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Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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March 5, 2025

Chris Hove
2402 Ridge Road
Lincoln, NE 68512

Re: C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Dear Mr. Hove,

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 28, 2025. This will also acknowledge our phone call with you on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

You are a Member of the Board of the Lincoln Airport Authority ("Board"). You are also employed by First National Bank of Omaha ("FNBO"), as Senior Director of Commercial Banking.

On February 27, 2025, the Lincoln Airport Authority Board voted to approve an Agreement between the Board and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Dept. of Intercollegiate Athletics and Playfly Sports Properties. The Agreement, as we understand it, provides for marketing, branding and partnership opportunities tied to Husker Athletics.

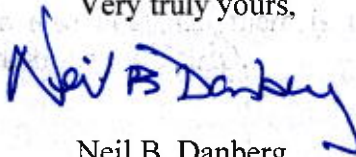
Under the terms of §49-1499.03(2) of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("NPADA"), you must file a Statement, as you have done, where you would be required, "to take any action or make any decision" in the discharge of your official duties that, "may cause financial benefit or detriment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

The Agreement in question does not provide any financial benefit or detriment to you, or a member of your immediate family. §49-1408 of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act defines the term, "business with which you are associated," to mean, generally partners, officers, directors, or limited liability company members. Based upon our telephone conversation with you, we conclude that FNBO is not a business with which you are associated. We also note that there is nothing in the contract which provides a financial benefit or detriment to FNBO.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that you did not have a conflict of interest at the time of the vote on the Agreement, as described above. The NADC does not usually address actions or decisions which have already occurred, but in this case, in view of an allegation that there was a conflict of interest at the time you voted, we make an exception to address that allegation.

Thank you for your filing of the subject Statement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil B. Danberg", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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	3/04/2025 EM
		OFFICE USE ONLY	
		RECEIVED MAR 04 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>Have Peter Christian</u> Telephone No. <u>402-525-5888</u> Last First Middle	
Address <u>2402 Ridge Road Lincoln NE 68512</u> STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE City STATE ZIP CODE	

ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY, ADDRESS AND PHONE
Your Title <u>BOARD member</u> Agency <u>Lincoln Airport Authority</u>	
Agency Address <u>P O Box 80407 Lincoln NE 68501</u>	
Agency Phone <u>402 - 458 - 2480</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>2/27/25</u>	
Description of Potential Conflict: At a Lincoln Airport Authority board meeting yesterday I voted on an agreement with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Dept of Intercollegiate Athletics and Playfly Sports Properties to approve a contract for marketing between the Lincoln Airport Authority and Hoster Athletics. Today I	

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT☒ You☐ Member of your Immediate Family: _____

NAME

Business With Which You

☒ Are Associated (See Definitions)

First National Bank

NAME OF BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

Although I work for First National Bank of Omaha, I have no idea how I or FNBO could benefit from me supporting a marketing contract between LAA and UNL athletics. FNBO has signed a similar marketing contract with Husker athletics I assume but I am not privy to that matter. I work for FNBO as a commercial banking officer and have no authority to decide any major marketing decisions (below)

ITEM 6 CONTINUATION

~~I~~ as well as other board members received an email accusing me of a potential conflict of interest in this matter. (email enclosed). I did not feel it was a conflict of interest and I still do not feel it is a conflict of interest. But I want to self report and have Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure determine.

I have been a season ticket holder for many years but have not received any benefit for voting to approve the UNL Athletics/LAA contract.



(SIGNATURE)

2/28/25

(DATE)

[External] Concern Regarding Recently Approved Five-Year Contract with the University of Nebraska

From Steve Glenn <steveg@executivetravel.com>

Date Fri 2/28/2025 11:59 AM

To John Olsson <jolsson@olsson.com>; npopp@lincolnairport.aero <npoppp@lincolnairport.aero>; Hove, Chris <chove@fnbo.com>; cstokes@lincolnairport.aero <cstokes@lincolnairport.aero>; vemlich@lincolnairport.aero <vemlich@lincolnairport.aero>; David Haring <dharing@lincolnairport.com>

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Dear Members of the Lincoln Airport Authority,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recently approved five-year, \$1.6 million marketing contract between the Lincoln Airport and the University of Nebraska's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. While I understand the importance of branding and promotional partnerships, I strongly believe this contract should have been delayed until securing additional airline service was prioritized and achieved.

I have three primary concerns regarding this decision:

1. Securing New Airline Service Should Have Taken Precedence

The Lincoln Airport has long struggled with limited air service, and one of the board's stated primary goals is to attract additional carriers. As Board Member Chris Stokes rightfully pointed out, marketing should come after securing new airline routes—not before. Allocating \$1.6 million towards a branding partnership when the airport's most pressing issue remains insufficient service seems like a misplaced priority. Increasing available flights and destinations should have been the first order of business before committing to this long-term expenditure.

2. Financial Prudence and Resource Allocation

While the contract is funded through airport operations and not property taxes (according to you), all available financial resources should be strategically deployed to directly address Lincoln's core air travel challenges. Rather than spending on marketing with no direct guarantee of increasing air service, those funds could have been better utilized to enhance incentive packages for new airlines, hire additional air service consultants, or improve infrastructure that would make Lincoln a more attractive hub for carriers.

3. Questionable Timing of Approval

The approval process for this contract raises concerns, given that it was initially delayed due to board members expressing discomfort over the lack of review time and a reduced board

presence at a prior meeting. Additionally, with the airport's leadership acknowledging the significant challenges in bringing new air service to Lincoln, it is unclear why such a major financial commitment was made now, rather than waiting for tangible progress in securing additional routes. Prioritizing this expenditure at this time does not align with the critical needs of travelers and businesses who depend on improved airline options from Lincoln.

While branding and marketing have their place in an airport's strategic growth plan, they should complement—not precede—efforts to expand service. I urge the board to reconsider the prioritization of financial commitments moving forward and to focus efforts on securing new airline service first. Lincoln residents and businesses need more flight options above all else, and any financial decision should be made with that fundamental priority in mind.

These types of actions continue to frustrate the business community as well as the taxpayers.

Respectfully,

Steve Glenn

P.S. I also feel that two board members have a conflict of interest and should not have voted on this contract as they are currently doing or have done business with the University. Please review this issue with the State Attorney General's office to see if this is a valid concern.

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Steve Glenn

Chairman and Chief Visionary Officer

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