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ETHICS COMMISSION

To: Sean Gorman, State Ethics Director
From: Josh Garrison, Associate Commissioner
Date: November 6, 2023
Subject: Gift Rule Waiver – Ken Sauer

Name of Recipient: Ken Sauer

Title of Recipient: Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item:
Reimbursement for travel expenses (ground transportation, meals not included) to AP Roundtable Meeting in New York, NY

Date of Receipt: 12/7/23

Name of Donor: College Board

Donor's Address: 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: The College Board is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to expand access to higher education through programs like Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP). In addition, College Board is the entity that administers the SAT. The Commission for Higher Education pays a membership fee to College Board. Per the advice of the Inspector General's Office, the Commission paying annual dues to College Board qualifies as a business relationship.

State why acceptance is in the public interest: Indiana high schools are legislatively mandated to offer at least two AP courses. All Indiana public higher education institutions have created equivalencies for AP exams which are displayed on a public-facing database and used to populate the Commission's My College Core tool, which helps students plan postsecondary pathways in high school. This meeting has served for many years to bring peers together to share best practices around AP and CLEP credit policies along with getting updates about the latest information about these programs. It is important that Commission staff is update to date on these policies and practices.


Joshua Garrison
Ethics Officer