

November 5, 2024"

Clerk of the Board

2024 Local Agency Biennial NoticeName of Agency: California Schools Employee Benefits OrganizationMailing Address: 5189A Verdugo Way, Camarillo, CA 93012Contact Person: Elizabeth Atilano-Melvin Phone No. (805) 383-1969Email: eatilano@vcoe.org Alternate Email: ssegal@vcoe.org

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that (*check one BOX*):

☒ **An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:**

(*Check all that apply.*)

- ☐ Include new positions
- ☐ Revise disclosure categories
- ☐ Revise the titles of existing positions
- ☐ Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- ☒ Other (*describe*) Revise monetary threshold for prohibition on receipt of gifts and donor disqualification, and number of members and alternate members of the Board of Directors.

☐ **The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.**

☐ **No amendment is required.** (If your code is over five years old, amendments may be necessary.)

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.



Signature of Chief Executive Officer

11-4-2024

Date

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2024**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to: **E-Mail to: form700clerk@ventura.org**

or
Mail to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Ventura, CA 93009-1920

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ORGANIZATION

REAFFIRMING ADOPTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE SET FORTH IN 2 CCR SECTION 18730 AND RATIFYING REVISION TO PROHIBITION ON RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND DONOR DISQUALIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, which is codified in Government Code Sections 81000, *et seq.* (the “Act”), prohibits public officials from using their official position to influence governmental decisions in which they have a financial interest; requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes that identify all officials and employees within the agency who make governmental decisions; and provides that all persons in such designated positions must disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency’s conflict of interest code and as otherwise required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 83112, the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) has promulgated certain regulations, set forth in 2 California Code of Regulations (“CCR”) Sections 18104, *et seq.* (the “Regulations”), to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the FPPC adopted 2 CCR Section 18730, which sets forth a model conflict of interest code (“Model Conflict of Interest Code”) that governmental agencies may incorporate by reference along with the designation of the agency’s officials and employees who manage public investments and a list of disclosure categories identifying the types of investments, business entities, sources of income and real property interests that such officials and employees must disclose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of California Schools Employee Benefits Organization (“CSEBO”) has historically incorporated by reference the Model Conflict of Interest Code, inclusive of any amendments thereto, as CSEBO’s conflict of interest code (“CSEBO’s Conflict of Interest Code”); subsequently reconfirmed its adoption of the Model Conflict of Interest Code, inclusive of any amendments thereto; and updated as necessary its lists of designated positions and disclosure categories; and

WHEREAS, the FPPC may amend the Model Conflict of Interest Code from time to time to conform to any amendments to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the FPPC recently amended the Model Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, CSEBO would like to reaffirm its adoption of the Model Conflict of Interest Code, inclusive of any amendments thereto, as CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Model Conflict of Interest Code, CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code includes an Appendix comprised of a document referred to as Exhibit "A," which lists CSEBO's officials who manage public investments and must disclose their economic interests and designates the filing officer for each such official, and a document referred to as Exhibit "B," which lists the disclosure categories for each official; and

WHEREAS, CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code does not currently require any updates to its list of designated positions as set forth on Exhibit "A" or the disclosure categories defined on Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code requires substantive amendments to the monetary threshold for the prohibition on receipt of gifts, which has been raised to \$590, and for donor disqualification, which has been raised to \$590, in accordance with the amendments to 2 CCR Section 18730(b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E); and that CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code warranted certain minor proofreading edits; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice was due to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County by October 1, 2024, but there were no regularly scheduled meetings of CSEBO's Board between the time that CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code review was completed and the deadline for submitting the notice; and

WHEREAS, CSEBO's legal counsel recommended that CSEBO timely submit the 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice and related documentation reaffirming CSEBO's adoption of the Model Conflict of Interest Code; indicating that the monetary threshold for the prohibition on receipt of gifts and donor disqualification has been raised to \$590; and making certain minor proofreading edits to CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code, with subsequent ratification by CSEBO's Board; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director approved legal counsel's recommended course of action and accordingly, CSEBO's 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice and related documentation were submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County on November 4, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby ratifies the submission to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County the requisite 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice and related documentation indicating that the monetary threshold for the prohibition on receipt of gifts

and donor disqualification has been raised to \$590; and making certain minor proofreading edits to CSEBO's Conflict of Interest Code. A redline version of the Model Conflict of Interest Code (as set forth in 2 CCR Section 18730 and as recently amended by the FPPC) and the Appendix (with Exhibit "A," which lists CSEBO's officials who manage public investments and must disclose their economic interests, and designates the filing officer for each official, and Exhibit "B," which lists the disclosure categories for each official) are attached hereto as Attachment "1." A clean version of the Model Conflict of Interest Code and Appendix are attached hereto as Attachment "2." Attachments 1 and 2 are incorporated herein by reference.

3. The Board hereby delegates authority to the Executive Director, or her designee, and CSEBO's legal counsel, to take any other action necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

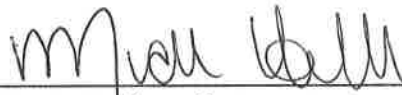
APPROVED AND PENDING RATIFICATION by the Board of CSEBO on 27th day of February, 2025 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board by the following roll call votes:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Michele Hellewell, President



Todd McWherter, Secretary

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ORGANIZATION
(Amended as of September __, 2024)**

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 81000, *et seq.*) (the “Act”) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission (the “FPPC”) has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code Regs., § 18730) which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency’s code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the FPPC to conform to amendments in the Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the FPPC are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the California Schools Employee Benefits Organization (“CSEBO”).

The Executive Assistant shall serve as the Filing Officer for CSEBO’s designated employees and consultants. The Executive Assistant shall retain the original statements filed by CSEBO’s designated employees and consultants and make those statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours. (Gov. Code, § 81008.) The Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors shall serve as the Filing Officer for the Executive Director and members of CSEBO’s Board of Directors. The Executive Director and members of the Board of Directors may file their original statements of economic interest directly with the Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. Alternatively, the Executive Director and members of the Board of Directors may file their original statements with the Executive Assistant, who will maintain copies of said statements and forward the originals to the Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. (Gov. Code, § 81008.)

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations)

§ 18730. Provisions of Conflict of Interest Codes.

(a) Incorporation by reference of the terms of this regulation along with the designation of employees and the formulation of disclosure categories in the Appendix referred to below constitute the adoption and promulgation of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Section 87300 or the amendment of a conflict of interest code within the meaning of Section 87306 if the terms of this regulation are substituted for terms of a conflict of interest code already in effect. A code so amended or adopted and promulgated requires the reporting of reportable items in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000, *et seq.* The requirements of a conflict of interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Section 87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.

(b) The terms of a conflict of interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:

(1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Regulations 18110, *et seq.*), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict of interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in the Appendix are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on economic interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories. This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Section 87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 87200, *et seq.* In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict of interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

(A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;

(B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Section 87200; and

(C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.¹

Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in the Appendix specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in his or her statement of economic interests those economic interests he or she has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which he or she is assigned in the Appendix. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories are the kinds of economic interests which he or she foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of his or her office.

(4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing. The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict of interest code.²

(5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.

(A) Initial Statements. All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.

(B) Assuming Office Statements. All persons assuming designated positions after the effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

(C) Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1. If a person reports for military service as defined in the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, the deadline for the annual statement of economic interests is 30 days following his or her return to office, provided the person, or someone authorized to represent the person's interests, notifies the filing officer in writing prior to the applicable filing deadline that he or she is subject to that federal statute and is unable to meet the applicable deadline, and provides the filing officer verification of his or her military status.

(D) Leaving Office Statements. All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.

(5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of

notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided he or she did not make or participate in the making of, or use his or her position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of his or her appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

(A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:

1. File a written resignation with the appointing power; and
2. File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation he or she did not make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.

(6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.

(A) Contents of Initial Statements. Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements. Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Annual Statements. Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later, or for a board or commission member subject to Section 87302.6, the day after the closing date of the most recent statement filed by the member pursuant to Regulation 18754.

(D) Contents of Leaving Office Statements. Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure. When an investment or an interest in real property³ is required to be reported,⁴ the statement shall contain the following:

1. A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
3. The address or other precise location of the real property;
4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property equals or exceeds \$2,000, exceeds \$10,000, exceeds \$100,000, or exceeds \$1,000,000.

(B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,⁵ the statement shall contain:

1. The name and address of each source of income aggregating \$500 or more in value, or \$50 or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;
2. A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was \$1,000 or less, greater than \$1,000, greater than \$10,000, or greater than \$100,000;
3. A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;
5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.

(C) Business Entity Income Disclosure. When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,⁶ the statement shall contain:

1. The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than \$10,000.

(D) Business Position Disclosure. When business positions are required to be

reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

(E) Acquisition or Disposal During Reporting Period. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.

(8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests.

(B) This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

(C) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(D) This section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Section 89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$590.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$590 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests.

(B) This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

(C) Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the elected officer holds office or over which the elected officer's agency has direction and control.

(B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(C) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.

(D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(E) This section shall not apply to the following:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or candidate for elective office.

2. Loans made by a public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

3. Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed \$500 at any given time.

4. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), no elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date he or she

vacates office, receive a personal loan of \$500 or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of the elected officer.
2. Loans made to the elected officer by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.
3. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this section in the following circumstances:

1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.
2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:
 - a. The date the loan was made.
 - b. The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.
 - c. The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than \$250 during the previous 12 months.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.
2. A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.

3. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.

4. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.

5. A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which he or 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 or on:

(A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth \$2,000 or more;

(B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth \$2,000 or more;

(C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating \$500 or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

(D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or

(E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$590 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

(9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does

not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

(9.5) Section 9.5. Disqualification of State Officers and Employees.

In addition to the general disqualification provisions of section 9, no state administrative official shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official position to influence any governmental decision directly relating to any contract where the state administrative official knows or has reason to know that any party to the contract is a person with whom the state administrative official, or any member of his or her immediate family has, within 12 months prior to the time when the official action is to be taken:

(A) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public, regarding any investment or interest in real property; or

(B) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public regarding the rendering of goods or services totaling in value \$1,000 or more.

(10) Section 10. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest.

When a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying interest.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for his or her agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000-91014. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Section 87100 or 87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Section 91003.

¹ Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements,

provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Section 81004.

² See Section 81010 and Regulation 18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies who make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

³ For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.

⁴ Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$2,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a pro rata share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

⁵ A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

⁶ Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87103(e), 87300-87302, 89501, 89502 and 89503, Government Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 4-2-80 as an emergency; effective upon filing (Register 80, No. 14). Certificate of Compliance included.

2. Editorial correction (Register 80, No. 29).

3. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 1-9-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 2).

4. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(B)1. filed 1-26-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 5).

5. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A) filed 11-10-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 46).

6. Amendment filed 4-13-87; operative 5-13-87 (Register 87, No. 16).

7. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 10-21-88; operative 11-20-88 (Register 88, No. 46).
8. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A) and (b)(8)(B) and numerous editorial changes filed 8-28-90; operative 9-27-90 (Reg. 90, No. 42).
9. Amendment of subsections (b)(3), (b)(8) and renumbering of following subsections and amendment of Note filed 8-7-92; operative 9-7-92 (Register 92, No. 32).
10. Amendment of subsection (b)(5.5) and new subsections (b)(5.5)(A)-(A)(2) filed 2-4-93; operative 2-4-93 (Register 93, No. 6).
11. Change without regulatory effect adopting Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council filed 11-22-93 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 93, No. 48). Approved by Fair Political Practices Commission 9-21-93.
12. Change without regulatory effect redesignating Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council as chapter 62, section 55100 filed 1-4-94 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 1).
13. Editorial correction adding History 11 and 12 and deleting duplicate section number (Register 94, No. 17).
14. Amendment of subsection (b)(8), designation of subsection (b)(8)(A), new subsection (b)(8)(B), and amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(B), (b)(9)(E) and Note filed 3-14-95; operative 3-14-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 11).
15. Editorial correction inserting inadvertently omitted language in footnote 4 (Register 96, No. 13).
16. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A)-(B) and (b)(8.1)(A), repealer of subsection (b)(8.1)(B), and amendment of subsection (b)(12) filed 10-23-96; operative 10-23-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 43).
17. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1) and (9)(E) filed 4-9-97; operative 4-9-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 15).
18. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(B)5., new subsections (b)(8.2)-(b)(8.4)(C) and amendment of Note filed 8-24-98; operative 8-24-98 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 98, No. 35).
19. Editorial correction of subsection (a) (Register 98, No. 47).
20. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 5-11-99; operative 5-11-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 20).
21. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-6-2000; operative 1-1-

2001 pursuant to the 1974 version of Government Code section 11380.2 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18312(d) and (e) (Register 2000, No. 49).

22. Amendment of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(10) filed 1-10-2001; operative 2-1-2001. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 2).

23. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(A)4., (b)(7)(B)1.-2., (b)(8.2)(E)3., (b)(9)(A)-(C) and footnote 4. filed 2-13-2001. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 7).

24. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) filed 1-16-2003; operative 1-1-2003. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2003, No. 3).

25. Editorial correction of History 24 (Register 2003, No. 12).

26. Editorial correction removing extraneous phrase in subsection (b)(9.5)(B) (Register 2004, No. 33).

27. Amendment of subsections (b)(2)-(3), (b)(3)(C), (b)(6)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(9)(E) and (b)(11)-(12) filed 1-4-2005; operative 1-1-2005 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2005, No. 1).

28. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A)4. filed 10-11-2005; operative 11-10-2005 (Register 2005, No. 41).

29. Amendment of subsections (a), (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-18-2006; operative 1-1-2007. Submitted to OAL pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2006, No. 51).

30. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 10-31-2008; operative 11-30-2008. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2008, No. 44).

31. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-15-2010; operative 12-15-2010. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2010, No. 47).

32. Amendment of section heading and subsections (a)-(b)(1), (b)(3)-(4), (b)(5)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) and amendment of footnote 1 filed 1-8-2013; operative 2-7-2013. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2013, No. 2).

33. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(8.2)(E)3. and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-15-2014; operative 1-1-2015 pursuant to section 18312(e)(1)(A), title 2, California Code of Regulations. Submitted to OAL for filing and printing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2014, No. 51).

34. Redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8)(A) as new subsections (b)(8)(B)-(D), amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), redesignation of portions of subsection (b)(8.1)(A) as new subsections (b)(8.1)(B)-(C) and amendment of subsection (b)(9)(E) filed 12-1-2016; operative 12-31-2016 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2016, No. 49).

35. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-12-2018; operative 1-11-2019 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing and printing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2018, No. 50).

36. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(8.1)(A) filed 12-23-2020; operative 1-1-2021 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2020, No. 52).

37. Amendment of subsections (b)(3)(C), (b)(5)(C), (b)(5.5), (b)(5.5)(A)(2), (b)(7)(D), (b)(8)(A), (b)(8.1)(A), (b)(8.2)(A), (b)(8.2)(C)-(D), (b)(8.3)(A), (b)(9), (b)(9.3), (b)(9.5), (b)(10) and (b)(11) and footnote 5 filed 5-12-2021; operative 6-11-2021 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2021, No. 20).

38. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-20-2022; operative 1-19-2023 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2022, No. 51).

APPENDIX

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ORGANIZATION**

(AMENDED AS OF SEPTEMBER __, 2024)

EXHIBIT A

OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to the Act, certain city and county officials, as well as all “other officials who manage public investments,” are required to disclose their economic interests in accordance with the Act. This Appendix provides the relevant definitions for determining which public officials qualify as “other officials who manage public investments,” designates CSEBO’s positions which qualify as such, and states the Filing Officer for each designated position.

APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS

As set forth in 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18701, the following definitions apply for the purposes of Government Code Section 87200:

(1) “Other public officials who manage public investments” means:

(A) Members of boards and commissions, including pension and retirement boards or commissions, or of committees thereof, who exercise responsibility for the management of public investments;

(B) High-level officers and employees of public agencies who exercise primary responsibility for the management of public investments, such as chief or principal investment officers or chief financial managers (this category shall not include officers and employees who work under the supervision of the chief or principal investment officers or the chief financial managers); and

(C) Individuals who, pursuant to a contract with a state or local government agency, perform the same or substantially all the same functions that would otherwise be performed by the public officials described in subdivision (1)(B) above.

(2) “Public investments” means the investment of public moneys in real estate, securities, or other economic interests for the production of revenue or other financial return.

(3) “Public moneys” means all moneys belonging to, received by, or held by, the state, or any city, county, town, district, or public agency therein, or by an officer thereof acting in his or her official capacity, and includes the proceeds of all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness, trust funds held by public pension and retirement systems, deferred compensation funds held for investment by public agencies, and public moneys held by a financial institution under a trust indenture to which a public agency is a party.

(4) “Management of public investments” means the following non-ministerial functions: directing the investment of public moneys; formulating or approving investment policies; approving or establishing guidelines for asset allocations; or approving investment transactions.

Based on the foregoing, the following CSEBO positions and/or consultants qualify as “other officials who manage public investments” and shall file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) pursuant to the Act with the below-designated Filing Officer¹:

NUMBER OF POSITIONS	POSITION TITLE/CONSULTANT	FILING OFFICER
18	Members of the Board of Directors	Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
18	Alternate Members of the Board of Directors	Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Zero	Financial Consultants ²	Executive Assistant

¹ Individuals holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the FPPC for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The FPPC makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Government Code Section 87200.

² The disclosure, if any, required of a consultant will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director or his or her designee. The determination of whether a consultant has disclosure requirements should be made in writing on an FPPC Form 805. The determination should include a description of the consultant’s duties and based upon that description, a statement of the extent, if any, of the disclosure requirements. Each Form 805 is a public record and should be retained for public inspection either in the same manner and location as the Code, or with appropriate documentation at the location where the Code is maintained, cross-referencing to the Form 805.

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>	<u>DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES' TITLE OR FUNCTION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATERGORIES ASSIGNED</u>	<u>FILING OFFICER</u>
18	Members of the Board of Directors	1, 2	Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
18	Alternate Members of the Board of Directors	1, 2	Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
One	Executive Director	1, 2	Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors
One	Controller	3	Executive Asst.
One	Health Benefits Manager	1	Executive Asst.
Zero	Consultant ³	1, 2	Executive Asst.

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EXHIBIT "B"

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of investments, business entities, sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, or real property which the Designated Employee must disclose for each disclosure category to which he or she is assigned.

Category 1: All investments and business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are located in, do business in, or own real property within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Category 2: All interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Category 3: All investments and business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the Authority.

Category 4: All investments and business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the Designated Employee's Department.



**BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SUPERVISORS MATT LAVERE, JEFF GORELL,
KELLY LONG, JANICE S. PARVIN AND VIANEY LOPEZ
December 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

CONSENT – COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE – Receive and File the 2024 Biennial Notices; and Approval of Conflict of Interest Codes for California Schools Employee Benefits Organization, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Port Hueneme Water Agency, Pleasant Valley School District, and the Ventura County Schools Self-Funding Authority.

(X) All Board members are present.

(X) Upon motion of Supervisor LaVere, seconded by Supervisor Lopez, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves the recommendations as stated in the respective Board letters for Consent Items 12 - 43.

By: 
Lori Key
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board