

## **ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of the Twin Falls Housing Authority is the architect of policy governing the operations of the Authority and retains legal and fiscal responsibility for the Authority. Recognizing that the commissioners are chosen from a broad range of fields and professions and community interests renders difficult the circumscription of external interests and activities of the Commissioners. It is the intent that, insofar as is possible, the members of the Board of Commissioners are generally enjoined to follow the standards of conduct which are outlined in the Code of Ethics for employees. Further, it is expected that a Commissioner will voluntarily and fully outline his or her personal interests and potential conflicts of interest prior to assuming their seat on the board. Such a statement should be submitted to the Board Chairman within ninety (90) days of the Commissioner's appointment. For Commissioners currently serving, such an updated statement shall be developed within ninety (90) days of their re-appointment for a new term. Such a statement shall disclose the following:

- A. The names of any business, organizational, or professional involvements that might reasonably be inferred as having business with the Authority and for which at some point a Commissioner might be expected to vote, legislate, or rule on a matter involving said party.
- B. Any current or past contact in, or interest in, activities or programs of the Authority, including, but not limited to, any contracts previously bid and let, familial relationships with any staff or other board members, or any consultative or professional contracts.
  1. No Commissioner shall vote, decide on, or discuss any matter before the Board if that Commissioner has an interest in the matter, except that:
    - a. A Commissioner having interest through a voluntary association with the person or organization may be allowed to discuss the matter.
    - b. If the matter concerns a person or organization with which the Commissioner had former contact, and that former contact existed either prior to his or her selection, or occurred at least two years prior to the current discussion of the matter, the Commissioner may freely act.
  2. No Commissioner may use his or her position on the Board to intimidate, coerce, persuade or otherwise influence any of the activities or employees of the Authority.