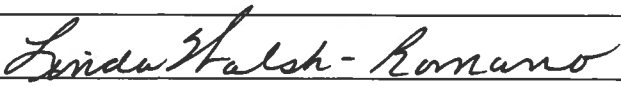


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**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of public employee:	Linda Walsh-Romano
Title or Position:	Special Investigator
Agency/Department:	State Ethics Commission
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Office Phone:	617-371-9512
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Review of resumes for Public Education and Communications Division Chief
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	Applicant screening for Public Education and Communications Division Chief
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I currently work with one of the applicants and I am also a former colleague of a different applicant..
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	I am on the committee who will choose who is invited to an interview.

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	I am not the supervisor or subordinate of the in-house applicant and I do not have a personal relationship with the person outside of work-related events. I do not have a personal relationship with my former colleague. The extent of the relationship was restricted to work-related events when we worked together.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	
Date:	5/22/25

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.