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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - DECISIONS AND VOTING
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In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

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| Name (last) Cooper | Name (first) Jennifer | Name (middle) |
| Name of office or agency Indiana Arts Commission | | Job title Grant Reviewer (Special State Appointee) |
| Address of office (number and street) 100 N Senate Ave., N505 | | City Indianapolis |
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| Describe the conflict of interest. Ms. Cooper serves as a Grant Reviewer for the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) FY26-27 Arts Organization Support (AOS) Grant Program and is considered a Special State Appointee, as defined in IC 4-2-6-1 (18). Ms. Cooper has disclosed to the IAC that she has a conflict of interest with three (3) organizations who are applying for the FY26-27 AOS Grant Program: A) Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra (Indianapolis, IN) - Ms. Cooper collaborates and shares an office space with this organization. This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Cooper assigned a list of all the grants to be reviewed. B) Indianapolis Men's Chorus (Indianapolis, IN) - Ms. Cooper collaborates regularly with this organization in her professional capacity. This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Cooper assigned a list of all the grants to be reviewed. C) Indianapolis Women's Chorus (Indianapolis, IN) - Ms. Cooper collaborates regularly with this organization in her professional capacity. This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Cooper assigned a list of all the grants to be reviewed. | | |

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer (Attach additional pages as needed)

Ethics Screen for Ms. Cooper:

1) Ms. Cooper has disclosed to the IAC about the three (3) conflict of interest. Per the IAC's Grant Reviewer's Conflict of Interest Standard Operating Procedure (IAC-OPS-007) the following screenings have been established by the IAC:

A) Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra (Indianapolis, IN) : Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of the grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

B) Indianapolis Men's Chorus (Indianapolis, IN) : Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of the grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

C) Indianapolis Women's Chorus (Indianapolis, IN) : Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of the grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Jennifer Cooper

5/8/25

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of ethics officer

André Zhang Souza

05/08/25

Subject: [Ethics Notice] Cooper, Jennifer - Conflict of Interest - ICO, IMC, and IWC
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 2:31:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Zhang Sonera, André <AZhangsonera@iac.IN.gov>
To: indypenny@yahoo.com <indypenny@yahoo.com>
CC: Michaelsen, Miah <MMichaelsen@iac.IN.gov>
Attachments: Cooper, Jennifer - COI Disclosure Forms.pdf

Dear Chair Valentine,

As the Indiana Arts Commission's appointing authority, this email serves as notice of Jennifer Cooper's conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9.
Ms. Cooper is a Grant Reviewer for the FY26-27 Arts Organization Support Grant Program.

An ethics screen has been established and described in the attached Ethics Disclosure Form and will be filed with the State Ethics Commission.

Respectfully,

André

André Zhang Sonera, MPA

Deputy Director & Chief of Staff

Ethics Officer

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