

Oregon Secretary of State

Division Overview

Audits & Elections

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Agency-Wide Goals

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Integrity

Nonpartisan
operations, prioritizing
Oregonians' needs

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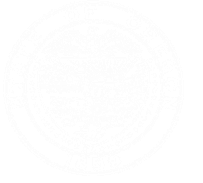
Accountability

Honesty, identifying
and fixing shortfalls

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Competence

Improving
implementation,
attention to detail



Audits Division Overview

Auditing to protect the public interest and improve Oregon government.



Work Portfolio

Protecting Taxpayer Dollars & Improving Government Function:

- Financial Audits
- Federal Compliance Audits
- Performance Audits
- Information Technology Audits
- IT Security Control Assessments
- Municipal Audit Program Administration
- Government Waste Hotline Administration
- Audit Recommendation Follow-up Reports
- Data Analytics and Advisory Reports

2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget

- \$28,568,018 (Other Funds)
- 72 FTE
- 90% funded through assessments to state entities
- 10% funded through direct bill agencies

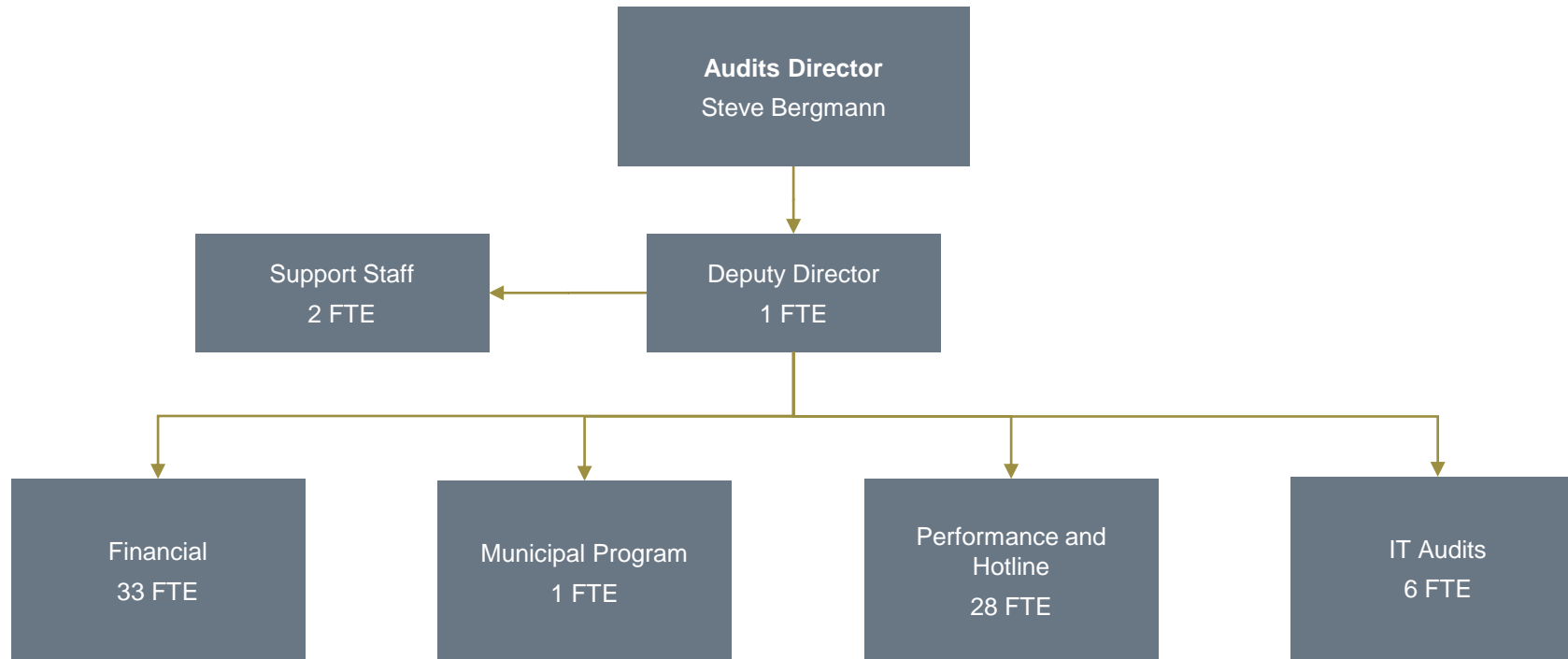
Staff Qualifications & Credentials

- All auditors hold undergraduate degrees and **38% hold advanced degrees**
- 52% hold one or more professional certifications:
 - 29% Certified Public Accountants
 - 9% Certified Information Systems Auditors
 - 8% Certified Fraud Examiners
 - 6% Certified Internal Auditors

Combined, audit managers and staff have nearly **650 years experience**

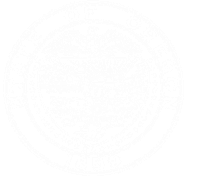
Staffing Allocation

Current service level: 72 FTE



Change in Audits Division

- New Audits Director
- Culture Change
- New Risk Model
- Budget Utilization



Election Division Overview

Ensuring that voting reflects the will of Oregonians.

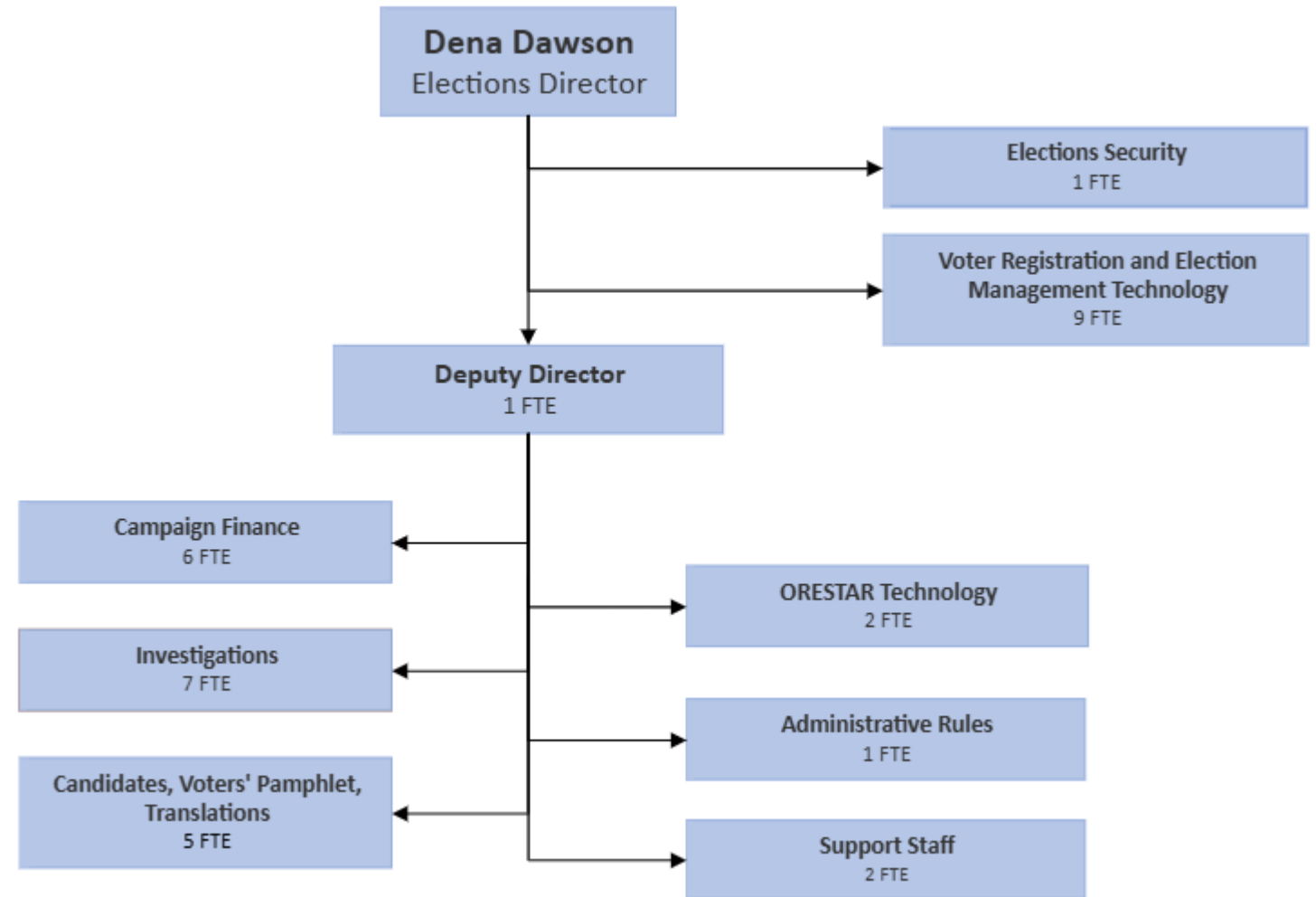


Elections Division

The Elections Division's primary and overarching goal is to **build Oregonians' trust** in the electoral process by ensuring the conduct of uniform, reliable, accessible, secure, transparent, and accurate elections.

Staffing Allocation

Current service level: 35 FTE



Major Program Areas

- Election management and voter registration regulation
- Campaign finance regulation
- Voters' pamphlet and translations of the pamphlet
- Candidacy filings and qualifications
- Political party formation and maintenance
- State initiative, referral, referendum, and recall processes
- Election law investigations enforcement
- Elections security

Technology and Infrastructure

- OCVR (Oregon Centralized Voter Registration System)
- ORESTAR (Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting)
- Election night reporting website
- Dropbox locator
- Voting system certifications

Key Projects

- Modernizing and standardizing election management, voter registration, and list maintenance processes.
- Implementing HB 4024 (2024), including system development
- Implementing a system to replace OCVR
- Analyzing and modernizing the Oregon Motor Voter program

Business Drivers & Challenges

- Change management and leadership transitions
- Modernizing and standardizing election management, voter registration, and list maintenance processes
- Funding for elections, including local elections administration
- Election investigations, litigation, and public records requests
- Implementing HB 4024 (2024), including system implementation
- Implementing system to replace OCVR
- Oregon Motor Voter program

Oregon Motor Voter

February 2025 Data Transfer Restart

- October 2024 – February 2025
- Collaboration with County Clerks

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Random Sampling

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Daily Control File

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Review Panel

Final Thoughts | Thank You

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