



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
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ETHICS COMMISSION

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.

Name (last) Ehrhart	Name (first) Melissa	Name (middle)
Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Transportation		Job title Statewide Geologist M&T
Address of office (number and street) 100 North Senate Ave. Room, N758		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number (317) 522-9666		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) MEhrhart@indot.IN.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:
Melissa Ehrhart was appointed INDOT's Statewide Geologist, Material and Testing for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Melissa's husband has a managerial position with Stone Street Quarry, an INDOT vendor. Melissa, pursuant to I.C. 4-2-6-9(b), has identified a potential conflict of interest. Melissa's position, may require her to participate in decisions or votes in matters involving Stone Street Quarry, the company in which her husband is employed, and that she, her husband and Stone Street may have a financial interest in the outcome of the matter. A potential decisions and voting conflict of interest may exist under IC 4-2-6-9. This disclosure is therefore being filed in anticipation of that potential conflict.

42 IAC 1-5-10, prohibits Melissa from benefiting from or permitting any other person to benefit from information of a confidential nature except as permitted or required by law. 42 IAC 1-5-11 prohibits Melissa from divulging information of a confidential nature except as permitted by law.

This disclosure was provided to Melissa Ehrhart appointing authority, Commissioner Michael J. Smith, on February 2, 2024. Evidence of said disclosure to Commissioner Michael J. Smith is filed herewith pursuant to IC 4-2-6-9(b)(2)(D). Pursuant to IC 4-2-6-9(b)(2), this disclosure was executed and filed with the SEC within seven days (7) of the potential conflict being identified by the below signed ethics officer.

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

A formal screen was executed with INDOT ethics officer instructing Melissa Ehrhart to recuse herself from matters involving her in the capacity as INDOT's Statewide Geologist with INDOT's vendor Stone Street Quarry. Said screen prohibits Melissa from exercising any of her official duties or otherwise participate in any decision or vote, or matter related to such decision or vote, involving Stone Street Quarry, or in which Stone Street Quarry has an interest. Melissa Ehrhart is further screened from divulging information of a confidential nature except as permitted by law pursuant to Ind. Code §5-14-3-10. Specifically, Melissa shall not review any aggregate test results that the districts and/or M&T have done and shall not create a classification for the aggregate based on the test results with respects to Stone Street Quarry; shall not write an AP for Stone Street Quarry and shall not identify how many years based on the test results before a resample needs to be taken even if another state employee is executing the letter for approval; shall not review cores and test results to create classifications for the Stone Street Quarry; shall not provide support to any of the six Districts on any decision that would warrant Stone Street Quarry being placed on probation or any other corrective measures; 5. shall not review any letters and nor other documentation from districts and not give any advice or feedback on corrective action steps with respect to Stone Street Quarry.

The screen was executed on February 7, 2024 a copy of which was sent to Commissioner Michael J. Smith along with this disclosure.

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)

February 7 2024

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

Melissa Ehrhart

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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)

February 29 2024

Printed full name of ethics officer

Kate Shelby

CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN FOR Melissa Ehrhart

February 2, 2024

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, Melissa Ehrhart in July of 2022 then became and is now the Statewide Geologist, Materials and Test Division (M&T) for the Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT” or “Department”); and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ehrhart’s husband works for Stone Street Quarry in management, and whereas Stone Street Quarry has a business relationship with INDOT, including active contracts; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ehrhart, as Statewide Geologist for INDOT, as part of her regular duties, it is possible that Melissa could be assigned to participate in matters in which Stone Street Quarry has an interest; and

WHEREAS, Melissa’s position as Statewide Geologist and her husband’s employment with Stone Street Quarry, an INDOT vendor, has created a potential decision and voting conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9 requiring disclosure and a formal screen; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ehrhart is subject (IC 4-2-6-9) which prohibits Melissa from participating in a decision or vote, and all matters relating to that decision or vote, in which Melissa and her immediate family, husband, and husband’s employer Stone Street Quarry might have a financial interest; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ehrhart may have obtained confidential information in the course of her employment with INDOT and has an affirmative duty to protect such information from disclosure and to refrain from relying on such information for the benefit of herself, her husband or husband’s employer.

NOW THEREFORE, Melissa Ehrhart, Statewide Geologist M&T for INDOT, for her tenure with INDOT in her position as Statewide Geologist M&T, agrees to in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the terms of the following Conflict of Interest Screen.

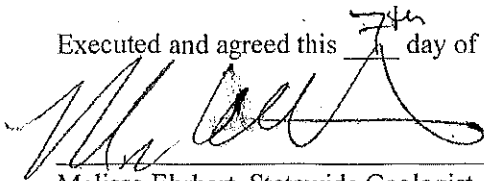
II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST SCREEN

1. Melissa Ehrhart shall not participate in any decision or vote, or any matter related to such decision or vote, in which she, her husband or husband’s company, Stone Street Quarry has a financial interest.
2. Melissa Ehrhart is screened from participating in any present or future contract or other matter involving, INDOT’s vendor, Stone Street Quarry.
3. Pursuant to her duty under Ind. Code §5-14-3-10, Melissa Ehrhart shall not disclose or otherwise rely upon information to financially benefit her, her husband or husband’s company Stone Street Quarry that is classified as confidential under Ind. Code §5-14-3-4. This restriction applies in perpetuity, so long as the subject information is deemed confidential.

III. EMPLOYEE AFFIRMATION

I have read and understand the terms of the foregoing Conflict of Interest Screen, and will in all ways follow, adhere to, and satisfy the above stated restrictions on my participation in any decision or vote in which Stone Street Quarry has a financial interest. I understand that the first two (2) terms of this screen terminate upon my taking another position with INDOT that does not present a Conflict of Interest with Stone Street Quarry, or upon leaving the Department. I further understand that terms three (3) regarding confidential information, apply in perpetuity, and so long as the subject information is deemed confidential. I have shared and discussed this Conflict of Interest Screen and its requirements with my supervisor.

Executed and agreed this 7th day of February 2024, by:



2/7/24

Melissa Ehrhart, Statewide Geologist, M&T
Indiana Department of Transportation

Baker, Nathaniel P

From: Shelby, Kate
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:20 AM
To: Baker, Nathaniel P; Gorman, Sean M
Cc: Steele, Michele
Subject: INDOT conflict of interest disclosure: Melissa Ehrhart
Attachments: COI Screen - Melissa Ehrhart.pdf; COI Disclosure-Melissa Ehrhart.pdf

Mr. Gorman and Mr. Baker,

Attached, please find executed documents related to a conflict of interest screen and ethics disclosure for an employee at INDOT. Per the email below, Commissioner Smith was notified of these documents and the need for filing today.

Thanks,
Kate

From: Shelby, Kate
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:18 AM
To: Smith, Michael J <Michael.Smith@indot.IN.gov>
Cc: Steele, Michele <MSteele@indot.IN.gov>
Subject: conflict of interest disclosure: Melissa Ehrhart

Commissioner Smith,

This email is to notify you that a conflict of interest screen and ethics disclosure statement will be filed for Melissa Ehrhart, an INDOT employee, with the State Ethics Commission.

Thank you,
Kate

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