

Agenda Item

Review, consider, and take all necessary action to designate law firm(s) who are authorized to provide the school district with legal counsel.

Motion

I move that the board designate the firm of KSB School Law as the attorneys authorized to provide the school district with legal counsel.

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 11 th Floor, State Capitol P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT	POSTMARK DATE	
		MICROFILM NUMBER	
NADC FORM C-2A (Village, City, School Officials Except Omaha and Lincoln Officials)		OFFICE USE ONLY	
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 3			

- An official of a village or city holding elective office or an official of a school district holding elective office must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.
- **Officials of the cities of Lincoln and Omaha** holding elective office with a potential conflict of interest **should not use this form.** Use Form C-2.
- This form should be filed with the person who normally keeps records for the school district, city or village. **There is no requirement to file this form with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.**
- Persons who fail to disclose a potential conflict of interest or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
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Name _____ Telephone No. _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE City STATE ZIP CODE

ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY (City, Village, School), ADDRESS AND PHONE
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Your Title _____ Agency _____

Agency Address _____

Agency Phone _____

ITEM 3	DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN DETAIL (Use Item 6 Continuation, if necessary)
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Date action is to be taken or decision is to be made: _____

Description of Potential Conflict:

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

You

Member of your Immediate Family: _____
NAME

Business With Which You

Are Associated (See Definitions) _____
NAME OF BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

ITEM 6 CONTINUATION

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

General Information - Filing Requirements

I. What is a Potential Conflict of Interest? - A public official has a potential conflict of interest if he or she is faced with taking an official action or making an official decision which may result in a financial benefit or a financial detriment to the public official; a member of his or her immediate family; or a business with which he or she is associated. The financial effect of the action or decision must be distinguishable from the financial effect on the general public or a broad segment of it.

II. Who Must File:

- A. An official of a city or village holding elective office who has a potential conflict of interest. An official of the cities of Lincoln or Omaha holding elective office who has a potential conflict of interest should not file this form, but instead should use Form C-2.
- B. An official of a school district holding elective office who has a potential conflict of interest.
- C. An elective office is a public office normally filled by an election. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in a public office normally filled by election holds an elective office.

III. When and Where to File:

- A. This form should be filed as soon as the person holding elective office is aware that he or she may have a potential conflict of interest and prior to the time that the action is to be taken or the decision made.

- B. This form should be filed with the person who normally keeps records for the governing body of the official holding elective office. For example, the person who keeps records for a city or village may be the city clerk or village clerk. **This form does not need to be filed with the Commission.**
- C. The person filing the form should abstain from participating in or voting on the matter in which he or she has a potential conflict of interest. However, if the person wants an opinion from the Commission as to whether he or she has an actual conflict of interest requiring abstention or non-participation, he or she may send a copy of the form to the Commission along with request for an opinion.

Disclosure of Contractual Interests by Local Officers. If you are a local elected official disclosing an interest in a contract or an open account in which a local governing body on which you serve is a party, use NADC Form C-3, Contractual Interest Statement.

Disclosure of the Employment of Immediate Family Members. If you are disclosing the employment of an immediate family member, use NADC Form C-4, Employment of Immediate Family Members Disclosure Statement.

Definitions

Immediate family shall mean a child residing in your household, your spouse or an individual claimed by you or your spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

Business shall mean any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint-stock company, receivership, trust, activity, or entity. NOTE: The definition includes for profit and non-profit entities.

Business with which you are associated shall mean a business: (1) of which you are the sole proprietor; (2) or in which you are a partner, director, or officer; (3) or in which you or a member of your immediate family is a stockholder of closed corporation stock worth \$1,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than a 5 percent equity interest, or is a stockholder of publicly traded stock worth \$10,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than a 10 percent equity interest.

Elective office shall mean a public office filled by an election, except for federal offices. A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy in a public office which is ordinarily elective holds an elective office.

Person means a business, individual, proprietorship, firm partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, labor organization, company, corporation, association, committee, or any other organization or group of persons acting jointly.

Statutory Authority: Section 49-1499.03 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

ITEM 4 | **NATURE AND EXTENT OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CONTRACT AND AMOUNT OF CONTRACT (Use ITEM 5, CONTINUATION, if necessary)**

ITEM 5 | **CONTINUATION**

(Signature)

(Date)

General Information - Filing Requirements

I. Who Must File:

A local officer with an interest in a contract to which his or her governing body or anyone for its benefit is a party must disclose the interest on the record of the body responsible for approving the contract, or in writing by filing this form.

II When to File:

An officer must declare his or her interest in a contract and the nature and extent of the interest **prior** to official consideration of the contract. The information concerning the contract listed in ITEM 3 of this form must be provided to the person in charge of keeping records of the governing body within 10 days after the contract is signed by both parties.

III. Where to File:

File with the person charged with keeping records for the governing body involved in the contract. For example, members of a County Board of Commissioners file with the County Clerk.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest by State Executive Branch Officials, Employees, and Others required to file Statements of Financial Interest. If you are disclosing a potential conflict of interest under section 49-1499 of the Accountability Act, use NADC Form C-2, Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

Disclosure of the Employment of Immediate Family Members. If you are disclosing the employment of an immediate family member, use NADC Form C-4, Employment of Immediate Family Members Disclosure Statement.

Officer means a member of the board of directors of a natural resources district, a member of any board or commission of any county, school district, city or village which spends and administers its own funds, who is dealing with a contract made by such board or commission, and any elected county, school district, educational service unit, city, or village official, and a member of any board of directors or trustees of a district hospital as provided by the Nebraska Local hospital District Act or a county hospital as provided by sections 23-343 to 23-343.19. Officer shall **not** mean volunteer firefighters or ambulance drivers with respect to their duties as firefighters or ambulance drivers.

Governing Body means the board of directors of a natural resources district, the board of supervisors or the board of commissioners of any county, a school district board, the board of an educational service unit, the city council of a city, the village board of a village, the board of directors or trustees of a district hospital as provided by the Nebraska Local Hospital District Act, sections 23-343.20 to 23-343.47, or a county hospital as provided by sections 23-343 to 23-343.19, or any board or commission of any county, school district, city or village which spends and administers its own funds.

An officer has an **interest** in a contract when the officer or his or her spouse, parent, or child: (a) has a business association as defined in sections 49-1408 and 49-14,103.01(5) with the business involved in the contract, or (b) will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of the contract. An officer interested in a contract with his or her governing body may not: (1) vote on the matter of granting the contract, or (2) act for the governing body as to inspection or performance under the contract.

An **open account** established for the benefit of any governing body with a business in which an officer has an interest is considered a contract subject to disclosure requirements.

For purposes of contractual interest conflicts, as covered by section 49-14,103.01, ownership of less than five percent of the outstanding shares of a corporation shall not constitute an interest subject to disclosure.

Receiving deposits, cashing checks, and buying and selling warrants and bonds of indebtedness of a governing body by a financial institution is **not** considered a contract.

Any governing body as defined below may prohibit officers from having an interest in contracts over a specific dollar amount. A governing body may also exempt from disclosure requirements contracts for one hundred dollars or less in which an officer of the body has an interest.

Definitions

Business means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust, activity or entity.

Business with which you are associated means a business: (1) in which you are a partner, director or officer; or (2) in which you or a member of your immediate family is a stockholder of closed corporation stock worth \$1,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than a 5 percent equity interest, or is a stockholder of publicly traded stock worth \$10,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than a 10 percent equity interest.

For purposes of contractual interest conflicts, as covered by section 49-14,103.01, ownership of less than five percent of the outstanding shares of a corporation shall not constitute an interest subject to disclosure.

Statutory Authority: Section 49-14,103.01 R.S. Supp., 1987, and sections 49-14,103.02 to 49-14,103.07 R.S. Supp., 1986.

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 11 th Floor, State Capitol P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522	EMPLOYMENT OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT NADC FORM C-4	POSTMARK DATE	
		MICROFILM NUMBER	
		OFFICE USE ONLY	
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- Local public officials and employees employing, recommending employment, or supervising the employment of an immediate family member must disclose the employment either in writing or on the record to the governing body employing the immediate family member. **This form should not be used by state officials or employees.**
- File this form or other written disclosure with the person in charge of keeping records for the governing body employing the immediate family member.
- Persons who fail to disclose the employment of immediate family members or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
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Name _____	Telephone No. _____
Last First Middle	
Address _____	_____
STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	City STATE ZIP CODE

ITEM 2	OFFICE OR POSITION, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, TERM OF OFFICE
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Office or Position: _____	Term: _____
Identify City, County or District: _____	
Address: _____	Telephone _____

ITEM 3	MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHOM YOU INTEND TO EMPLOY, RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR SUPERVISE (Use ITEM 5 CONTINUATION, if necessary)
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A. Name _____	Relationship _____
Position _____	Employer _____ (IDENTIFY CITY, COUNTY, OR DISTRICT)
B. Name _____	Relationship _____
Position _____	Employer _____ (IDENTIFY CITY, COUNTY OR DISTRICT)
C. Name _____	Relationship _____
Position _____	Employer _____ (IDENTIFY CITY, COUNTY OR DISTRICT)

ITEM 4 | FOR NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

List members of your immediate family who were employed before your election or appointment and who are now employed or supervised by you.

A. Name _____ Relationship _____

Position _____ Employer _____
(IDENTIFY CITY, COUNTY OR DISTRICT)

Date Hired _____

B. Name _____ Relationship _____

Position _____ Employer _____
(IDENTIFY CITY, COUNTY OR DISTRICT)

Date Hired _____

(Use ITEM 5, CONTINUATION, if necessary)

ITEM 5 | CONTINUATION

(Signature)

(Date)

General Information - Filing Requirements

A public official or public employee of a political subdivision may employ, recommend the employment of, or supervise the employment of an immediate family member if:

- 1) he or she does not abuse his or her official position; and
- 2) makes a written disclosure with the person in charge of keeping records for the governing body or a disclosure on the record to the governing body; and
- 3) he or she has first made a reasonable solicitation and consideration of applications for such employment:

NOTE: Examples of abuse of one's position could include, but are not limited to, (1) providing an unreasonably high salary, (2) not requiring the employee to actually perform the duties of his or her position, (3) terminating another employee to make a position available for an immediate family member, (4) hiring an immediate family member who is not qualified to hold the position.

I. Who Must File:

- A. Public officials and employees of political subdivisions employing, recommending employment, or supervising the employment of an immediate family member must make a disclosure to the person in charge of keeping records for the governing body of the entity. Where applicable the disclosure may be made on the record to the governing body of the entity in lieu of a written disclosure.
- B. Public officials and employees who currently employ or supervise an immediate family member(s) employed prior to the election or appointment of the public official or public employee.

II. When to File:

- A. Public officials and employees must file prior to employing, recommending employment, or supervising the employment of an immediate family member.

Governing body means the village board of a village, the city council of a city, the board of commissioners or board of supervisors of a county, the board of directors of a public power district, or any body with the ultimate power to determine the entity's policies and control its activities.

- B. Newly elected or appointed public officials or employees shall file prior to or as soon as reasonably possible after the official date of taking office.

III. Where to File:

This form or other written disclosure should be filed with the person in charge of keeping records for the governing body of the entity served. (i.e., officials and employees of public power districts file with the district office; county officials and employees file with the county clerk; city or village officials or employees file with the city or village clerk; officials and employees of natural resource districts file with the office of the district manager; school district officials and employees file with the district superintendent or secretary of the school board. **Disclosure need not be made to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.**

Disclosure of Contractual Interests by Local Officers. If you are disclosing an interest in a contract to which a local governing body on which you serve is a party, use NADC Form C-3, Contractual Interest Statement.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest by Officials, Employees, and Others Required to file Statements of Financial Interests. If you are disclosing a potential conflict of interest use NADC Form C-2, or NADC Form C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement.

NOTE: This form should not be used by State officials or State employees. See §49-1499.07 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes or contact the Commission.

Definitions

Immediate Family Member means a child residing in an individual's household, a spouse of an individual, or an individual claimed by the public official or employee or his or her spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

Statutory Authority: Section 49-1499.04 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely and without mental reservation or for purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of member of the board of education, according to law, and to the best of my ability. And I do further swear that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence; and that during such time as I am in this position I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence. So help me God.

Board Member Signature

Printed Name

Date

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.