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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	
Address of office (number and street) 143 West Market Street		City Indianapolis	ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 232-2000	Office e-mail address (required) sboe_comment@sboe.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:
Dr. David Freitas is currently employed as a Professor at the Indiana University South Bend campus. During the December 4, 2019, business meeting of the Indiana Board of Education ("Board"), the Board was set to discuss and vote to approve a teacher preparation program located at the Indiana University Southeast campus. 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 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 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 vote regarding the teacher preparation program located at the Indiana University Southeast campus 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.)

The Board's ethics officer routinely reviews all materials 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

Date signed (month, day, year)

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

Dr. David Freitas

12/19/19

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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

Timothy Schultz

12/10/19

From: Dr. David Freitas
To: Murphy, Brian (SBOE); Schultz, Timothy A
Subject: Recusal
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1:00:25 PM

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Brian and Tim,

This email confirms my recusal from the vote at our last Board meeting concerning the approval of a Teacher Preparation Program at IU Southeast.

David

Dr. David Freitas
Indian State Board of Education