

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 [Governance and Organizational Structure 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.

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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):

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.

Commission Member Signature

Date