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Finance Committee Forum

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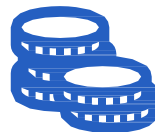
Finance Committee Article X Bylaws



Reviews annual
budget



Reviews
investments and
audit



Recommends a
budget to the
Board of Directors



Advises the Board
on fiscal policy



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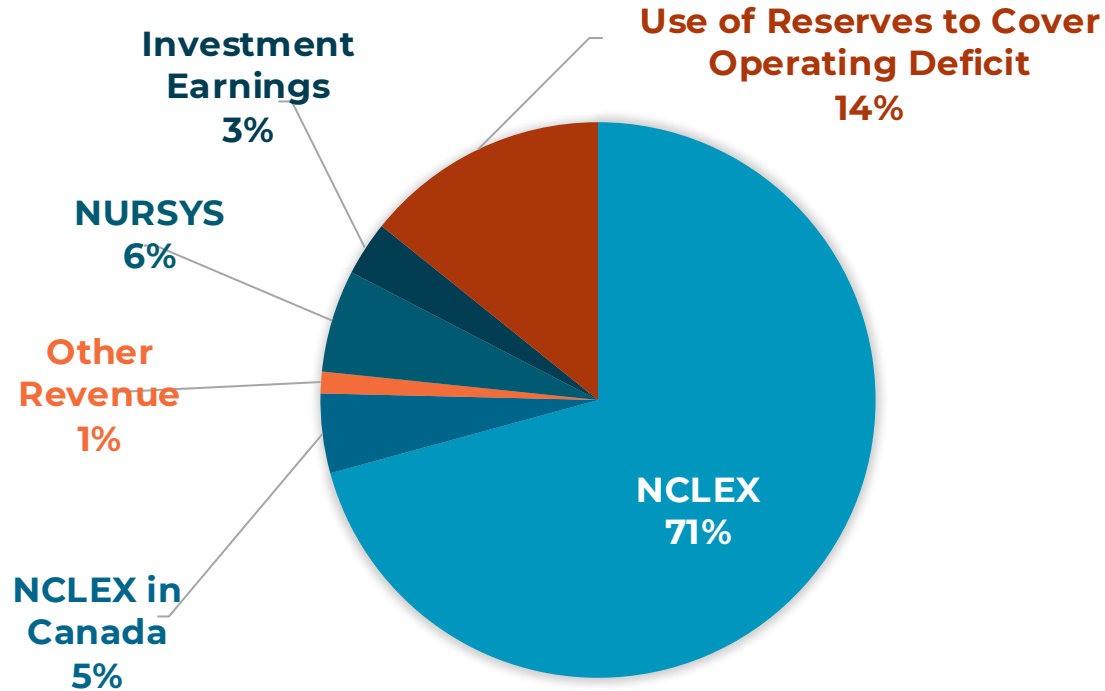
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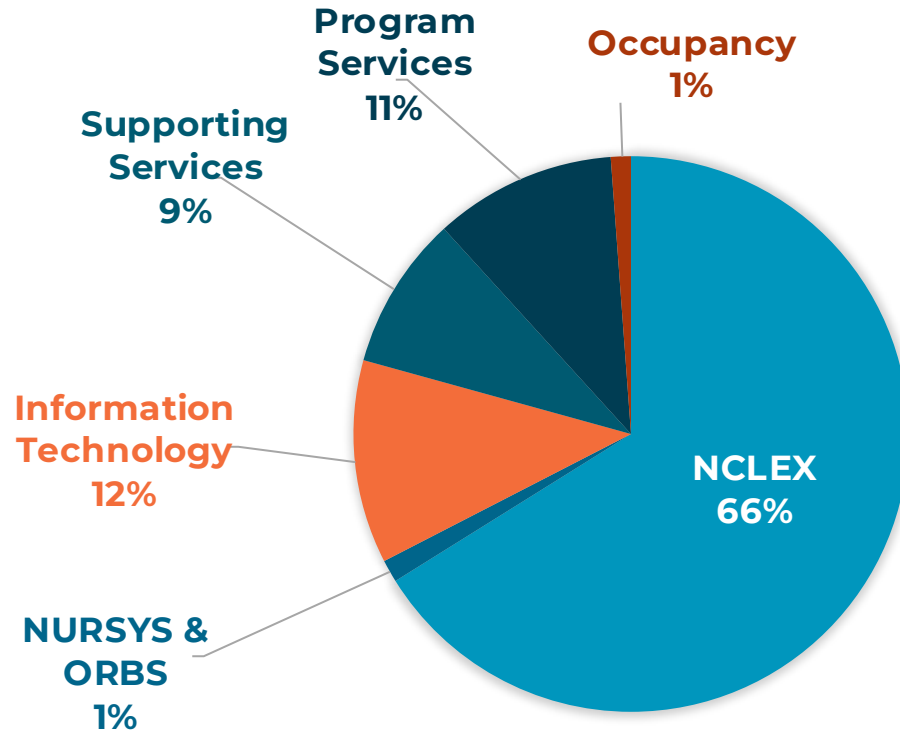
ACTIONS

*Vision:
Leading
regulatory
excellence
worldwide.*

SOURCE OF FUNDS FY25



USE OF FUNDS FY25





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FY25 Financial Performance

- Program revenue stable
- Operating expenses well controlled
- Strong internal controls
- Unqualified audit opinion – FY25
- Balance Sheet remains strong
- Operating expenses continue to exceed program revenue.
- Ongoing operating deficit not sustainable



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NCLEX[®] Fee Adjustment

NCLEX Fee History

1983

The first NCLEX was administered

2000

Delegate Assembly voted to raise the fee from \$120 to \$200

2020

NCSBN Finance Committee recommended increasing the NCLEX fee

The BOD determined that it would not propose a fee increase during pandemic

2022

NCSBN Finance Committee recommended increasing the fee

The BOD determined that it would not propose a fee increase and would monitor closely

2025

NCSBN Finance Committee recommended increasing the fee

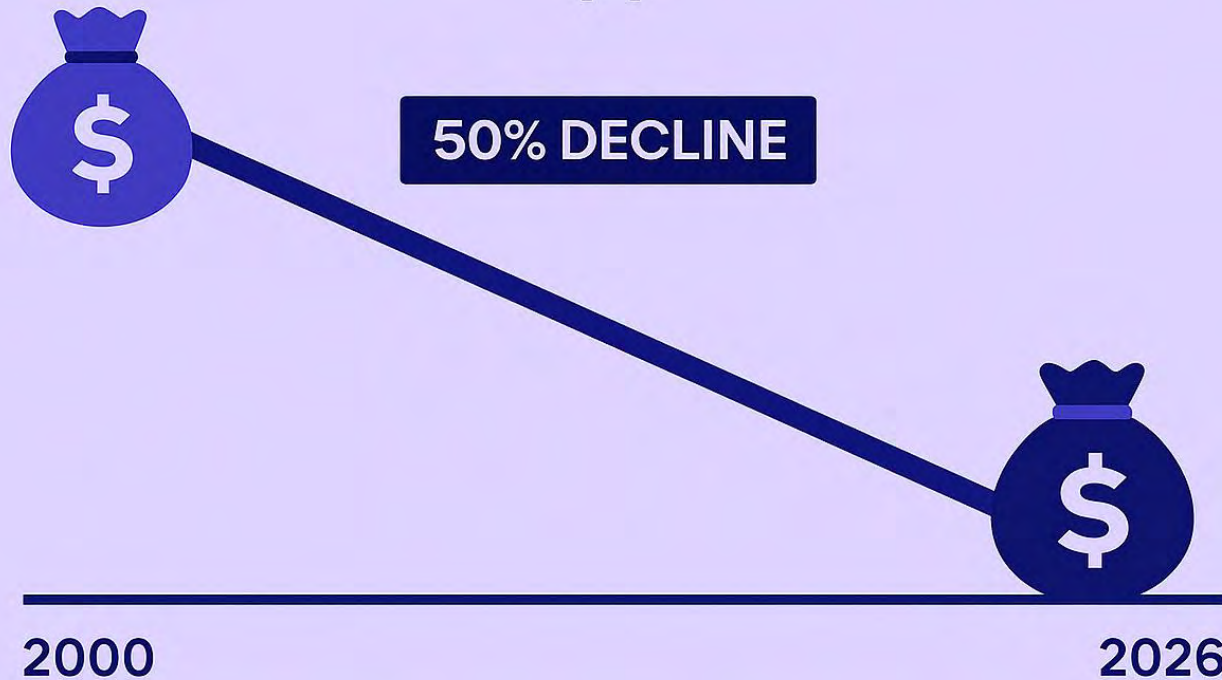
The BOD agreed a fee increase was needed

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The buying power of a U.S. dollar has dropped 50%



NCLEX Fee Adjusted For Inflation

- At Mid-Year meeting presentation in March
\$200 adjusted for inflation would have been \$373
- Now \$389 – cumulative inflation increase of 94.61%
over 26 years





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The rising cost of our mission

The cost of our mission
has fundamentally increased.

We can't deliver today's services
with yesterday's prices.



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The rising cost of our mission

In the last 5 years, our cyber liability premiums have risen 127%

In the past 5 years health insurance costs have increased more than 30%

Increase in structure/infrastructure costs

NCSBN Margins

RN-US	2000	2002	2025
NCSBN Exam Fee	\$120	\$200	\$200
NCSBN Contract Margin (NCLEX fee minus Pearson's processing costs)	\$46.50	\$95	\$47.89
NCSBN Operating Margin (Total operating results after all NCSBN costs)	-1.6%	30.3%	-12.9%



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Reducing Costs

We have reduced expenses overall by 7 million dollars

Almost 1 million saved in meetings and travel costs

More than 1.7 million saved from professional services by bringing them in house



NCLEX®



ORBS
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ICRS

International Center for
Regulatory Scholarship



NCSBN ID



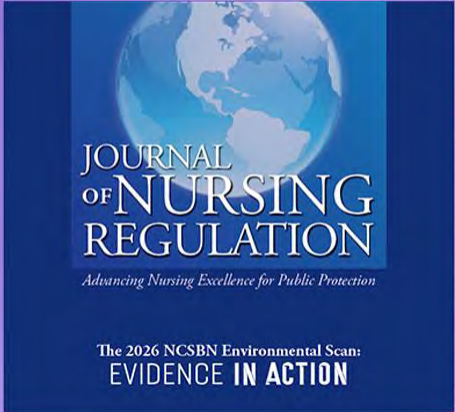
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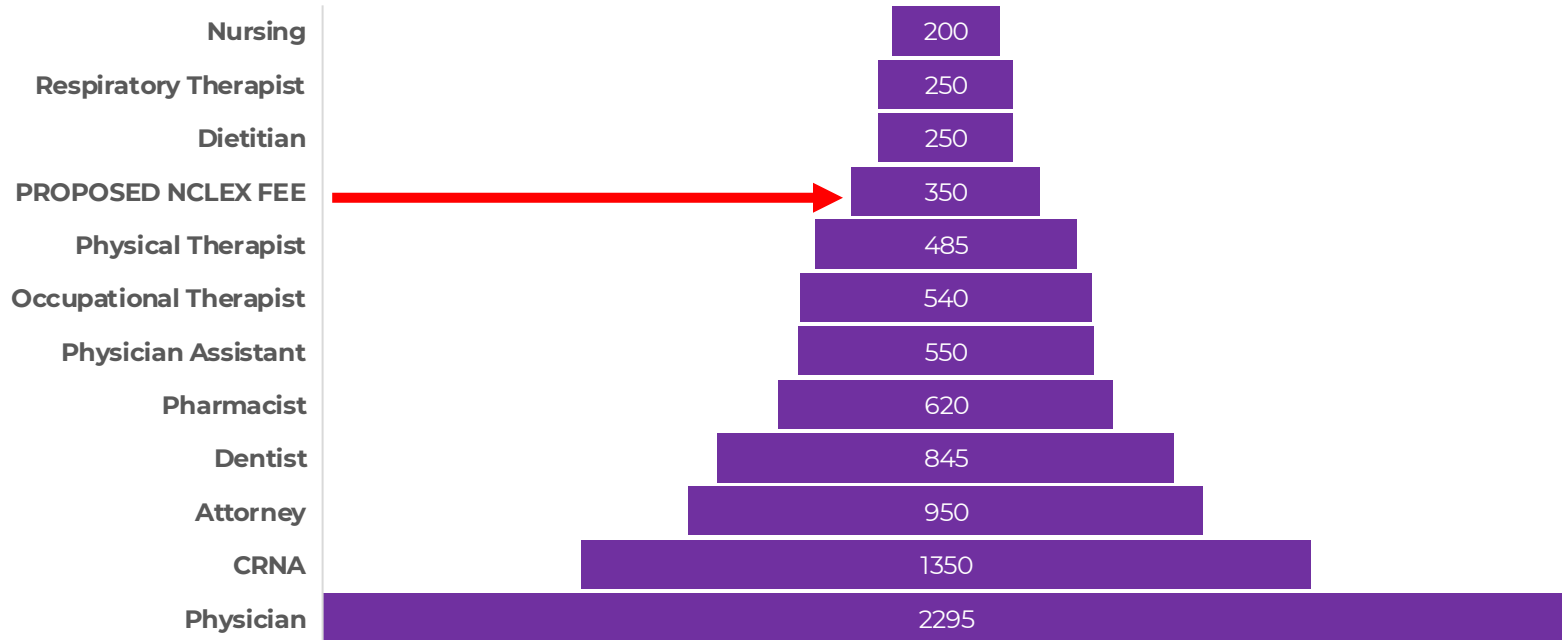
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NCSBN Board of Directors Recommendation:

Effective February 2027

- NCLEX fee (US) – \$350 USD
- NCLEX fee (Canada) – \$570 CAD
- Adjust for inflation
- Alleviate operating deficits
- Protect us from market volatility
- Guard against uncertainty
- Build a strong financial position in the long-term

Exam Fees (USD)





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We Must Ensure Our Ability to Serve

We need to act now to
continue our mission and
build on our successes.

*"There are risks and costs to action,
But they are far less than the long-range
risks of comfortable inaction."*

—John F. Kennedy

*Special Thanks
Sally Beach, CFO
and the Finance Team*

