

High Risk Areas:

Indiana State Board & Commission Members

Thank you for your service to the State of Indiana as a board or commission member.

The expertise that you contribute as a board or commission member is invaluable to the function of state government. Board and commission members are special state appointees. As a special state appointee, you are subject to the State's ethics statutes set forth in Ind. Code 4-2-6 and the State's Code of Ethics outlined in 42 IAC 1. While you have already completed your mandatory ethics training, this guide is intended to highlight the top three high risk areas that our office has identified for board and commission members specifically because of your possible affiliations with organizations outside of state government. More information is available at www.in.gov/ig.

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Political Activity (42 IAC 1-5-4)

You cannot engage in political activity, including fundraising, while on duty or in your official capacity as a special state appointee.

You also cannot solicit political contributions *at any time* from persons who have a business relationship with your agency/board/commission or from state employees that you supervise.

Conflict of Interests – Contracts (Ind. Code 4-2-6-10.5)

You cannot have a financial interest in a contract with *any* state agency. If you do have a financial interest, you must ensure compliance with certain requirements before the contract is executed.

You could be fined if you don't comply. Having a financial interest in a contract with the agency you serve could be criminal.

Conflict of Interests – Decisions and Voting (Ind. Code 4-2-6-9)

You cannot participate in decisions or votes or anything related to those decisions or votes if any of the following have a financial interest:

- ◆ You, your spouse or your immediate family member
- ◆ A business in which you serve as an officer, a director, a member, a trustee, a partner or employee
- ◆ A potential employer

You must recuse yourself and disclose any potential conflict.