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702 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define what constitutes a conflict of interest with the Aurora Charter School Board (ACS or the School). This policy also establishes that no conflict of interests may exist between ACS, ACS Board members, the Audubon Center of the North Woods (ACNW) and the ACNW Board members. In addition, this policy establishes that no conflict of interest may exist between potential vendors and ACS board members.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

2.1. An individual is prohibited from serving as a member of the ACS board of directors if the individual, an immediate family member, or the individual's partner is a full or part owner or principal with a for-profit or nonprofit entity or independent contractor with whom the ACS contracts, directly or indirectly, for professional services, goods, or facilities. An individual is prohibited from serving as an ACS Board member if an immediate family member is an employee of the school. A violation of this prohibition renders a contract voidable at the option of the commissioner or the ACS Board of directors. A member of the ACS board of directors who violates this prohibition is individually liable to the charter school for any damage caused by the violation.

2.2. No employee, officer, or school board member of the Aurora Charter School Board shall participate in the selection or in the award or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:

2.2.1. The employee, officer or board member has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

2.2.2. Any member of his immediate family has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

2.2.3. His or her partner or spouse has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

2.2.4. An organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

2.3. A violation of this prohibition renders the contract void.

2.4. Aurora Charter School's officers, employees or board members will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub agreements.

2.5. Any employee, agent, or board member of the authorizer who participates in the initial review, approval, ongoing oversight, evaluation, or the charter renewal or nonrenewal process or decision is ineligible to serve on the board of directors of ACS.

2.6. An individual may serve as a member of the board of directors if no conflict of interest exists.

Legal References

Minn. Stat. §124D.10 Subd. 4a (Charter Schools)