

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

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	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name:	Ben Stone
Title or Position:	Undersecretary of Public Housing & Rental Assistance
State Agency:	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
Agency Address:	100 Cambridge Street, Ste 300, Boston MA
Office Phone:	617-356-5241
Office E-mail:	Ben.stone@mass.gov
	My duties 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 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.	Please describe the particular matter. Specific to Brookline Housing Authority, I am responsible in part for oversight and funding of their state-aided public housing, and from time to time certain approvals, policy decisions related to BHA. There are no specific issues regarding BHA currently before me, but I will be responsible over next four weeks for general policy discussions, funding requests, and guidance affecting all state-aided public housing.
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. I am responsible for, depending on the matter, making policy and funding decisions or recommending them to Secretary Augustus.
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER
Write an X by all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. I have accepted a job offer to be the Executive Director of Brookline Housing Authority, with a start date of March 31 st . I plan to continue working as Undersecretary of Public Housing & Rental Assistance until March 21 st .

Employee signature:	/s/Ben Stone
Date:	February 23, 2025

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Edward Augustus
Title or Position:	Secretary
Agency/Department:	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
Agency Address:	100 Cambridge Street, Ste 300, Boston MA
Office Phone:	
Office E-mail	
	DETERMINATION
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	<p>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.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p>
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	2/25/25
Comment:	<p>Any specific matters related to Brookline Housing Authority, including all reviews, approvals, and communication, will be delegated to Mr. Stone's staff: Fatima Razzaq (PH Capital), Chris Devore (PH Management), and Cecilia Woodworth (MRVP).</p> <p>Mr. Stone, however, may continue to work on all general public housing matters in his remaining 4 weeks with the Executive Office.</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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