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Appointed by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Committee has thirteen members who serve two-year terms.

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BUDGET (CODE DS00, formerly 23.19.00)

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$417,792	\$390,689	\$373,250
Total Funds	\$417,792	\$390,689	\$373,250
Staff			
Authorized	5	5	5
Contractual (FTE)	0	0	0
Total Staff	5	5	5

HISTORICAL EVOLUTION

Department of Transportation, Board of Contract Appeals, 1978-80
 Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals, 1980—

The Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals was formed in 1980 (Chapter 775, Acts of 1980). The Board, with expanded jurisdiction, replaced the Department of Transportation Board of Contract Appeals (Chapter 418, Acts of 1978).

The Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals adjudicates disputes concerning the formation of State contracts, except those for procurement of architectural and engineering services. Contract formation disputes pertain to the qualification of bidders or offerers and the determination of the successful bidder or offerer. The Board also adjudicates disputes relating to a contract that has been entered into by the State, including disagreements about the performance, breach, modification, or termination of a contract. Decisions of the Appeals Board are subject to judicial review, and any aggrieved party, including a State agency, may appeal a final decision or any part thereof. At the request of a party to a proceeding, the Board may subpoena witnesses and documents and may compel the testimony of witnesses.

Published opinions of the Board are available at the Board's offices, Circuit Courts, and through the Maryland Institute for the Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL).

With Senate advice and consent, the Governor appoints the Board's three members to five-year terms. The chair is named by the Governor (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 15-201 through 15-223).

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