

## Nebraska Children's Commission

### Conflict Disclosure Statement and Policy against Private Benefit

#### Purpose:

1. To ensure that the Nebraska Children's Commission is governed exclusively for the purposes of achieving its vision statement ("To improve the safety and well-being of all children and families in Nebraska"),
2. To achieve transparency, and
3. To provide context for the statements, positions, and votes of each member.

#### Policy:

1. No member of the Commission or any member of a committee of the Commission created pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4203 shall have any private financial interest, profit, or benefit from any work of such Commission and/or committee.
2. Each member of the Commission shall provide a brief, written statement of conflict, as per the Structure Workgroup Memo.

#### Procedure:

1. **Who is covered by the Policy against Private Benefits?**
  - a. Members of the Commission, whether ex officio or voting members, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4202 (6), and members of any Committee created pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-4203.
2. **What is to be disclosed in the Conflict Disclosure Statement?**
  - a. Any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. A member could have a conflict of interest if they are faced with taking an action or making a decision in the capacity of Commission member which could result in a financial benefit or detriment to the member or an outcome that is likely to be directly adverse or favorable to the interest of the member's employer.
3. **When should I file a Conflict Disclosure Statement?**
  - a. Each member should file a Conflict Disclosure Statement annually. Members should file an updated Conflict Disclosure Statement when the member experiences a significant change in circumstances that would render the information in the member's statement inaccurate or incomplete.

**4. Who will collect and retain my conflict of interest statement?**

- a. The Conflict of Interest Statement will be collected by Commission staff and retained, either in paper or electronic form, at the Commission's administrative office.

**5. Can my conflict of interest statement be disclosed to someone outside of the Commission?**

- a. Yes, your conflict disclosure statement is a public record and can be disclosed according to the provisions in the Nebraska Public Records Law.

**6. Can this statement prevent me from voting?**

- a. This statement is not necessarily intended to prohibit any member from voting. Refraining from a vote is at the individual discretion of each member. Members should consider any actual, potential, or perceived conflict and the statutory prohibition against private benefit in arriving at their decision.

**7. Can this statement prevent me from participating in a discussion?**

- a. No, this statement is not intended to prohibit any member from engaging in discussion in any way. This statement will provide transparency and context for participation in discussions.

**8. What should I do if I believe a member has not disclosed all conflicts of interest, or has a private financial interest, profit, or benefit from the work of the Commission or a Committee?**

- a. You should inform the Commission Chairperson to resolve the matter.

**Nebraska Children’s Commission**  
**Conflict Disclosure Statement**

1. Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Member Position on Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Voting Status

\_\_\_ I am a voting member of the Nebraska Children’s Commission

\_\_\_ I am an ex-officio member of the Nebraska Children’s Commission

4. I am currently an officer, partner, employee, Board member, trustee, or committee member (please indicate which) of the following organizations (use additional sheets if necessary):

Organization	Role

5. Please describe any additional potential conflicts of interest below (use additional sheets if necessary):

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**I have received and carefully read the Conflict Disclosure Statement and Policy against Private Benefit of the Nebraska Children’s Commission. By signing this Conflict Disclosure Statement, I hereby affirm that I understand and agree to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy. I affirm that I have made a complete and accurate disclosure of any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. I also agree to file an updated conflict of interest statement if I experience a change in circumstances that renders the information contained in this statement incomplete or inaccurate. I further understand and affirm that I shall not have any private financial interest, profit or benefit from the Nebraska Children’s Commission or any of its Committees.**

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**Commission Member Signature**

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**Date**