



**Clerk of the Board  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One  
PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two  
AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three  
EDDIE VALERO  
District Four  
DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** September 1, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Melinda Benton    PHONE: 636-5000		

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Tulare City School District Conflict of Interest Code

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by Tulare City School District.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Political Reform Act, Administered by the State Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC), requires local governmental agencies to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and update it from time-to-time to reflect changes in decision-making positions within the Agency. This includes newly added positions, deleted positions, or changes in the title or decision-making duties assigned to positions. This also includes changes in disclosure categories for designated positions.

In addition, a local government agency is required to conduct a review of its Conflict of Interest Code every even numbered year. A local government agency includes a special district of any kind, school districts, or any local board, committee, commission or agency established by State of Federal statute that has a separate legal status. Pursuant to the Act, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors is the code-reviewing body for all local government agencies whose territorial boundaries are wholly in Tulare County, and has the responsibility to see that such agencies meet conflict of interest code requirements.

A Conflict of Interest Code is designated to cover members of boards, commissions, committees, districts and similar bodies, and administrative employees that make, or participate in making government decisions. The purpose

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of the Code is to prevent such officials from engaging in government decision-making in which the official may have a personal financial interest. Officials designated in an agency's code are required to file a Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to a designated position, upon leaving the position and on a yearly basis while performing the official functions of that position. For this reason, positions designated in the local agency's code must also be assigned a disclosure category. Disclosure categories describe the types of personal financial interests that the official must disclose in his or her Form 700-Statement of Economic Interests.

In June 2020, written notices were sent to all local government agencies within Tulare County of their obligation to conduct a Biennial Review of the agency's Conflict of Interest Code as required by law. By law, the Board of Supervisors must approve all amended or new Conflict of Interest Codes.

The Tulare City School District responded that they have amended their respective Conflict of Interest Codes since 2018 and have provided the County with the necessary supporting documents for review. These amended codes meet the requirements of the Political Reform Act and can be recommended to this Board for approval. Declaration by the representative of this special district confirming compliance with applicable requirements for amending the agency's code are attached for your review.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no County cost associated with this request.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The approval of the Conflict of Interest Codes helps fulfill the Organization Performance initiative by ensuring that the County and the local agencies are in compliance with the law.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Melinda Benton

Melinda Benton, Chief Clerk  
Clerk of the Board

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A- Tulare City School District Conflict of Interest Code

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF )  
TULARE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Approved the amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by Tulare City School District.

# 2020 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Tulare City School District

Mailing Address: 600 N. Cherry, Tulare, CA 93274

Contact Person: Cheri Crook Phone No. (559) 685-7212

Email: ccrook@tcsdk8.org Alternate Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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*) \_\_\_\_\_

**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.)

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## 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.*

  
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Signature of Chief Executive Officer

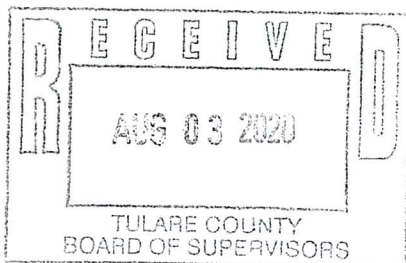
7/22/2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
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, 2020**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**

**Attn: Melinda Benton  
2800 W. Burrel Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291**



**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government Code 87300-87313, requires each public agency in California to adopt a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Tulare City School District has previously adopted a local conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, past and future amendments to the Political Reform Act and implementing regulations may require conforming amendments to be made to the district's conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, a regulation adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, 2 CCR 18730, provides that incorporation by reference of the terms of that regulation, along with an agency-specific appendix designating positions and disclosure categories shall constitute the adoption and amendment of a conflict of interest code in conformance with Government Code 87300 and 87306; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare City School District has recently reviewed its positions, and the duties of each position, and has determined that changes to the current conflict of interest code are necessary; and

WHEREAS, any earlier resolutions, bylaws, and/or appendices containing the district's conflict of interest code shall be rescinded and superseded by this resolution and Appendix; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare City School District Governing Board adopts the following Conflict of Interest Code including its Appendix of Designated Employees and Disclosure Categories.

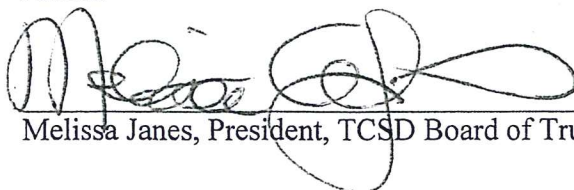
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th day of June, 2020 at a regular meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: Garcia, Henderson, Janes, Enriquez, Epps

NOES: None

ABSENT: N/A

Attest:



Melissa Janes, President, TCSD Board of Trustees

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)**

**Conflict of Interest Code of the  
Tulare City School District**

The provisions of 2 CCR 18730 and any amendments to it adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with the attached Appendix specifying designated positions and disclosure categories, are incorporated by reference and shall constitute the district's conflict of interest code.

Governing Board members and designated employees shall file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 in accordance with the disclosure categories listed in the attached Appendix. The Statement of Economic Interest shall be filed with the district's filing officer and/or, if so required, with the district's code reviewing body. The district's filing officer shall make the statements available for public review and inspection.

**APPENDIX**

**Disclosure Categories**

1. **Category 1:** A person designated Category 1 shall disclose:
  - a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
  - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the district, are contractors or subcontractors which are or have been within the past two years engaged in work or services of the type used by the district, or manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the district.
2. **Category 2:** A person designated Category 2 shall disclose:
  - a. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which are contractors or subcontractors engaged in work or services of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs.
  - b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** (continued)

3. **Full Disclosure:** Because it has been determined that the district's Board members and/or Superintendent "manage public investments," they and other persons designated for "full disclosure" shall disclose, in accordance with Government Code 87200:
- a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries, or of any land owned or used by the district.
  - b. Investments, business positions, and sources of income, including gifts, loans, and travel payments.

**Designated Positions**

<u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Disclosure Category</u>
Governing Board Members	1,2,3
Superintendent of Schools	1,2,3
Assistant Superintendent (Business)	1,2,3
Assistant Superintendent (Curriculum)	1,2,3
Assistant Superintendent (Personnel)	1,2,3
Assistant Superintendent (Student Svcs.)	1,2,3
Director (Progress & Performance)	2
Director I (Information Systems)	2
Director I (Child Welfare and Safety)	2
Administrator (Early Childhood Education)	2
Administrator (Prof. Dev./Instr. Serv.)	2
Administrator (Psych. Services/Special Ed.)	2
Director II (Bilingual)	2
Director II (Health Services & Programs)	2
Coordinator (Maint., Const. & Grounds)	2
Coordinator I (Business)	2
School Principal	2
Coordinator III (Nutrition Services)	2
Supervisor I (Child Welfare & Attendance)	2
Supervisor I (Custodians & Grounds)	2
Supervisor I (Nutrition Services)	2
Supervisor I (Safety and Security)	2
Administrator (Maint. and Operations)	2
Administrator (Trans. and Operations)	2
Manager (Transportation)	2

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)**

**Disclosures for Consultants**

Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

A consultant is an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, makes a governmental decision whether to: (2 CCR 18700.3)

1. Approve a rate, rule, or regulation
2. Adopt or enforce a law
3. Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement
4. Authorize the district to enter into, modify, or renew a contract that requires district approval
5. Grant district approval to a contract that requires district approval and in which the district is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract
6. Grant district approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item
7. Adopt or grant district approval of district policies, standards, or guidelines

A consultant is also an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, serves in a staff capacity with the district and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in 2 CCR 18704, subsections (a) and (b), or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the district that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the district's conflict of interest code. (2 CCR 18700.3)

Update: June 30, 2020

Update: January 28, 2020

Update: February 12, 2019

Update: October 23, 2018

Update: January 23, 2018

Update: June 27, 2017

Update: January 24, 2017

Exhibit

Adopted: September 27, 2016

**TULARE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Tulare, California