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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

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) Durham	Name (first) William	Name (middle) E.
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education		Job title Board Member
Address of office (number and street) 143 W. Market Street		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number (317) 232-2000		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) wdurham@excelcenter.org		

Describe the conflict of interest:

Mr. Durham currently serves as the Director of The Excel Center - Meadows, a tuition-free, public charter high school for adults that is located in Indianapolis and operated by Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. The Excel Center serves students at fifteen (15) different campuses across Indiana, including The Excel Center - Kokomo. Like most schools in the state, The Excel Center's campuses receive an A through F grade from the Indiana State Board of Education. Per statute and the Board's administrative rules, schools are afforded the opportunity to appeal their grades and may do so by petitioning the Board. A charter school's grade can impact its eligibility for certain grant programs.

Indiana Code 4-2-6-9 (Conflict of Economic Interest; Commission Advisory Opinions; Disclosure Statements; Written Determinations) states in relevant part:

(a) A state officer, an employee, or a special state appointee may not participate in any decision or vote, or matter relating to that decision or vote, if the state officer, employee or special state appointee has knowledge that any of the following has a financial interest in the outcome of the matter:

(3) A business organization in which the state officer, employee, or special state appointee is serving as an officer, a director, a members, a trustee, a partner, or an employee.

During the June 3, 2020 Board meeting, a New Business - Action agenda item labeled "A. A-F Appeal: Excel Center Kokomo" was presented to the Board. Because Mr. Durham is employed by The Excel Center, Mr. Durham recused himself from the Board's discussion and vote with respect to this particular A-F appeal.

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

The Board's ethics officer routinely reviews all materials before they are submitted and presented to the Board to identify potential conflicts of interest for Board members. Additionally, Board members are required to engage in ethics training on a regular basis, as required by state law. This training ensures Board members are able to identify potential ethics issues that may arise in their official capacity as special state appointees.

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

William Durham

Date signed (month, day, year)

6/9/2020

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

William E. Durham, Jr.

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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

Chad E. Ranney

Date signed (month, day, year)

6/9/2020

Printed full name of ethics officer

Chad E. Ranney

From: [Ranney, Chad E](#)
To: wdurham@excelcenter.org
Cc: [Murphy, Brian \(SBOE\)](#)
Subject: Ethics Disclosure - A-F Appeal: Excel Center Kokomo
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:03:00 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Good evening, William.

I've reviewed the agenda and material for tomorrow's Board meeting, and I wanted to bring a potential conflict of interest to your attention. Due to your employment with the Excel Center – Meadows, I recommend recusing yourself from the vote on "New Business Action Item A – A-F Appeal: Excel Center Kokomo." Once I get your disclosure form finished up, I'll send it over for your review and signature.

Brian has also been CC'd on this email. Please acknowledge your receipt of this email, and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Chad E. Ranney
General Counsel
Sr. Director – Policy & Legislative Affairs

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