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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
State Form 55060 (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) Walker		Name (first) Tony		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
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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:					
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(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 February 5, 2020, Board meeting, an action item labeled "B. Approval of Career Ladders Grants" was presented to the Board. This agenda item included a potential grant award for IPS, giving IPS had a financial interest in this matter. Due to Mr. Walker's affiliation with The Walker Law Group, the group's participation in a lawsuit that includes IPS, and Mr. Walker's wish to avoid the appearance of impropriety, Mr. Walker did not participate in the discussion or vote when the Board reached this agenda item.					

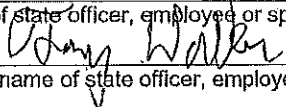
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: *(Attach additional pages as needed.)*

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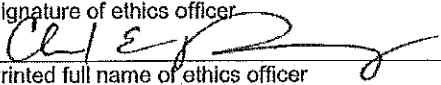
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

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

Chad E. Ranney

**Ranney, Chad E**

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Chad,

Due to a conflict of interest, I recused myself from the vote on Action Item B – Approval of Career Ladders Grants – with respect to IPS, during the February 5, 2020 Board Meeting.

Thanks.

Best regards,

*Tony Walker*



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