

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ISLIP INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING AND
ADOPTING A **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF
THE PAAA AND THE ACT, AS AMENDED AND
APPROVING THE FORM, SUBSTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 47 of the Laws of 1974 of the State of New York, as the same may be amended from time to time (collectively, the “**Act**”), the Town of Islip Industrial Development Agency (the “**Agency**”) was created with the authority and power, among other things, to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping and furnishing of certain industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreation facilities as authorized by the Act in order to promote and maintain the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of the Town of Islip, New York and of the State of New York and to improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 and the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2009, each as amended from time to time (collectively, the “**PAAA**”), to ensure that New York’s public authorities operate more efficiently, more openly, and with greater accountability; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a conflict of interest policy is to protect the Agency’s interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that could benefit the private interest of a board member or employee of the Agency or could result in a possible excess benefit transaction; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Agency to be more transparent and accountable to the public, the Agency desires to develop a written conflict of interest policy to formally establish the procedures for dealing with conflict of interest situations and assure that the Agency’s interest prevails over personal interests of the Agency’s board members and employees; and

WHEREAS, a Conflict of Interest Policy would permit the Agency to continue to provide financial assistance to various business entities to acquire, locate, construct, renovate, equip and/or expand in the Town of Islip, New York (the “**Town**”), which would generate additional revenues, housing and employment within the Town; and

WHEREAS, to carry out the Agency’s purposes under the PAAA, as amended and the Act, the Agency has the power under the Act to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Agency (a majority of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines:

(a) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(b) Authorizing and adopting the Conflict of Interest Policy will allow the Agency to formally establish the procedures for dealing with conflict of interest situations and assure that the Agency's interest prevails over personal interests of the Agency's board members and employees; and

(c) Authorizing and adopting the Conflict of Interest Policy will allow the Agency to continue to provide financial assistance to various business entities to acquire, locate, construct, renovate, equip and/or expand in the Town, which would generate additional revenues, housing and employment within the Town; and

(d) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy.

(e) The adoption of a stand-alone Conflict of Interest Policy will permit the Agency to maintain stand-alone Conflict of Interest Policy.

Section 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

Section 3. The Agency is hereby authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Exhibit A

TOWN OF ISLIP
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Conflicts of Interest: A conflict of interest is a situation in which the financial, familial, or personal interests of a director or employee come into actual or perceived conflict with their duties and responsibilities with the Town of Islip Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”). Perceived conflicts of interest are situations where there is the appearance that a board member and/or employee can personally benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity, or where a board member or employee may be influenced to act in a manner that does not represent the best interests of the Agency. The perception of a conflict may occur if circumstances would suggest to a reasonable person that a board member may have a conflict. The appearance of a conflict and an actual conflict should be treated in the same manner for the purposes of this Policy.

Board members and employees must conduct themselves at all times in a manner that avoids any appearance that they can be improperly or unduly influenced, that they could be affected by the position of or relationship with any other party, or that they are acting in violation of their public trust. While it is not possible to describe or anticipate all the circumstances that might involve a conflict of interest, a conflict of interest typically arises whenever a director or employee has or will have:

- A financial or personal interest in any person, firm, corporation or association which has or will have a transaction, agreement or any other arrangement in which the Agency participates.
- The ability to use his or her position, confidential information or the assets of the Agency, to his or her personal advantage.
- Solicited or accepted a gift of any amount under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him/her, or could reasonably be expected to influence him/her, in the performance of his/her official duties or was intended as a reward for any action on his/her part.
- Any other circumstance that may or appear to make it difficult for the board member or employee to exercise independent judgment and properly exercise his or her official duties.

Outside Employment of Agency’s Employees: No employee may engage in outside employment if such employment interferes with his/her ability to properly exercise his or her official duties with the Agency.

PROCEDURES

Duty to Disclose: All material facts related to the conflicts of interest (including the nature of the interest and information about the conflicting transaction) shall be disclosed in good faith and in writing to the Governance Committee. Such written disclosure shall be made part of the official record of the proceedings of the Agency.

Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists: The Governance Committee shall advise the individual who appears to have a conflict of interest how to proceed. The Governance Committee should seek guidance from counsel or New York State agencies, such as the Authorities Budget Office, State Inspector General or the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (“JCOPE”) when dealing with cases where they are unsure of what to do.

Recusal and Abstention: No board member or employee may participate in any decision or take any official action with respect to any matter requiring the exercise of discretion, including discussing the matter and voting, when he or she knows or has reason to know that the action could confer a direct or indirect financial or material benefit on himself or herself, a relative, or any organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest. Board members and employees must recuse themselves from deliberations, votes, or internal discussion on matters relating to any organization, entity or individual where their impartiality in the deliberation or vote might be reasonably questioned, and are prohibited from attempting to influence other board members or employees in the deliberation and voting on the matter.

Records of Conflicts of Interest: The minutes of the Agency’s meetings during which a perceived or actual conflict of interest is disclosed or discussed shall reflect the name of the interested person, the nature of the conflict, and a description of how the conflict was resolved.

Reporting of Violations: Board members and employees should promptly report any violations of this policy to Executive Officer or counsel to the Agency.

Adopted January 14, 2020