



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
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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.

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Describe the conflict of interest:
Mr. Walker is Chairman of The Walker Law Group, P.C. with offices in Chicago, Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Gary, Indiana. Mr. Walker's practice includes representing churches, schools, and government agencies with focuses on real estate and litigation. At this time, The Walker Law Group, P.C. is participating in a lawsuit that also includes Indianapolis Public Schools ("IPS").

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 January 15, 2020, Board meeting, an agenda item labeled "E. School Turnaround: Emma Donnan; Emmerich Manual; Thomas Carr Howe" was presented on the Board's action agenda for discussion and a vote. The agenda item concerns three turnaround academies (see IC 20-31-9 & IC 20-31-9.5) that are part of the IPS school corporation. As the discussion and vote may result in the return of the turnaround academies to IPS control, including the funding associated with the schools, when the Board reached the action item, Mr. Walker abstained from the vote regarding "E. School Turnaround: Emma Donnan; Emmerich Manual; Thomas Carr Howe."

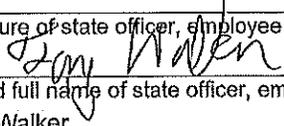
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

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)

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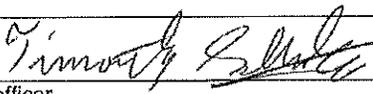
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Tony Walker

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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)

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Printed full name of ethics officer

Timothy Schultz

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Pursuant to guidance I received in a 2012 ethics opinion, I will be abstaining from voting on issues impacting IPS until further notice.

Best regards,
Tony Walker

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