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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 July 8, 2020, business meeting of the Indiana State board of Education ("Board"), the Board was set to discuss and vote on recommendations to approve teacher preparation programs located at three of Indiana University's regional campuses (identified below). Participants in these programs are required to pay tuition to Indiana University in order to attend the programs.

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 programs at the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis campus, the Indiana University Purdue University Columbus campus, and the Indiana University South Bend campus, as his employer, Indiana University, had a potential financial interest in the outcome of the vote.

From: [Ranney, Chad E](#)
To: Dr.David.Freitas@gmail.com
Cc: [Murphy, Brian \(SBOE\)](#)
Subject: RE: Recusal from Vote 7/8/20 - IUPU Columbus & IU South Bend
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:34:00 PM
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Good evening, Dr. Freitas.

In addition to the two agenda items listed in my original email below, you'll also need to recuse yourself from the consent agenda vote with respect to **Consent Agenda Item H – Extending State Accreditation (Technical): Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis**. My apologies for omitting this potential conflict from my original email.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Chad E. Ranney

General Counsel

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Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:41 PM

To: Dr.David.Freitas@gmail.com
Cc: Murphy, Brian (SBOE) <BMurphy@sboe.IN.gov>
Subject: Recusal from Vote 7/8/20 - IUPU Columbus & IU South Bend

Good afternoon, Dr. Freitas.

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

- **New Business – Action Item B.iv. Indiana University Purdue University – Columbus;** and
- **New Business – Action Item B.v. Indiana University – South Bend**

Please announce your recusal from these votes prior to Mr. Watts introducing them for action.

I'll put together your disclosure form tomorrow. 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 conflicts identified above.

Best,

Chad E. Ranney

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