of Review is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor for terms of six years, as set out in Section 4-201 through Section 4-205 of the Oklahoma Employment Security Act. At present all three members are private practice attorneys who are located in their own law offices. They are Brad West of the West Law Firm in Shawnee; Nicole Bell of the Bell Law Firm in Norman; and Jim W. Lee of Lee & Kisner Associates in Oklahoma City. The staff to the Board of Review consists of the Programs Manager and an Administrative Assistant, who are located in the office at the Centennial Building, 3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110, in Oklahoma City.

Customers:

The primary customers are the claimants and employers involved in unemployment appeal hearings, along with their representatives. Other customers are OESC Local Office personnel, especially those employees working in the UI Service Centers. Additional customers are those who work in the OESC Benefits Division, the Appeal Tribunal Division, and the Legal Department of the agency.

Goal:

The goal of this department is to provide reviews of Appeal Tribunal decisions in a prompt, impartial, and thorough manner.

General Information:

The Governor appoints a Board member every other year. Members can be reappointed and there is no limit to the number of years a Board member can serve. The members review decisions made by the Appeal Tribunal Hearing Officers and write opinions affirming, reversing, or remanding Appeal Tribunal decisions. The administration of the Board is under the supervision of the Programs Manager. Cases are assigned to the members in the order they are received. Decisions by the Board may be appealed to the District Court in the county in which the claimant lives. The procedures of the Board may be found in Chapter 15 of the "Rules for the Administration of the Oklahoma Employment Security Act."