

# Department of Energy Proposed Reorganization

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# Proposal Summary

- The Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) is dissolved, with its functions split between the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and the reorganized Department of Energy
- The PUC is reorganized entirely within the Department of Energy
  - The PUC's existing adjudicative functions will be housed in an administratively attached agency
- This proposal as introduced makes no structural changes to the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) or Site Evaluation Committee (SEC)
  - Both the OCA and SEC become administratively attached agencies to the Department of Energy

# Office of Strategic Initiatives (Current)

- OSI exists within the Executive Department and is organized into the Division of Energy and the Division of Planning
- OSI's current duties are expansive and varied, including:
  - Administering federal programs (LIHEAP Fuel Assistance, Weatherization)
  - Functions as the Governor's energy office
  - State planning functions and municipal assistance
  - National Flood Insurance Program
  - Conservation Land Stewardship Program
  - State Data Center and US Census
  - Business office functions

# Overall policy goals from this proposal

- Removes perceived conflicts of interest tied to the current structure
  - Current PUC structure allows staff to occupy a dual roll as both parties to dockets and advisors to the commissioners during deliberations
  - New proposed structure establishes a bright red line between adjudicative and advisory roles to remove any perception of conflicts of interest
- Add accountability by requiring Governor & Council confirmation for all leadership positions
  - Confirmation not currently required for OSI staff or PUC division directors
- Unify energy policy efforts statewide by combining departments with similar missions

# This Proposal Modestly Saves General Funds

Record Type	Funding				
Class	00S-General Fund				
Row Labels	Sum of FY20 Actual	Sum of FY21 Adj Auth	Sum of FY22	Sum of FY23	
<b>Agency Phase Request</b>	\$ (1,295,485)	\$ (1,361,178)	\$ (1,183,270)	\$ (1,236,945)	
00002-EXECUTIVE DEPT (Only OSI)	\$ (1,040,964)	\$ (1,075,143)	\$ (1,047,985)	\$ (1,091,976)	
00081-PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	\$ (254,521)	\$ (286,035)	\$ (135,285)	\$ (144,969)	
<b>Governor Phase Recommended</b>	\$ 1,295,485	\$ 1,361,178	\$ 918,116	\$ 937,411	
00022-BUS & ECON AFFAIRS DEPT	\$ 640,681	\$ 673,405	\$ 716,355	\$ 723,162	
00052-DEPT OF ENERGY	\$ 654,804	\$ 687,773	\$ 201,761	\$ 214,249	
<b>Net Impact</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (265,154)	\$ (299,534)	

- Budget reduces general fund draw compared to status quo through back office efficiencies gained by reducing the number of departments
  - (Office of Strategic Initiatives absorbed by BEA/Dept of Energy)

# Explanation of Total Budget Increase

- See memo included from PUC Chairwoman Dianne Martin
- The bottom-line increase compared to the current biennium is explained by a net increase to Class 073 – Grants-Non Federal in AU1887 (page 359)
  - This is due to increase revenue estimates from the PUC via quarterly RGGI auctions
  - These funds are a direct pass-through for ratepayer rebates under RSA 125-O
- Current biennium revenues are seen on page 361 in AU1888 class 073, totaling \$16.5 M in FY20 and \$12.7 M in FY21
  - Estimate for FY22-23 is \$20.8 M each year

# Dept of Energy Position Numbers crosswalk

Description	FY22	FY23
Existing Positions Under Status Quo	82	82
OSI “nonclassified” existing positions not in budget system	12	12
Net “new” positions	11	11
Existing positions abolished	(1)	(1)
<b>Total Proposed</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>

\*All amounts above are prior to forthcoming HB1 technical amendment, which will decrease counts.

- OSI positions have not be previously accounted for in the budget system
- 4 positions are unfunded as part of this proposal;
  - Potential to unfund additional vacant positions this biennium
- 14 of these total positions are currently vacant
- Position totals represent a “high water mark” as part of a gradual transition to avoid removing filled positions
  - New commissioner has express authority to reduce vacant positions as part of the transition

# Technical amendments

- See page 2 of attached handout detailing a series of position changes
  - Overall expense reduction for the Department of Energy
- Arrangement of DoIT class lines in the budget
  - Overall DoIT appropriation is the correct amount
  - Our office has engaged DoIT to ensure equitable allocation across funding streams at the new department that enables strategic investments and transformative change under this new structure.
    - One such example is a vacant IT Manager V position that has not been under the purview of DoIT previously. Forthcoming proposal would be to make this position an agency direct role at DoIT

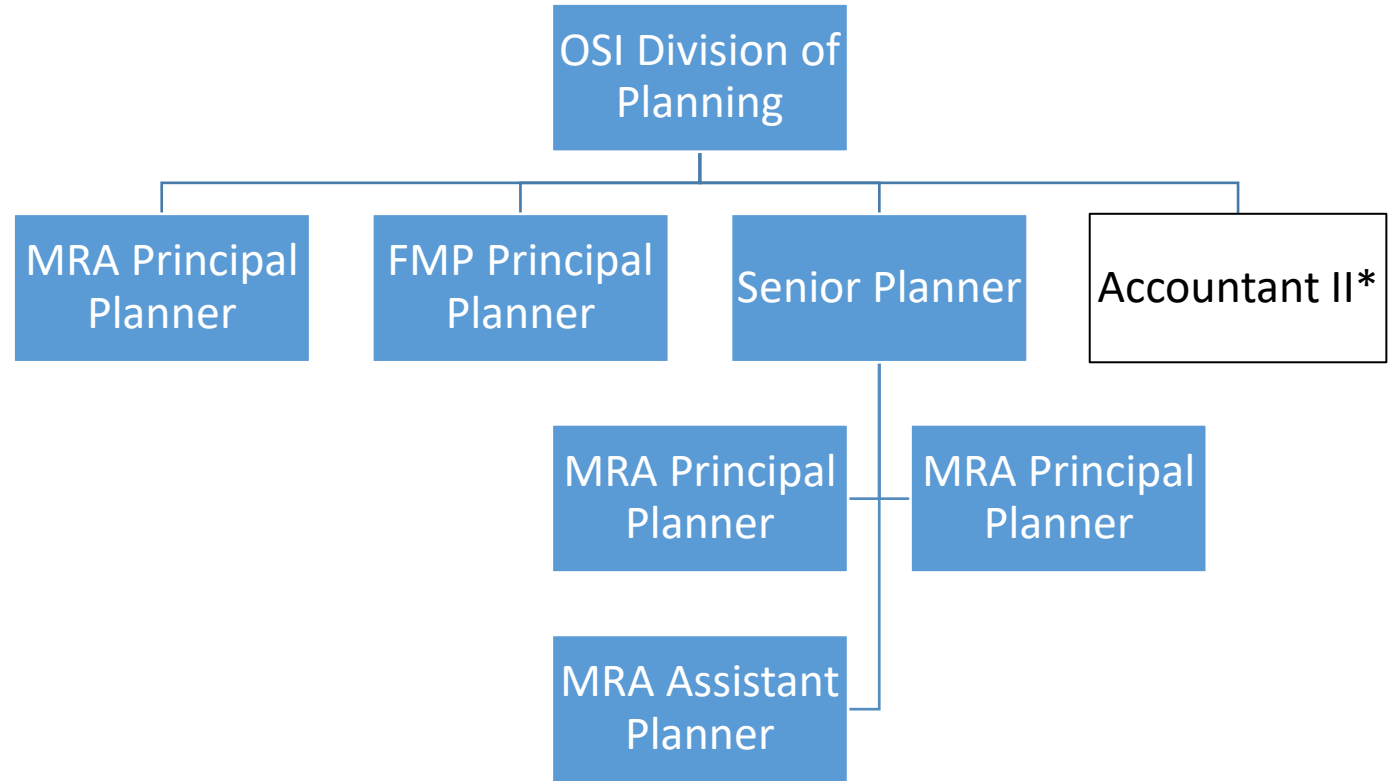


# Reorganized Position Charts

# Additions to BEA

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## Division of Planning AU2198



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6 - Classified  
0 - Unclassified  
6 – Total

\*Accountant II moves to  
AU2007 via amendment

# Additions to DAS

# Conservation Land Stewardship (AU1106)

Program Director

Stewardship  
Specialist  
*Vacant*

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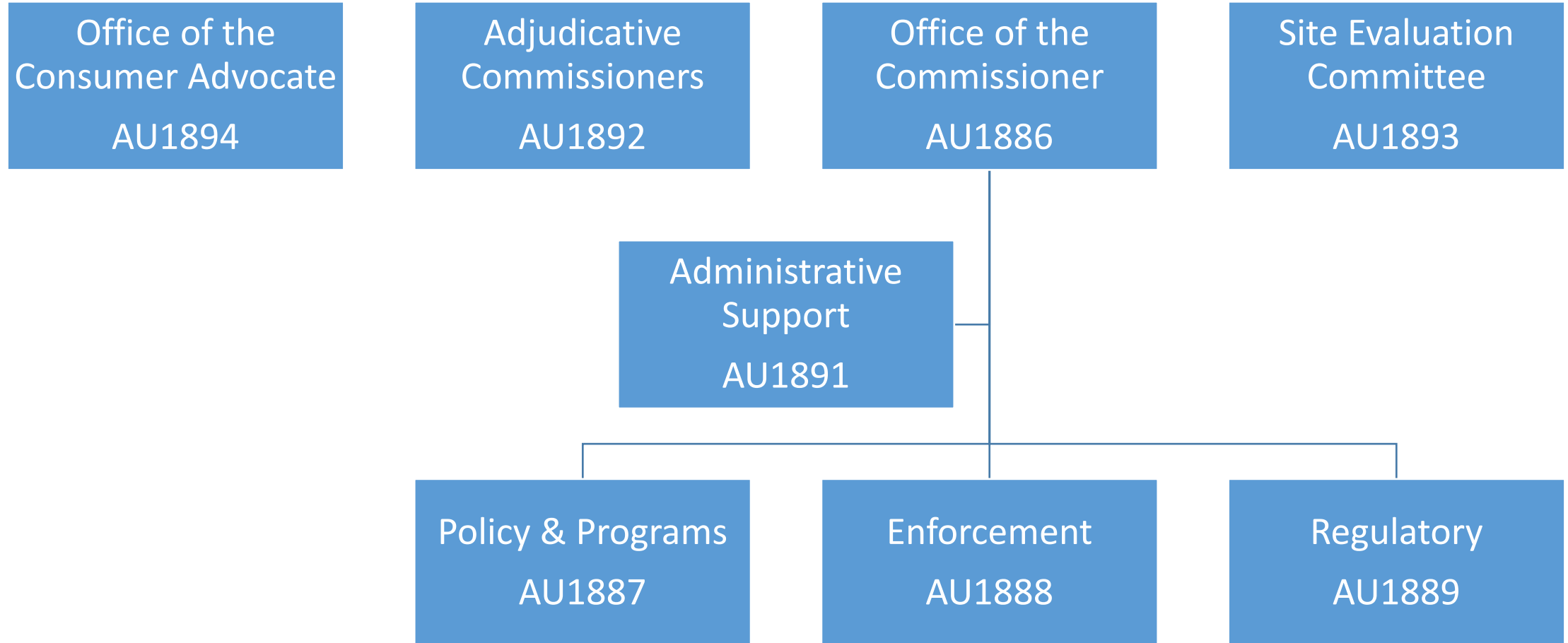
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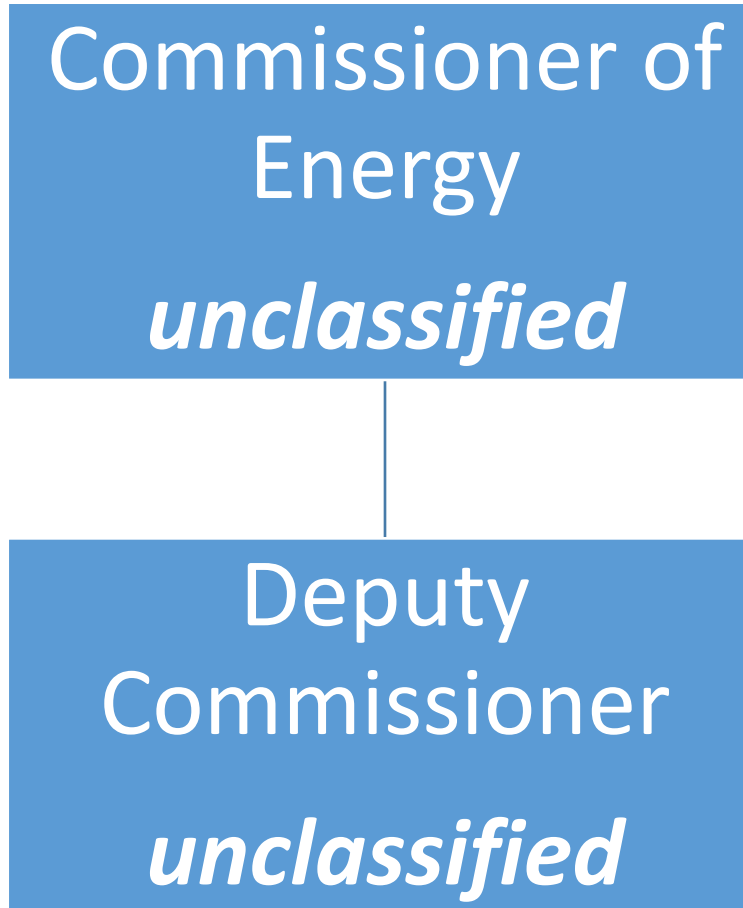
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# Division Level Organization



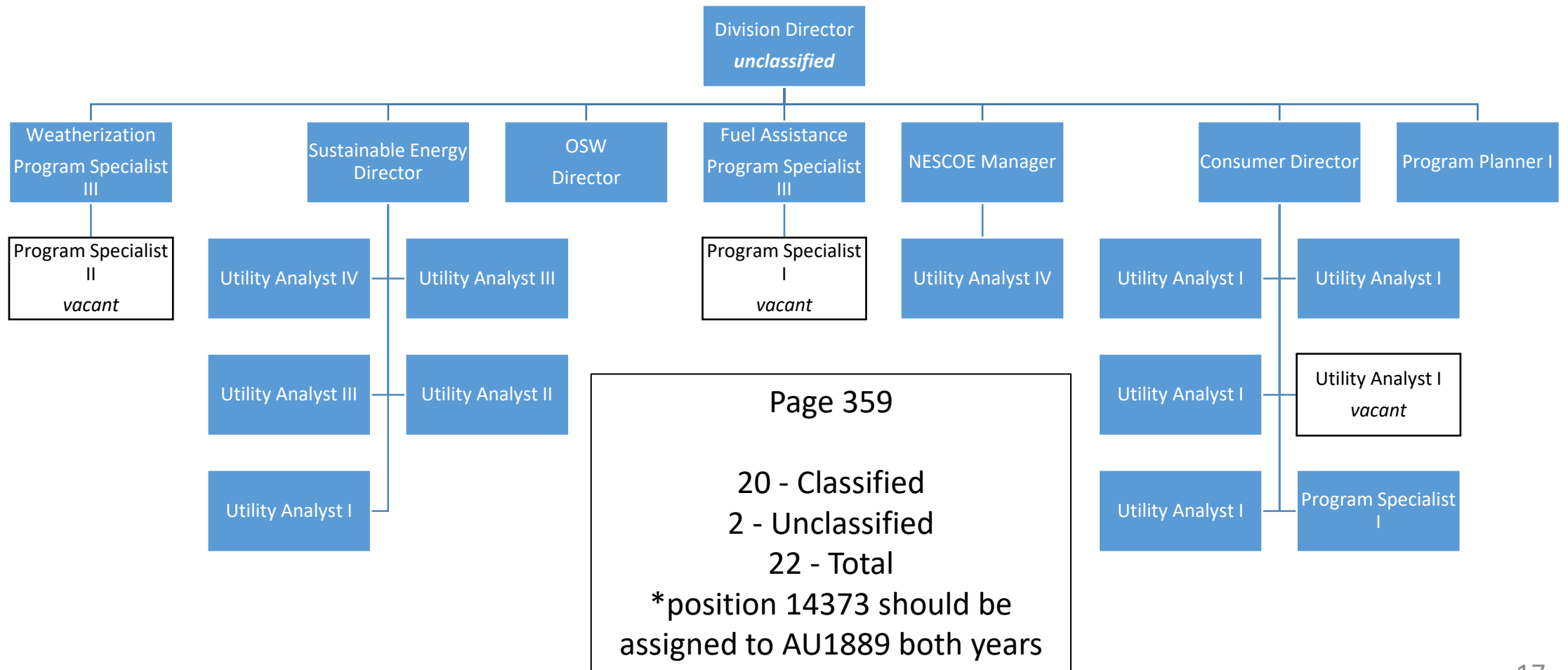
# Commissioner's Office (AU1886)

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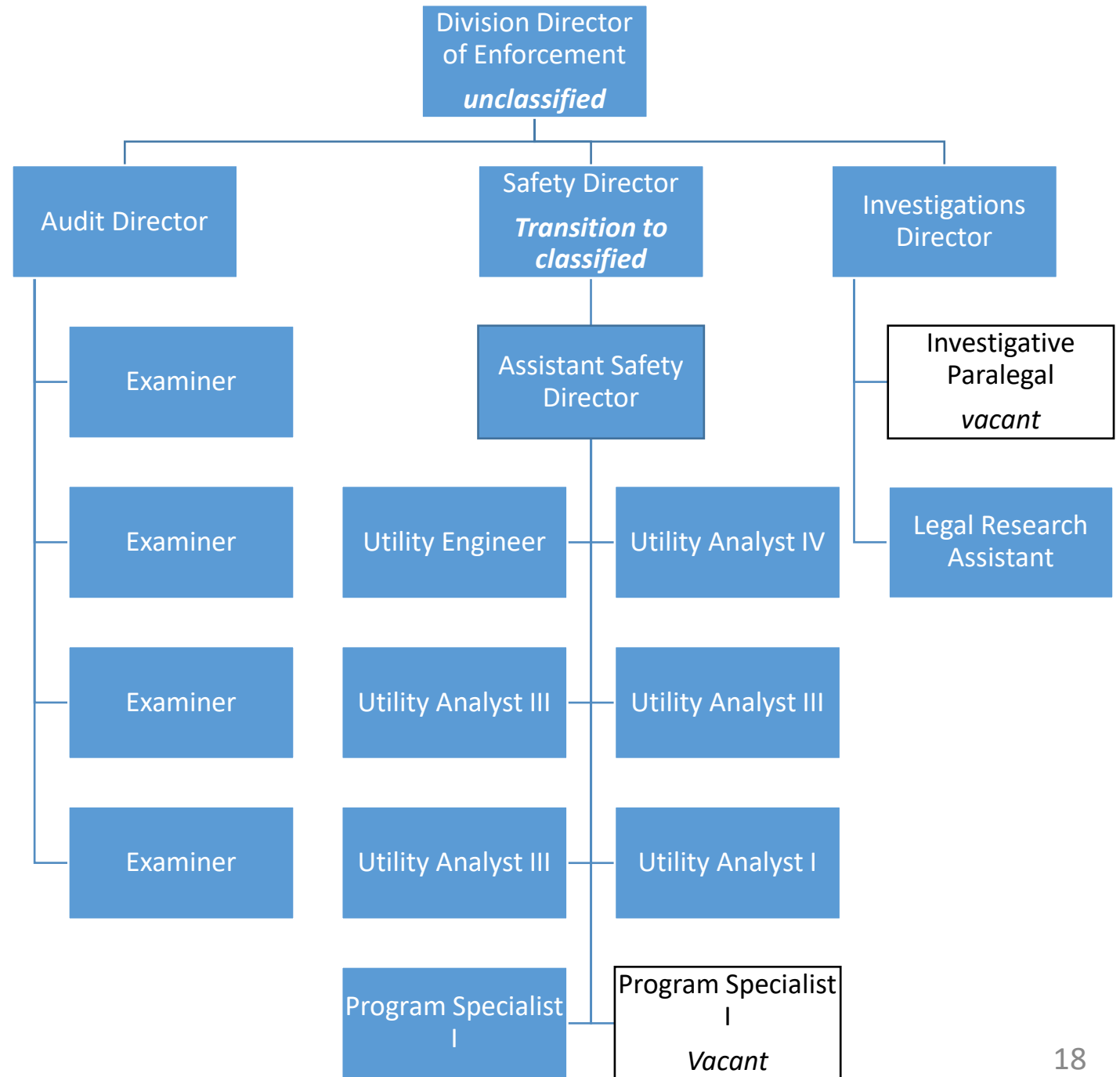




# Division of Policy & Programs (AU1887)



# Division of Enforcement (AU1888)

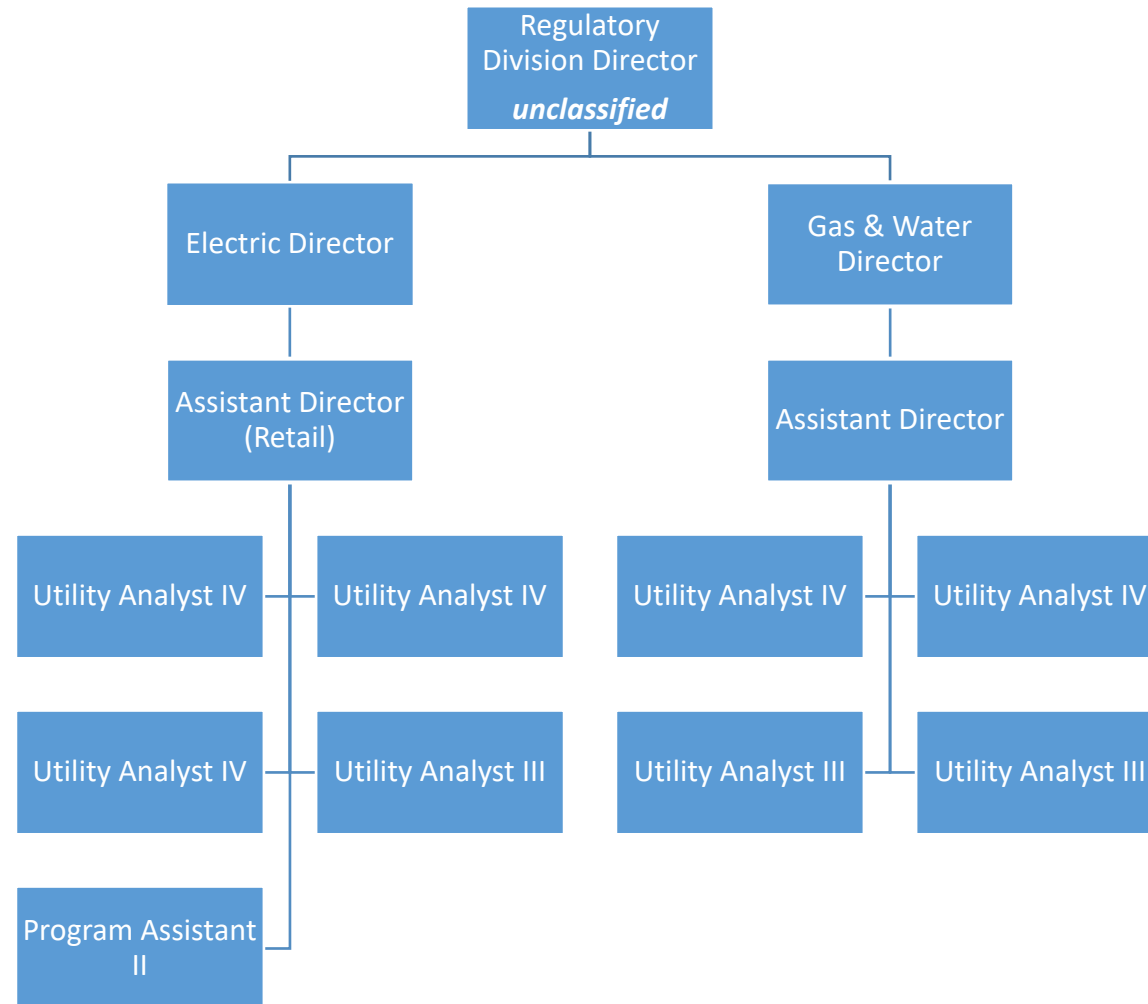


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 2\* - Unclassified  
 19 – Total

\*Safety director position should be reclassified at the end of the current term

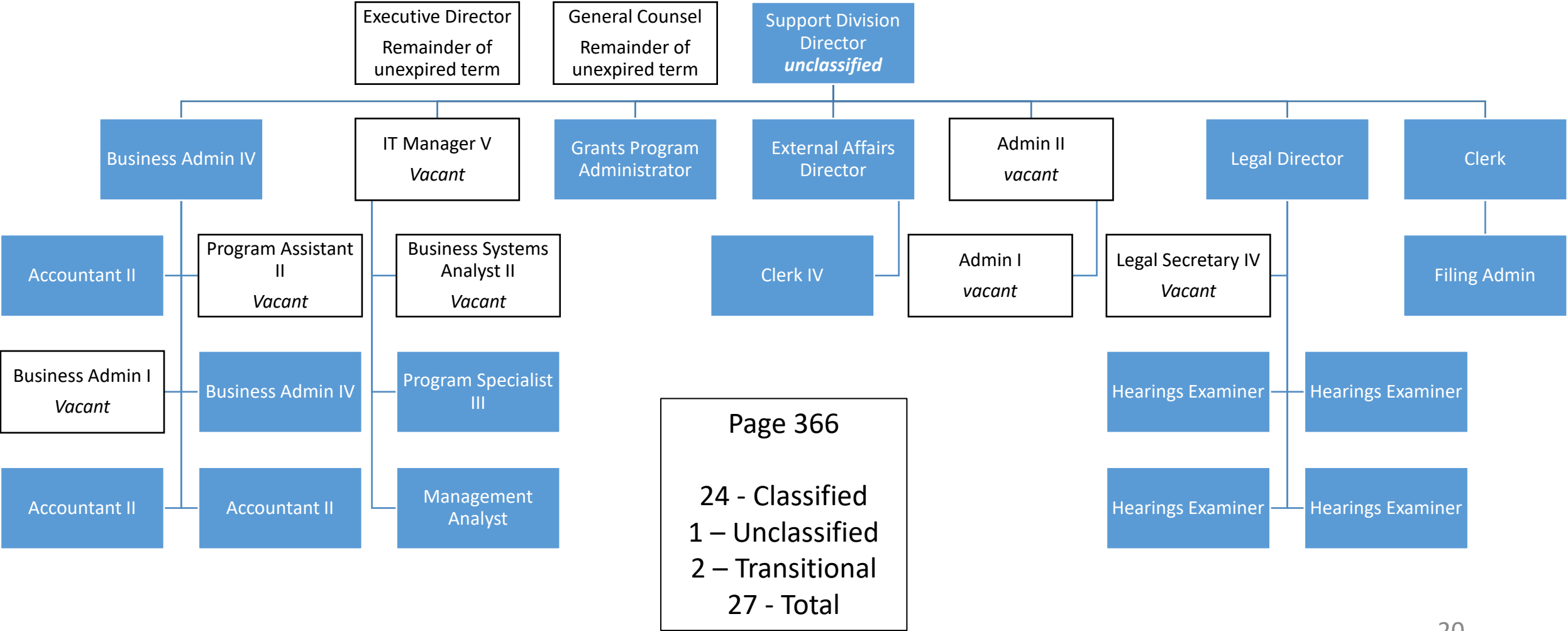
# Regulatory Division (AU1889)



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14 - Total

# Support Division (New AU1891)



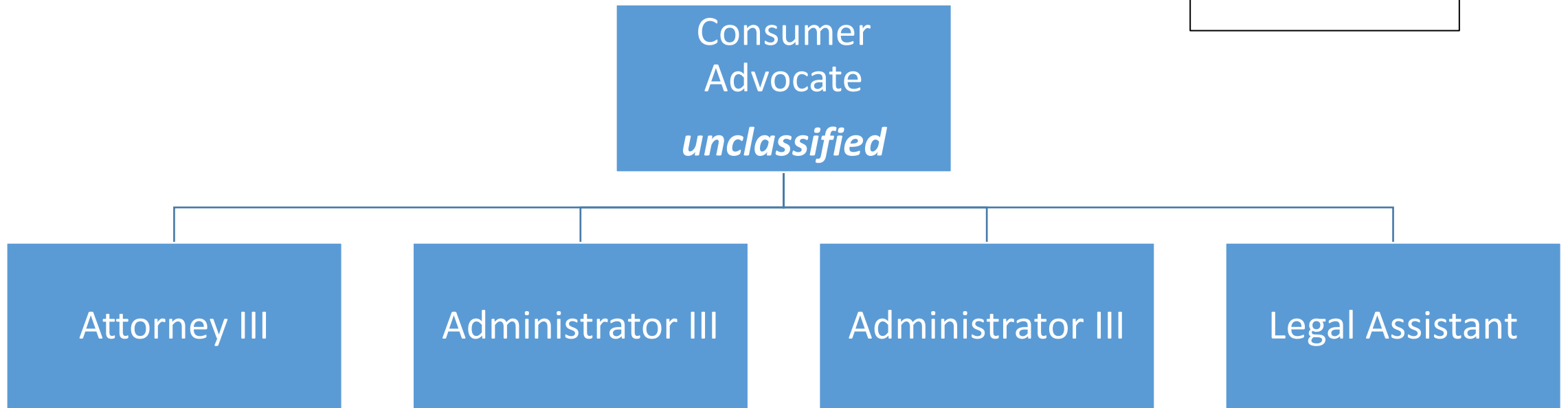
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24 - Classified  
 1 – Unclassified  
 2 – Transitional  
 27 - Total

# Office of the Consumer Advocate (AU1894)

- Administratively attached to Department of Energy
- No changes to personnel

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4 - Classified  
1 - Unclassified  
5 - Total



# Site Evaluation Committee (AU1893)

Administrator

*vacant*

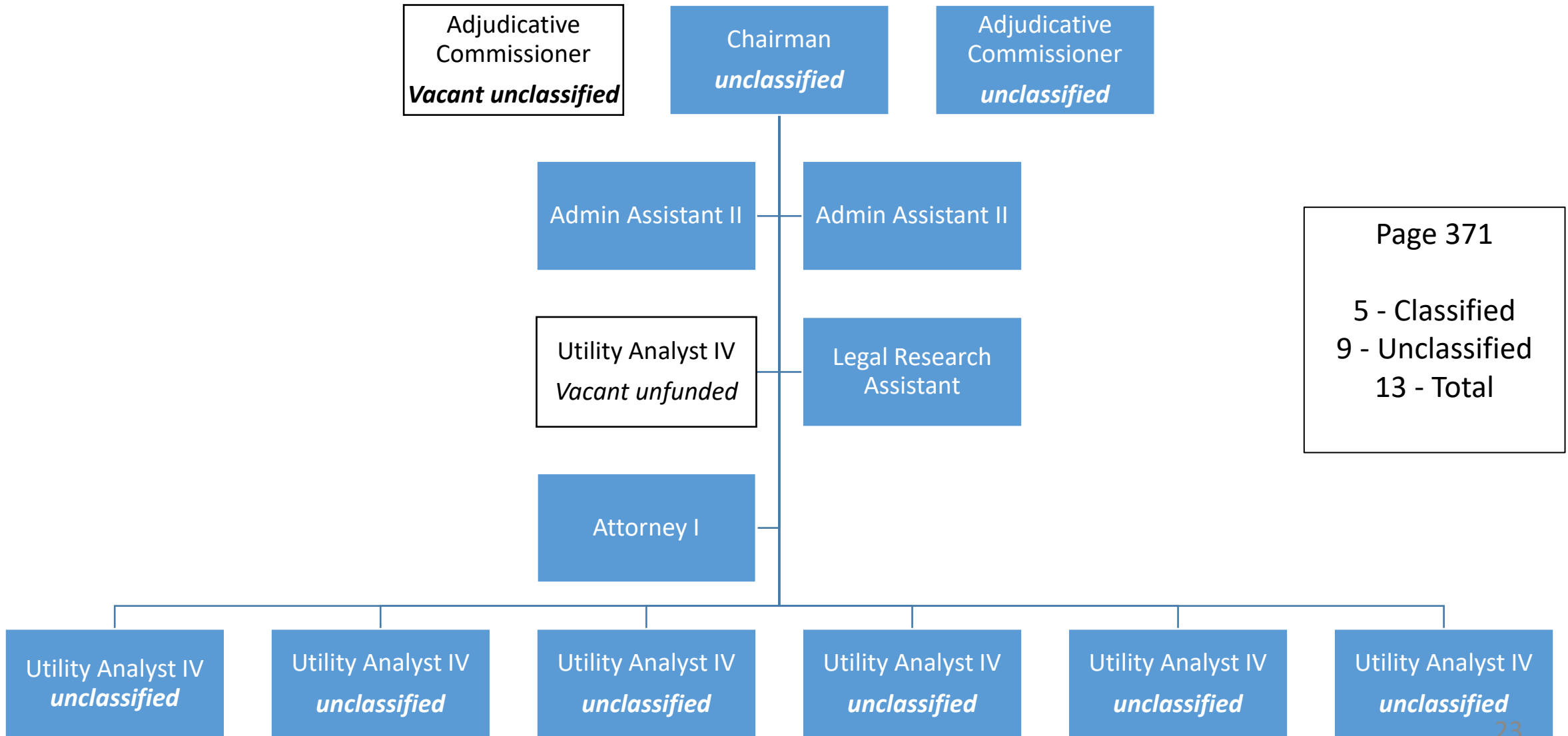
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0 - Classified  
1 - Unclassified  
1 - Total

# Adjudicative Commissioners (AU1892)



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5 - Classified  
9 - Unclassified  
13 - Total