

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Calendar Year 2015
Year in Review

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is to promote, adopt, and maintain reasonable and enforceable standards that will ensure a safe and healthful workplace for California workers.

Statutory Requirements

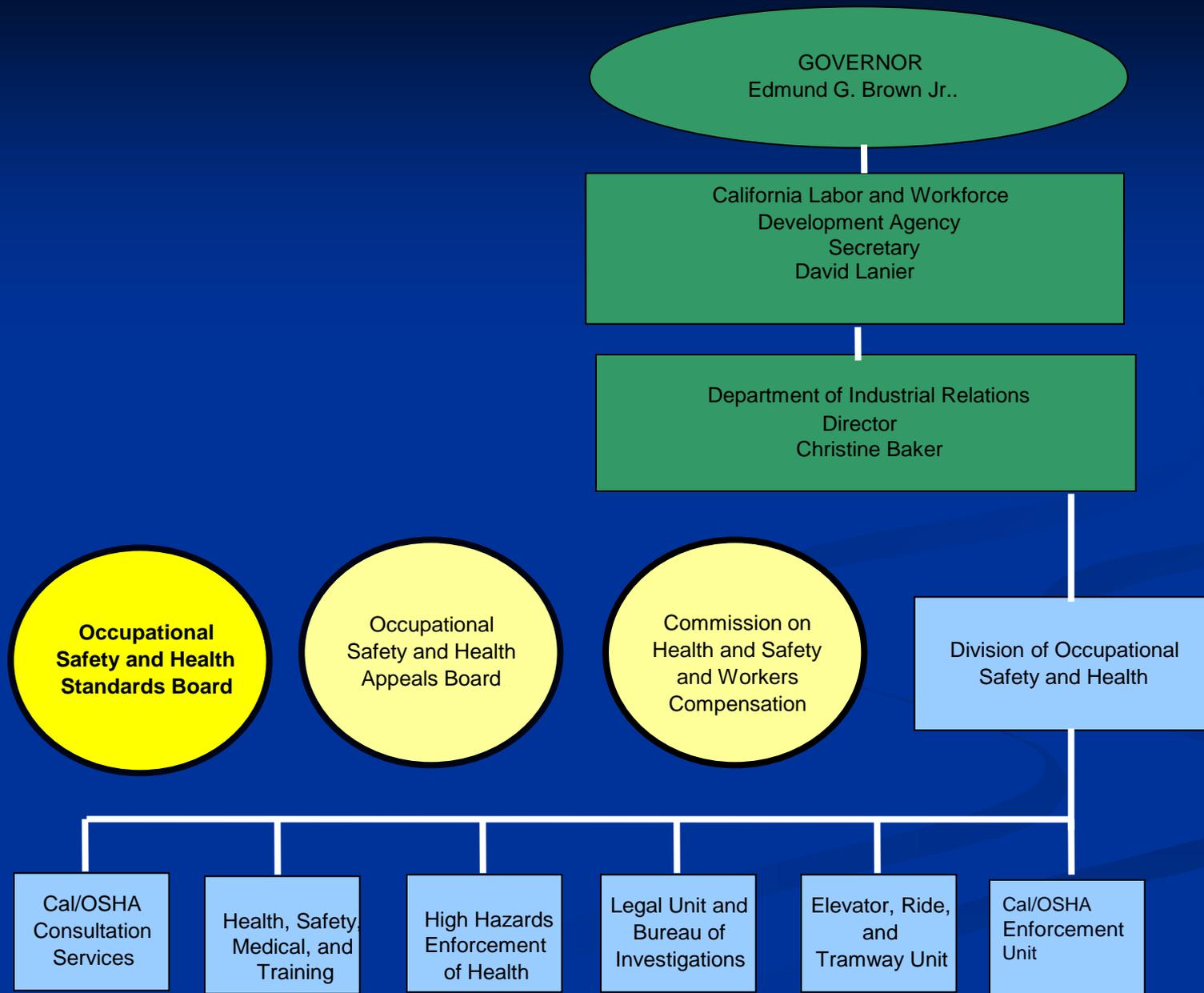
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- LC 142.1- Meet monthly, rotated throughout the state.
- LC 142.2 – Consider petition requests and report decision no later than 6 months following receipt.
- LC 142.3 – Exclusively authorized to adopt, amend or repeal OSH standards; adopt standards ALAFA federal standards within 6 months of Final Rule.
- LC 143 – Grant permanent variances for proposals that provide equal or superior safety as the existing standard.

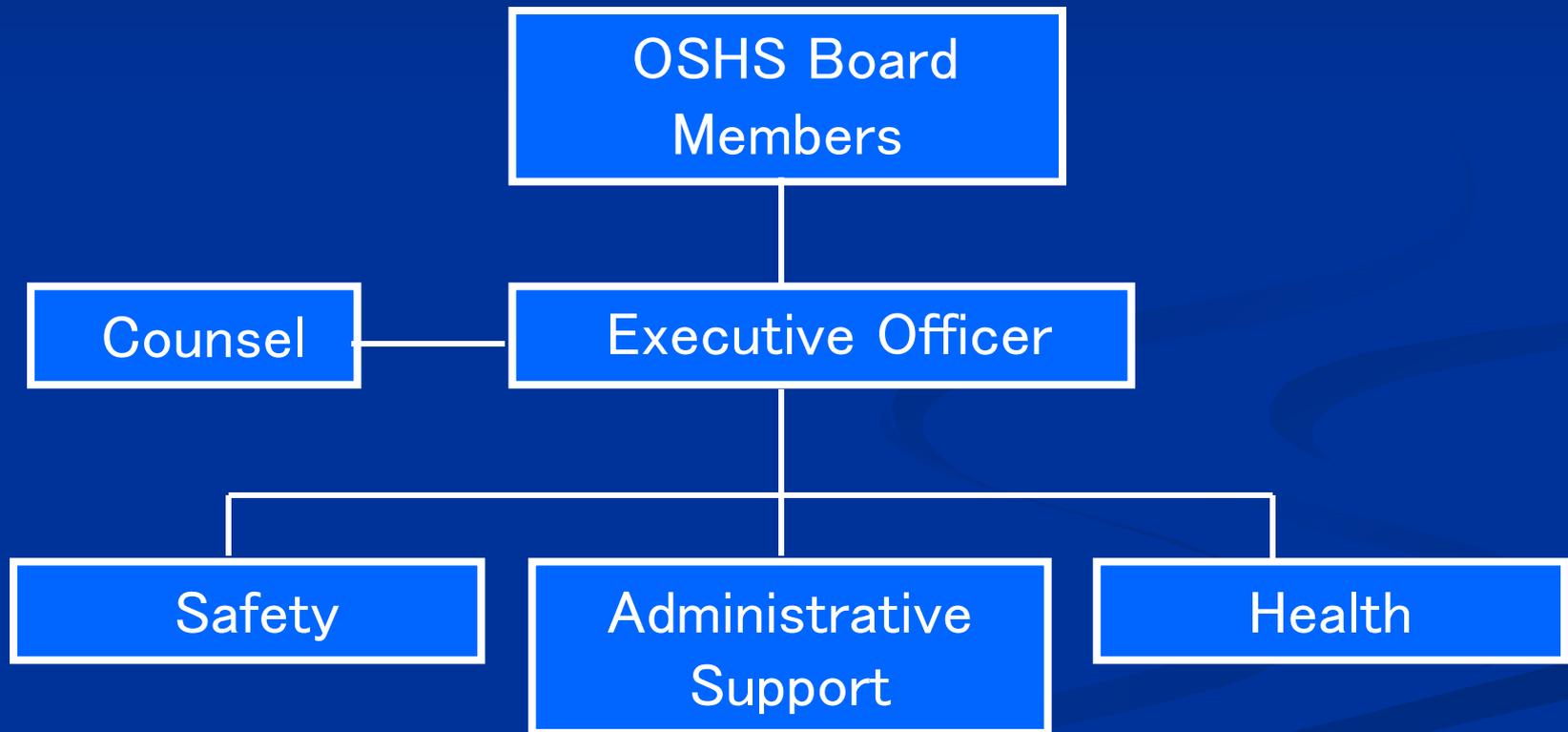
Statutory Requirements

Division of Occupational Safety and Health

- LC 147 – Evaluate requests for petitions and variances within 60 days of receipt.
- LC 147.1 – Develop and present proposed health standards to the Board.
- LC 6450 et. seq. – Grant temporary/experimental variances.
- LC 7323 – Propose elevator, escalator, and other conveyance standards to the Board for adoption.



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Summary of Activities

	2015	2014	2013
Petitions Received	8	8	5
Advisory Committees Convened	10	7	2
Rulemaking Adopted	10	17	15
Rulemaking Noticed	13	11	20
Emergency Standards	0	0	0
Variances Docketed	465	399	491

Petitions

	2015	2014	2013
Received	8	8	5
Granted	1	2	6
Denied	2	2	0
Withdrawn	0	1	0
Carry-over	5	3	1

The Board shall make time available to interested persons to propose new or revised orders or standards appropriate for adoption. The Board shall report its decision no later than six months following receipt of such proposals. *Labor Code 142.2.*

Advisory Committees

	2015	2014	2013
Convened	10*	7	2
Rulemaking Anticipated	5	7	2

* Multiple advisory meetings were held for several topics

Advisory committees are often used to assist OSHSB staff in developing rulemaking proposals that may significantly impact California employers and employees. The practice is most common in the development of highly sensitive, controversial, or complex standards.

Sources of Rulemaking

- Federal Changes
- Statutory Changes
- Petition Decisions
- Court or Appeals Board Decisions
- Variance Decisions
- Standards Board and Staff
- Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Form 9)
- Complaint About State Program Administration (CASPA)
- Office of Administrative Law – Order of Repeal

Variations

	2015	2014	2013
Docketed	465	399	491
Heard	483	424	422
With multiple hearings	1	1	1
Granted	453	406	392
Denied	0	6	27
Withdrawn	7	3	12

Any employer may apply to the Board for a permanent variance, upon showing an alternate program, method, practice, means, device, or process which will provide equal or superior safety for employees.

Labor Code 143(a).

2015 Elevator Safety Order Variance Applications by Manufacturer

	No. of Variances
Otis Elevator Company	259
ThyssenKrupp Elevators	86
KONE Inc.	61
Mitsubishi Elevator	28
Schindler Elevator	2
McKinley Elevator	2
Other	17
Total:	455