



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 (last) Watts	Name (first) Brian	Name (middle) J.
Name of office or agency Indiana State Board of Education		Job title Board Member-Chair
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Describe the conflict of interest:
 Mr. Watts is currently employed as the Executive Director of Opportunities through Partnerships that Transform & Inspire, which is affiliated with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation ("EVSC"). The OptIN program is a college and career readiness program that partners with local business and community agencies. The OptIN program provides a unique approach to increase future career and engagement opportunities for EVSC students.

IC 4-2-6-9 (Conflict of economic interest; commission advisory opinions; disclosure statement; written determinations) 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, director, a member, a trustee, a partner, or an employee.

During the November 6, 2019, Board meeting, an agenda item labeled "D. Common School Loans" was presented on the Board's consent agenda for a vote. This agenda item included, among others, a recommendation to approve a Common School Loan Advancement for Construction and Technology Programs for EVSC. Due to Mr. Watts' affiliation with EVSC, when the Board reached the consent agenda, Mr. Watts recused himself from the vote regarding agenda item "G. School Technology Advances." from the vote regarding agenda item "D. Common School Loans."

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)



11-10-19

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


Brian J. Watts

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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)



11/6/19

Printed full name of ethics officer

Timothy A. Schultz

From: [Watts, BJ](#)
To: [Murphy, Brian \(SBOE\)](#); [Schultz, Timothy A](#)
Subject: Consent E. for 11/6 meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:52:35 AM

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I will be removing myself from the vote on Consent E. Common School loans. The EVSC is receiving a loan. Thank You and please let me know if you have any questions.

B. J.

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Thank you,

B. J. Watts

OptIN Executive Director

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"I've always believed you hire character and train skill" Lori Greiner

