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## Policy on Appellate Conflict of Interest and Statement

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### Policy

It is the policy of The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (“the Commission”) that all persons who serve on a Hearing Panel in connection with an appeal from an action by the Commission to deny or terminate the candidacy or accreditation of an institution be free from any conflict of interest. Accordingly, all such persons will be required to sign the Conflict of Interest Statement, in the form set forth below:

### Conflict of Interest Statement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print name], have been asked to serve on a Hearing Panel for the Commission. I understand that my duties will include reviewing an action of the Commission which resulted in the denial or termination of the candidacy or accreditation of an educational institution. In connection with this task, I have been apprised of the identity of the educational institution, and I declare that I have no conflict of interest of which I am aware that relates to this institution. I understand that this means that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has any financial relationship with this institution, whether by employment or otherwise, and no other relationship with the institution which would impede, in my judgment, my objectivity in deciding the issues before the appeal. It further means that I do not currently serve on the Commission and have not served on any evaluation team, review committee, or any other body, on behalf of the Commission, which was involved the action of the Commission which is being appealed.

I hereby execute this Conflict of Interest Statement under penalty of perjury, on the date and in the county and state, indicated below.

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Signature

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Date

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County and State

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