



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
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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 (<i>last</i>) Freitas	Name (<i>first</i>) David	Name (<i>middle</i>)	
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 December 9, 2020 business meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board"), the Board was scheduled to discuss and vote on recommendations to approve teacher preparation programs located at one of Indiana University's regional campuses (identified below). Participants in these programs are required to pay tuition to Indiana University, Dr. Freitas's employer, in order to attend the program.

Indiana Code Sec. 4-2-6-9 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's employment with Indiana University South Bend, he recused himself from the discussion and vote regarding the approval of the teacher preparation program at the Indiana University East campus, as his employer Indiana University, 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 material before it is 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 <i>Dr. David Freitas</i>	Date signed (month, day, year) 12/17/20
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Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee
Dr. David 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 <i>Chad E. Ranney</i>	Date signed (month, day, year) 12/17/20
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Printed full name of ethics officer
Chad E. Ranney

Ranney, Chad E

From: Ranney, Chad E
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 9:35 AM
To: David Freitas
Cc: Murphy, Brian (SBOE)
Subject: Recusal from Vote 12/9/20 - Indiana University East

Good morning, Dr. Freitas,

I've just finished reviewing the agenda and materials for the December Board meeting, and I wanted to bring a potential conflict of interest to your attention. Due to your employment with Indiana University – South Bend, I recommend recusing yourself from the scheduled vote on the following:

- **New Business – Item c.iv. Teacher Preparation Programs – Indiana University - East**

Please announce your recusal from the vote w/ respect to this item before Mr. Watts introduces New Business Item c. for action.

I'll put together your disclosure form. Once it's completed, I'll send it over for your review and signature. Please let me know if you have any questions about the potential conflict identified above.

Best,

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

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