



Overview

House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

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- Established in 1965 as the Department of Commerce
- Reorganized and renamed LARA in 2011
- License and regulate nearly 2 million individuals and entities
- Our work is vital to ensuring a great quality of life for all Michiganders

Our Mission

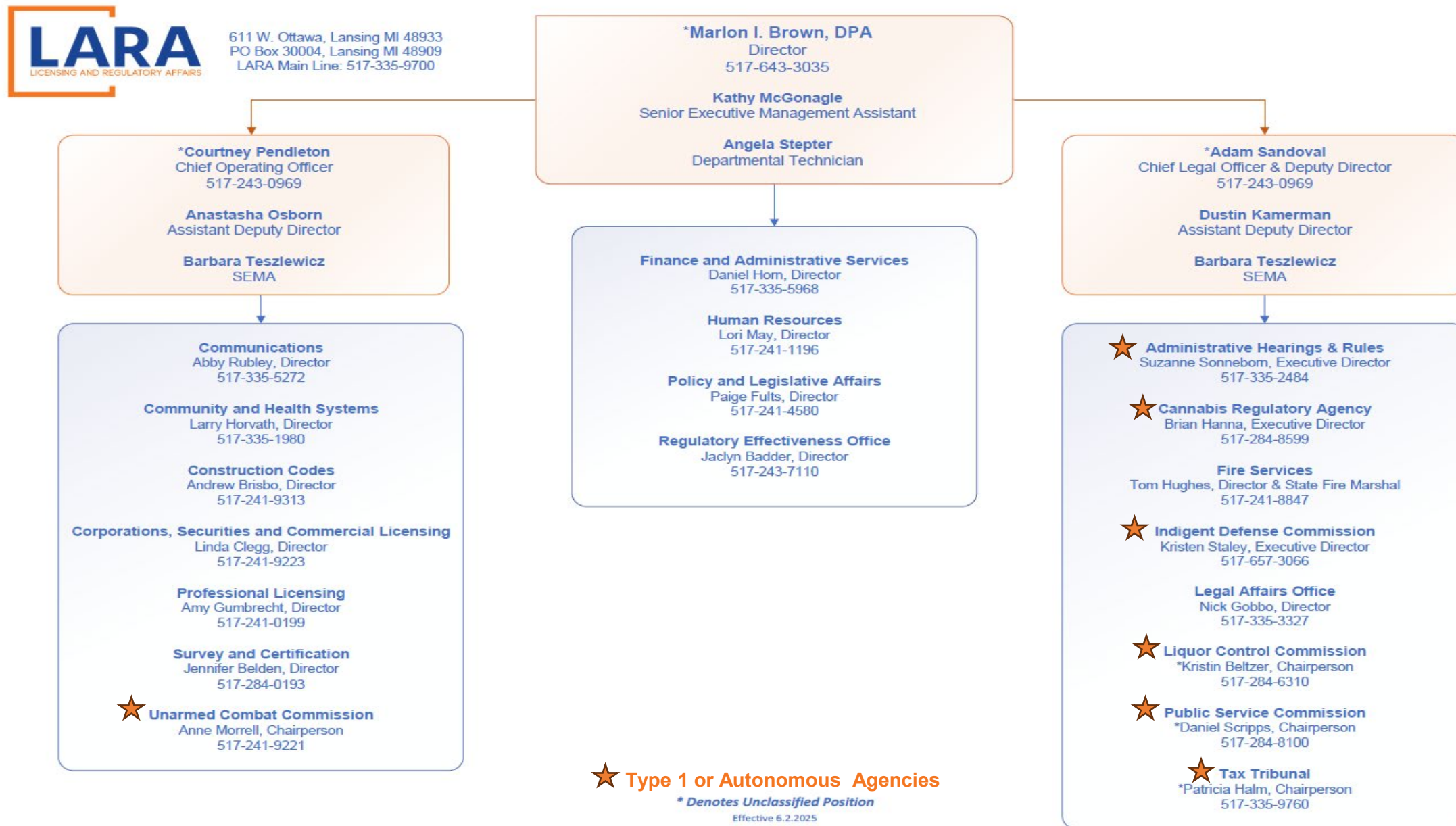
We *protect* people and *promote* business in Michigan through transparent and accessible regulatory solutions.

Our Vision

To be national leaders that *partner* with people and businesses to *improve* the lives of Michigan residents through an engaged and *inclusive* workforce.

LARA Organization Chart

LARA



Regulatory Bureaus

- Community & Health Systems
- Construction Codes
- Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing
- Fire Services
- Professional Licensing
- Survey and Certification

Type 1 or Independent Agencies

- Indigent Defense Commission
- Liquor Control Commission
- Cannabis Regulatory Agency
- Public Service Commission
- Michigan Tax Tribunal
- Administrative Hearings and Rules
- Unarmed Combat Commission

Central Services

- Communications
- Finance & Administrative Services
- Human Resources
- LARA Director's Office
- Legal Affairs
- Policy & Legislative Affairs
- Regulatory Effectiveness

Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS)

- Protects the health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving care and services through various licensed, permitted, and certified facilities, agencies, programs, and individuals
- Houses 1 board and 1 council
- There are 3,826 state licensed adult foster care facilities serving 31,819 residents. BCHS is currently working to consolidate and streamline 6 administrative rulesets in this space from 120 pages with 206 rules to a proposed 39 pages and 73 rules

Bureau of Survey and Certification (BSC)

- Performs federal regulatory duties on behalf of Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Protects health, safety, and quality of care for Michigan residents
 - Federal complaint investigations
 - Annual surveys
 - Enforcement of federal regulations



Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC)



Regulates licensure across building and construction



Administers and enforces 17 statutes and 23 administrative rulesets



Adopts the statewide construction code, consisting of code subdivisions for building, residential, energy, rehabilitation, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing



Houses 11 boards and commissions

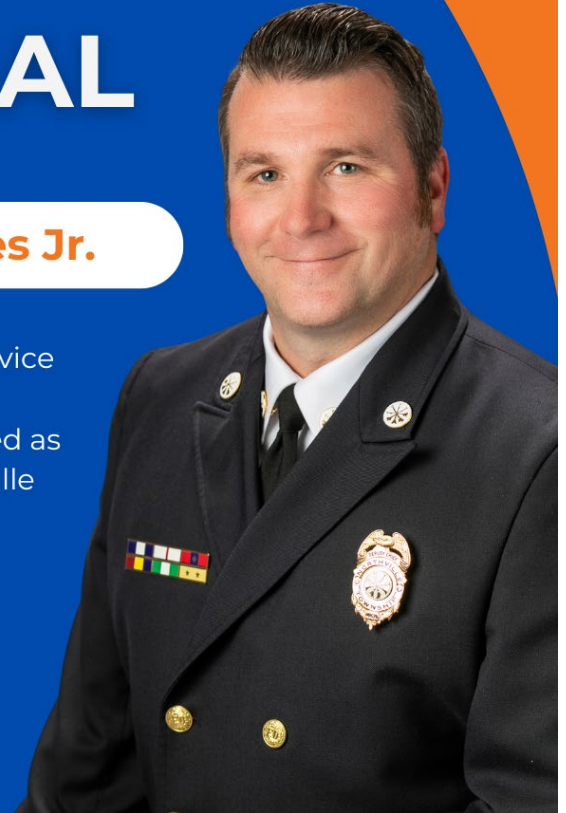
Bureau of Fire Services (BFS)

- New State Fire Marshall: Tom Hughes
- Prevent loss of life, protect property, and safeguard the environment through education and regulation based on rules, laws, and codes
- Houses 1 board and 1 council
- YTD - BFS has received over 680 applications for certification to sell fireworks in the state of Michigan

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Thomas M. Hughes Jr.

With over 21 years of fire service and leadership experience, Hughes most recently served as Deputy Fire Chief of Northville Township.



Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL)

- Administers and enforces the Michigan Occupational Code (14 professions) and the Michigan Public Health Code (28 professions)
 - Maintains the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) and the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS)
 - Data Services Division, Enforcement Division, Investigations & Inspections Division, and Licensing Division
 - Houses 37 Boards
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Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing (CSCL)

- Comprised of four divisions that work in collaboration to promote business while protecting the health, safety and welfare of Michigan's citizens
 - Corporations Division
 - Licensing Division
 - Regulatory Compliance Division
 - Securities and Audit Division
- New industry - Deceased Removal Services and Refrigeration Facilities
- Houses 1 board and 1 commission*
- In Fiscal Year 2024, the Corporations Division waived \$121,815 in filing fees for 3,745 documents submitted by honorably discharged veterans

Four of LARA's Type 1 and Independent Agencies have already presented to this committee:

- Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA)
 - Michigan Indigent Defense (MIDC)
 - Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)
 - Public Service Commission (PSC)
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Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission (MUCC)



Regulation of professional boxing and mixed martial arts



A match or exhibition shall not be held or conducted within this state, except under a license issued by the department



Consists of 11 members – 4 representing boxing, 4 representing mixed martial arts, 3 public members



Formerly the Michigan Boxing Commission



Became a Type 1 Agency in 2019

Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT)

- Quasi-judicial administrative court that hears tax appeals for all Michigan state and local taxes
- Celebrated 50 years of service in 2024
- Became a Type 1 Agency in 2024





Michigan Office of Administration Hearings and Rules (MOAHR)

- Conduct administrative hearings and aid in the promulgation of rules across the State
- 2024, MOAHR processed 94,937 hearing requests, conducted 91,673 administrative hearings, and closed 100,157 cases
- Ensure compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) for rule promulgation within LARA and other state departments
- Each State department has a RAO as the point of contact with MOAHR



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