

INDIANA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING
State Form 56860 (R / 10-15)
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

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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 (last) Mote	Name (first) Kathleen	Name (middle)
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education		Job title Board Member-Vice Chair
Address of office (number and street) 143 West Market Street		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number (317) 232-2000		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) kmote@sboe.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:
Ms. Mote is currently employed with a company known as Project Lead the Way ("PLTW"). PLTW is a non-profit organization headquartered in Indianapolis that provides science, technology, engineering, and math programs nationwide. PLTW creates programs that assist students to develop in-demand, transportable skills—such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, and communication. PLTW provides teachers with professional development and the continual support and resources they need to implement the program with fidelity to the engaging activity, project, and problem-based (APB) instructional design model.

IC 4-2-6-9 (Conflict of economic interest; commission advisory opinions; disclosure statement; written determination) 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.

During the August 7, 2019, Board meeting, an agenda item labeled "B. Amendments to 2019-20 Course Titles and Descriptions" was presented on the Board's consent agenda for a vote. The agenda item includes recommendations from the Office of Career and Technical Education regarding career-technical education courses and related requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. The recommendations included references to courses offered by PLTW. Due to Ms. Mote's affiliation with PLTW, when the Board reached the consent agenda, Ms. Mote recused herself from the vote regarding agenda item "B. Amendments to 2019-20 Course Titles and Descriptions."

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: *Kathleen Mote* Date signed (month, day, year): 8/13/2019

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee: Kathleen Mote

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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: *Timothy Schultz* Date signed (month, day, year): 8/13/19

Printed full name of ethics officer: Timothy Schultz

Schultz, Timothy A

From: Kathleen Mote <kathleenellen.mote@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Schultz, Timothy A; Murphy, Brian (SBOE)
Subject: SBOE 8/7/19 Mote, Kathleen Consent Agenda, Item B Recusal

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Tim and Brian:

Please accept this email as a record of my intent to recuse myself from voting on 8/7/19 SBOE Consent Agenda Item B (“Amendments to 2019-20 Course Titles and Descriptions”).

As the meeting minutes for the 8/7/19 reflect, I so recused myself during the 8/7/19 SBOE Business Meeting.

Best regards,
Katie Mote
Vice Chair, Indiana State Board of Education