



YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

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TO: YPI Charter Schools
Board of Directors

FROM: Yvette King-Berg
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to adopt revised Conflict of Interest Policy

BACKGROUND

SB 126 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 5, 2019. The bill was authored by State Senator Connie Leyva and supported in the Assembly by State Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell. The law requires charter school governing boards to comply with the same laws that traditional schools follow. The law took effect on January 1, 2020.

ANALYSIS

Education Code section 47604.1 provides that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. It also prescribes specific rules regarding meeting locations and meeting content. Education Code section 47604.1 clarifies that the California Public Records Act applies to both charter schools and entities managing charter schools. It also clarifies that the California Public Records Act applies to both charter schools and entities managing charter schools. Finally, the new law subjects charter schools and entities managing charter schools to both Government Code section 1090 and the Political Reform Act of 1974. This means that charter school officials may not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity. They must comply with all conflict prohibitions and reporting requirements of the Political Reform Act and must adopt a conflict of interest code. Wayne Strumpf, an attorney at Young, Minney and Corr, working in conjunction with Don Garcia, and now Ani Abrahamjan, from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (LACBOS), revised our Conflict of Interest Policy to better align the policy with current requirements, which includes approval by the County Board of Supervisors. The "panel memo" was approved on consent at the December 8, 2020 meeting of the LACBOS. (The revised Conflict of Interest Policy and memo regarding the action of the LACBOS are included here.) YPICS has also annually submitted Form 700 filings for all board members and any employees with decision-making authority, and we will continue to follow this practice. This year, the Form 700 documents for the Board and the Executive Director will be sent to the LACBOS as well as to LAUSD. YPICS Agenda – 2/01/21 All administrators, selected managers with purchasing authority, administrators and coordinators will file with LAUSD only, as in past years.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of YPI Charter Schools adopt the revised Conflict of Interest Policy for YPICS (Bert Corona Charter High School, Bert Corona Charter Middle School, and Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School).