

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	My duties may require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	PARTICULAR MATTER
Particular matter	Please describe the particular matter.
E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	The list of particular matters are matters handled by the law firm, Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP set forth below and the list is subject to periodic amendment. This disclosure is intended to include any future matter handled by Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP in which the Commonwealth is involved. • Ablordeppey v. Bennett Walsh, et al [Soldier's Home Litigation] - USDC, Case No.: 21-cv-11314-MGM; First Circuit Court of Appeals, Case No.: 22-1833 • Doe, et al v Blouin and DCF, et al - Middlesex Superior Court, Case No.: 1981CV03788 • Downey v. Earl Johnson and Massachusetts Department of State Police - Suffolk Superior Court, Case No.: 18-01875C; Mass Appeals Court, Docket No.: 2022 • Fahey v. Town of Andover and Director of the Division of Unemployment Assistance - Lawrence District Court, Case No.: 2218CV000531 • Fraser v. MBTA, et al - Suffolk Superior Court, Case No.: 2084CV01554 • Frigon, et al v Riley, et al - Suffolk Superior Court, Case No.: 2284CV000344 • Harvey v. Edward J. Dolan, Commissioner of Probation and Office of the Commissioner of Probation - Suffolk Superior Court, Case No.: 2284-02806 • Hurley, et al v Robert Curtis, et al - USDC, Case No.: 22-cv-12167-PBS • Kennedy v. Commonwealth of MA, et al - USDC, Case No.: 22-cv-11152-NMG • Oversen v. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Haydee Martinez, MCAD, Docket No.: 22NEM02255 • Perez v. Wenham and Massachusetts Police Training Commission - MCAD, Docket No.: 20BEM02420 • Watson v. MBTA, et al - USDC, Case No.: 21-cv-11147 -FDS • Weichel v. Braintree, et al - USDC, Case No.: 20-cv-11456-IT

	Closing soon: Commonwealth of Mass <i>Ex Rel.</i> Mykel Powell, et al v. Holmes (Stoughton), et al - USDC, Case No.: 18-11336 - FDS
Your required participation in the particular matter: E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter. As a general matter, the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel is the person principally responsible for consulting with the Attorney General's Office and managing litigation strategy and decision-making in litigation against the Commonwealth and, where appropriate, approving settlements with litigants. Consequently, the Governor's Chief of Staff generally is not involved in decisions about litigation. Occasionally, however, there may be instances where the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel consults with or advises the Chief of Staff regarding significant litigation matters.
FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER	
Write an X by all that apply.	☐ I have a financial interest in the matter. ☒ My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.
Financial interest in the matter	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it. My spouse, Thomas R. Donohue, is a partner at the law firm Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP ("BHPK"). Accordingly, there are certain cases in which I have or may have a financial interest under G.L. c. 268A, § 6, by virtue of the fact that my spouse is a partner at BHPK. I will be recused and screened from discussing or otherwise participating in decision-making in any matter being handled by BHPK or any of its employees or affiliated attorneys. In addition, the Governor's Office has put appropriate screening measures in place to memorialize my recusal and to prevent the sharing of any confidential information with me. Finally, I will be out of the reporting structure for all aspects of any of the matters handled by BHPK.
Employee signature:	/s/ Kate R. Cook
Date:	January 26, 2023

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION	
Name of Appointing Authority:	Governor Maura T. Healey
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DETERMINATION	
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee. ☒ X I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or ☐ I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or ☐ I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	February <u>1</u> , 2023
Comment:	Appropriate screening measures have been put in place internally to remove Kate from all participation in these matters.

Attach additional pages if necessary.

File copy with:

State Ethics Commission, One Ashburton Place, Room 619, Boston, MA 02108

