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ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING
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 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
 IC 4-2-6-9

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 INDIANA STATE
 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) Weemes	Name (first) Marcus	Name (middle) D.
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
		ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 232-1269	Office e-mail address (required) grantsadmin@iac.in.gov	
Describe the conflict of interest: Mr. Weemes serves as a Grant Reviewer for the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) FY26-27 Arts Organization Support (AOS) Grant Program and its considered a Special State Appointee, as defined in IC 4-2-6-1 (18).		
Mr. Weemes has disclosed to the IAC that she has a conflict of interest with two (2) organizations who are applying for the FY26-27 AOS Grant Program:		
A) Arena Dinner Theater (Ft. Wayne, IN) - Mr. Weemes is a performer of this organization.		
This was disclosed to the IAC via its Conflict of Interest Form.		
B) Fort Wayne Youththeatre (Ft. Wayne, IN) - Mr. Weemes is a performer and Board Member of this organization.		
This was disclosed to the IAC via its Conflict of Interest Form.		

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

Ethics Screen for Mr. Weemes:

1) Mr. Weemes has disclosed to the IAC about the two (2) 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) Arena Dinner Theater (Ft. Wayne, 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 Friday, April 25, 2025.

B) Fort Wayne Youththeatre (Ft. Wayne, 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 Friday, April 25, 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

Marcus Weemes

Date signed (month, day, year)

05/20/25

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

Marcus D. Weemes

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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

André Zhang Sonera

Date signed (month, day, year)

05/20/25

Printed full name of ethics officer

André Zhang Sonera

Subject: [Ethics Notice] Weemes, Marcus D. - Conflict of Interest - Arena Dinner Theater & Fort Wayne Youththeatre
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 2:04:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Zhang Sonera, André <AZhangsonera@iac.IN.gov>
To: Anne Penny Valentine <indypenny@yahoo.com>
CC: Michaelsen, Miah <MMichaelsen@iac.IN.gov>
Attachments: Weemes, Marcus D. - COI Disclosure Form.pdf

Dear Chair Valentine,

As the Indiana Arts Commission's appointing authority, this email serves as notice of Marcus D. Weemes's conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9.
Mr. Weemes 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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