

TRANSITION BRIEFING DRAFT

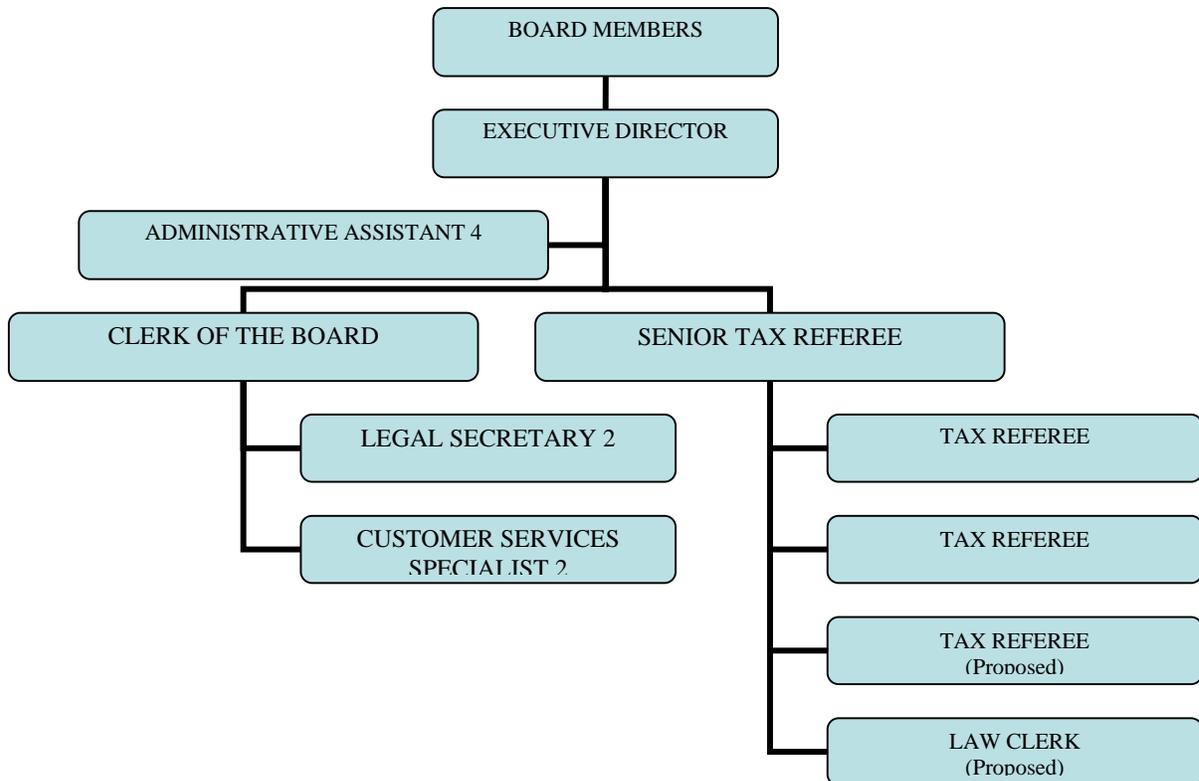
Agency Name

Board of Tax Appeals (BTA)
 910 5th Avenue SE
 Olympia, WA 98504-0915
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 Agency website: <http://www.bta.state.wa.us>

Agency Responsibilities

- Conduct hearings and issue decisions resolving the disputes between taxpayers and the taxing authorities.
- The BTA is created in chapter 83.20 RCW.

Organization Chart and Budget



Current 2003-2005 Biennial Budget

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>
\$2,234,000	N/A

Funding Source

2005-2007 Proposed Biennial Budget

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>
\$2,485,000	N/A

Funding Source

\$2,234,000 (General Fund-State)

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Most Pressing Challenges the BTA is Facing

The tax appeal process available to taxpayers through both the BTA and the Department of Revenue is under public scrutiny. While the scrutiny itself is healthy the challenge arises when the scrutiny is narrowly conceived and driven by special interests rather than broad policy goals. Both the Association of Washington Businesses (AWB) and the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) are circulating drafts of potential legislation that would make significant changes in the manner in which taxpayer appeals are resolved. Because it is important that discussions surrounding the drafts be informed, the Executive Director and the Board Members of the BTA are engaging in dialogue with some of the proponents of the drafts. However, not all of those circulating drafts desire to consult with the agency. It is apparent that at some point the new Governor will be confronted with either legislation or constituents, or both, advocating changes to the tax appeal process. This agency supports changes that provide an improved process.

Board Member Listing by Board Position

TAX APPEALS, BOARD OF (GS180)

Agency 142 - Board of Tax Appeals	Senate Conf. Y	Positions: Maximum 003
Authority Governor	Public Disc. Y	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 82.03.020	Term Length 072	Actual 003
Rem. Auth. SC	Meetings/Yr. 04	

<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
001	Winsley, Shirley (The Honorable) PO Box 40428 Olympia, WA 98504-0428	A	C	07/01/2004	03/01/2009
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Republican		

<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
002	Brydon, Charlie 207 25th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122	A	C	01/03/2000	03/01/2005
		Terms Served	00		
		Position	Chair		
		Comments	Democrat		

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003	Gardner, Georgia PO Box 3349 Blaine, WA 98231	A	C	01/01/2003	03/01/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	Vice-Chair		
		Comments	Democrat		