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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) Freitas	Name (first) David	Name (middle)
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education		Job title Board Member
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Describe the conflict of interest:
Dr. David Freitas is currently employed as a Professor at the Indiana University South Bend campus. During the February 14, 2017, business meeting of the Indiana Board of Education ("Board"), the Board was set to discuss and vote to approve two teacher preparation programs located at the Indiana University Bloomington and the Indiana University East campuses. Participants in these programs are required to pay Indiana University tuition in order to attend these programs.

Indiana Code 4-2-6-9 (Conflict of economic interest; commission advisory opinions; disclosure statement; written determinations) states:

(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 member, a trustee, a partner, or an employee.

Due to Dr. Freitas' employment with Indiana University South Bend, he recused himself from the discussion and votes regarding the teacher preparation programs located at the Indiana University Bloomington and the Indiana University East as his employer had a potential financial interest in the outcome of the vote.

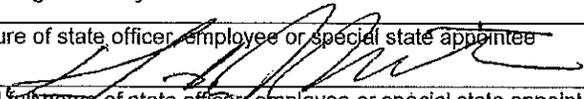
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

Before every meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education the agency ethics officer reviews all materials that will be presented to the Board members for review, discussion, and/or a vote to identify potential conflicts of interest on behalf of the Board members. In this instance, the ethics officer reviewed the agenda items for the Board's February 14, 2017, business meeting and determined that due to his employment with Indiana University South Bend, Dr. Freitas had a potential conflict of interest and advised him to recuse himself from the discussion and vote regarding two action items that related to Indiana University.

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)

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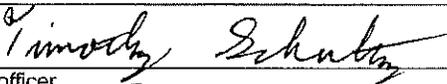
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

David J. Freitas

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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)

2/20/18

Printed full name of ethics officer

Timothy Schultz

Schultz, Timothy A

Subject: Potential Conflict

From: Dr. David Freitas [mailto:drdavidfreitas@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Schultz, Timothy A
Cc: Voors, Matthew (Matt)
Subject: Re: Potential Conflict

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Good morning:

After reviewing the agenda for today's Board meeting, I have determined that I may have a potential conflict of interest regarding the Indiana University Teacher Preparation Programs (IU Bloomington and IU East) due to my employment with Indiana University South Bend. Due to this potential conflict, I intend to recuse myself from the discussion and vote for these two action items.

After the meeting I intend to work with Mr. Schultz, the Board's ethics officer, to prepare and file the necessary paperwork with the Inspector General's Office.

Thank you.



Dr. David Freitas

Croft, Celeste

From: Schultz, Timothy A
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:48 AM
To: IG Info
Cc: Voors, Matthew (Matt); drdavidfreitas@gmail.com
Subject: Conflict of Interest--Decisions and Voting
Attachments: Signed Disclosure Form (Dr. Freitas).pdf

Good afternoon:

Please find attached a disclosure statement pertaining to a member of the Indiana State Board of Education. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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