The following are sample conflict-of-interest policies and questionnaire.

## Conflict-of-Interest Template

## **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY**

All trustees, officers, agents, and employees of XYZ Organization shall disclose all real or perceived conflicts-ofinterest they discover or that have been brought to their attention. A conflict-of-interest occurs when a person is responsible for promoting the interest of XYZ at the same time they are involved in a competing interest (e.g., financial, business, personal, relational).

To disclose a conflict-of-interest, submit a written description of the real or perceived conflict to the Executive Director or designated official. Even though an annual questionnaire shall be distributed as a reminder of the policy and a means for uncovering conflicts-of-interest, disclosure is required at any time a conflict-of-interest occurs. All disclosures will be noted in board minutes.

Any individual who believes they—or an immediate family member—may have a conflict-of-interest, must abstain from the following:

- 1. Participating in discussions or deliberations on the subject of the conflict (other than to present factual information or to answer questions)
- 2. Using personal influence to affect deliberations
- 3. Making motions
- 4. Voting
- 5. Executing agreements
- 6. Taking similar actions on behalf of XYZ from which conflicts-of-interest might pertain by law, agreement, or otherwise

At the discretion of the board, a person with real or perceived conflict-of-interest may be excused from discussion or deliberations on the subject of the conflict. A board member who discloses a real or perceived conflict-of interest may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting in which the conflict is discussed. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the disclosure, the vote, and the individual's abstention from participating and voting.

## **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

I have read the XYZ Conflict-of-Interest Policy and certify that I do not have any relations or interests conflicting with the interests of XYZ Organization. Exceptions are allowed if an individual has a business relationship with a board member (must be disclosed).

I agree to abide by this Conflict-of-Interest Policy.

Print Name: \_

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_

Date: \_

