

COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

I. ADOPTION

In compliance with the Political Reform Act of 1974, California Government Code Section 87100, et seq., Community School for Creative Education ("**Charter School**"), a California public charter school operated by The Community School for Creative Education ("**CSCE**"), a California not-for-profit public benefit corporation, hereby adopts this Conflict of Interest Code ("**Code**"), which shall apply to all governing board members and all other designated employees of the Charter School, as specifically required by California Government Code Section 87300.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As applicable to a California public charter school, the definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, specifically California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments or modifications to the Act and regulations are incorporated by reference to this Code.

III. DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

Employees of this Charter School, including governing board members and candidates for election and/or appointment to the governing board, who hold positions that involve the making or participation in the making, of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, shall be "designated employees." The designated positions are listed in [Exhibit A](#) attached to this policy and incorporated by reference herein.

IV. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: FILING

Each designated employee, including governing board members, shall file a Statement of Economic Interest ("Statement") at the time and manner prescribed by California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18730, disclosing reportable investments, interests in real property, business positions, and income required to be reported under the category or categories to which the employee's position is assigned in [Exhibit A](#). An investment, interest in real property or income shall be reportable, if the business entity in which the investment is held, the interest in real property, the business position, or source of income may foreseeably be affected materially by a decision made or participated in by the designated employee by virtue of his or her position. The specific disclosure responsibilities assigned to each position are set forth in [Exhibit B](#).

V. Statements Filed With the Charter School

All Statements shall be supplied by the Charter School. All Statements shall be filed with the Charter School. The Charter School's filing officer shall make and retain a copy of the Statement and forward the original to the County Board of Supervisors.

VI. DISQUALIFICATION

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or try to use his/her official position to influence any Charter School decision which he/she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family.

VI. MANNER OF DISQUALIFICATION

A. Non-Governing Board Member Designated Employees

When a non-Governing Board member designated employee determines that he/she should not make a decision because of a disqualifying interest, he/she should submit a written disclosure of the disqualifying interest to his/her immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall immediately reassign the matter to another

employee and shall forward the disclosure notice to the Charter School Principal, who shall record the employee's disqualification. In the case of a designated employee who is head of an agency, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to his/her appointing authority.

B. Governing Board Member Designated Employees

The Corporation shall not enter into a contract or transaction in which a director directly or indirectly has a material financial interest (nor any other corporation, firm, association, or other entity in which one or more of the Corporation's directors are directors and have a material financial interest).

Where a member of the Board has a personal, material financial interest in a contract, the financial interest will be reviewed by legal counsel under Government Code Section 1090, to determine whether the remote or non-interest exceptions apply. Should the Board and counsel determine that no applicable remote or noninterest exceptions apply, the Board must either: (1) not enter into the contract, as Government Code Section 1090 prevents the entire Board from voting on the contract; or (2) prior to the Board's discussion of and/or taking any action on the contract at issue, the interested Board member must resign from the Board. The resignation shall be made part of the Board's official record.

Approved: October 26, 2015

Amended: September 24, 2020

EXHIBIT A

Designated Positions

| <u>Designated Position</u> | <u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u> |
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| Members of the Governing Board | 1, 2 |
| Chairman of the Board | 1, 2 |
| Vicechair of the Board | 1,2 |
| Treasurer | 1,2 |
| Secretary | 1, 2 |
| Executive Director of Charter School | 1, 2 |
| Deputy Director of Charter School | 1, 2 |
| Principal | 1,2 |
| Dean of School Culture | 3 |
| Office Manager | |
| Consultants/New Positions | * |

*Consultants/New Positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Government Code § 81008).

EXHIBIT B

Disclosure Categories

Category 1 Reporting:

Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

- a. Interests in real property located in whole or in part within two (2) miles of any facility utilized by The Community School for Creative Education, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.
- b. Investments and business positions in business entities, or sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) that engage in the purchase or sale of real property or are engaged in building construction or design.

Category 2 Reporting:

Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

Investments and business positions in business entities or sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) from sources that are contractors engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture or sell supplies, instructional materials, machinery or equipment of the type to be utilized by The Community School for Creative Education.

Category 3 Reporting:

Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

Investments and business positions in business entities or sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) from sources that are contractors engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture or sell supplies, instructional materials, machinery or equipment of the type to be utilized by the designated position's department.