

State of Nebraska

Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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February 19, 2025

Elizabeth Butler
11745 S. 111th Street
Papillion, NE 68046

Re: C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Dear Ms. Butler,

This will acknowledge receipt of a C-2A, Potential Conflict of Interest Statement ("Statement"), which you filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission ("NADC") on Friday, February 7, 2025. This will also acknowledge our phone call of Monday, February 10, 2025.

You are a School Board Member serving on the Board of the Papillion-La Vista School District ("Board"). On Monday, February 10, 2025, a vote was to be taken by the Board with respect to awarding a contract for construction of the Portal Elementary School Project ("Project").

You note that your husband assisted in the design of the Project through a firm for which he works called Alvine Engineering. You further note, in our telephone conversation, that your Husband and Alvine Engineering have already been compensated for their design work, and they are not affiliated with the construction companies who were the subject of the vote on February 10th to build the Project.

Under the terms of §49-1499.03(2) of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("NPADA"), you must file a Statement, as you have done, where you would be required, "to take any action or make any decision" in the discharge of your official duties that, "may cause financial benefit or detriment to [you], a member of your immediate family, or a business with which [you are] associated."

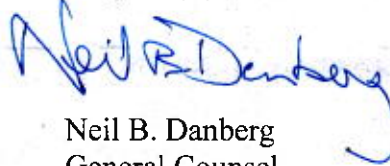
Your Husband has already been paid for his design work, and he is not affiliated with the firms who were the subject of the Board vote on February 10th to award a construction contract for building the Project. We conclude that you did not have a conflict of interest with respect to voting on February 10th with respect to the award of the construction contract, and you were able to vote on that subject. We further note that we

communicated this conclusion to you in our telephone conversation on February 10th, which occurred before the Board meeting on that date.

Our opinion in this matter is premised upon the material facts which we have outlined above. If any of these facts are inaccurate or incomplete, please contact us immediately.

Please call me at 402-471-0846 if you have any question concerning this Opinion.

Very truly yours,



Neil B. Danberg
General Counsel

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522 https://nadc.nebraska.gov	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT NADC FORM C-2A	POSTMARK DATE <u>2/07/2025</u>
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		OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIVED FEB 07 2025 NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY and DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 3		

- Any public official of any political subdivision must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest. Additionally, any employee of a political subdivision whose annual salary and benefits exceed \$150,000 must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.
Exception: Public officials required to file a Statement of Financial Interests (Form C-1) should file Form C-2.
- This form should be filed with the person who normally keeps records for the political subdivision. The form may be filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission to request an opinion from the NADC.
- Persons who fail to disclose a potential conflict of interest or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Name	<u>Butler Elizabeth</u>		Telephone No. <u>402-290-0128</u>
	Last	First	Middle
Address	<u>11745 S 111th St.</u>		<u>Papillion NE 68046</u>
	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE		CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY, ADDRESS AND PHONE
Your Title	<u>School Board Member</u> Agency <u>Papillion La Vista School District</u>
Agency Address	<u>420 S Washington Street, Papillion 68046</u>
Agency Phone	<u>402-537-6200</u>

ITEM 3	DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN DETAIL (Use Item 6 Continuation, if necessary)
Date action is to be taken or decision is to be made:	<u>Monday, February 10, 2025</u>
Description of Potential Conflict:	My husband works for Alvine Engineering, that designed the Portal Elementary project. Monday's meeting is a vote to award the bid to a construction company. Can I vote to award a bid to a construction company, if Alvine Engineering worked on the design plans?

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

☐ You

☒ Member of your Immediate Family:

James Butler (husband)

NAME

Business With Which You

☐ Are Associated (See Definitions)

Alvine Engineering

NAME OF BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

ITEM 6 CONTINUATION

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)