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October 10, 2018

The Honorable Dale R. Folwell State Treasurer of North Carolina 3200 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604 Via Email

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Mr. Wilbur T. Brinn, Jr. Treasurer Appointed Member–State Health Plan Board

Dear Treasurer Folwell:

Our office has received Wilbur T. Brinn, Jr.'s 2017 Statement of Economic Interest and 2018 No Change Form as a treasurer appointed member of the **State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees Board of Trustees (the "Board")**. We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Chapter 163A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C.G.S."), also known as the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act (the "Act").

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Mr. Brinn fills the role of a treasurer appointed member on the Board. He has disclosed that his spouse is a self-employed contractor that provides medical record scanning services. As such, Mr. Brinn has a potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues relating to his spouse's business, or her colleagues come before the Board for official action or otherwise seek to conduct business with the Board.

In addition to the conflicts standards noted above, N.C.G.S. § 163A-212 prohibits public servants from accepting gifts, directly or indirectly (1) from anyone in return for being influenced in the discharge of their official responsibilities, (2) from a lobbyist or lobbyist principal, or (3) from a person or entity which is doing or seeking to do business with the public servant's agency, is regulated or controlled by the public servant's agency, or has particular financial interests that may be affected by the public servant's official actions. Exceptions to the gifts restrictions are set out in N.C.G.S. § 163A-212(e).

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 163A-159(c), when an actual or potential conflict of interest is cited by the Board under N.C.G.S. § 163A-189(e) with regard to a public servant sitting on a board, the conflict shall be recorded in the minutes of the applicable board and duly brought to the attention of the membership by the board's chair as often as necessary to remind all members of the conflict and to help ensure compliance with the Act.

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Sincerely,

Nora Harrison

NC Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement

cc: Mr. Wilbur T. Brinn, Jr., Filer Ms. Laura Rowe, Ethics Liaison

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October 11, 2018

The Honorable Tim Moore Speaker of the House of Representatives 16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304 Raleigh, NC 27601-1096 Via Email

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Mr. Peter W. Chauncey

Expert in Health Economics – State Health Plan Board

Dear Speaker Moore:

Our office has received Peter W. Chauncey's 2018 Statement of Economic Interest as a member of the **State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees Board of Trustees ("the Board")**. We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Chapter 163A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C.G.S."), also known as the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act (the "Act").

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Mr. Chauncey fills the role of an Expert in Health Economics on the Board. He is the Principal of PWC Solutions, LLC, a company that provides consulting and management services in health care and wealth management. He is also a consultant for Carolina Complete Health Network, a physician-led health plan that provides Medicaid Services in North Carolina, a board member for WKCC, LLC which is an accountable care organization established to enhance the quality and coordination of health care and a director for Prevention Partners, a nonprofit health/wellness organization. Additionally, he has a financial interest in the following companies which are related to the health care industry: Ventas Inc., A real estate investment company which handles health care real estate, Aetna, a health insurance company, Abbott Laboratories, a health care and pharmaceutical company, Patient Pay, a company that provides billing statements for health care companies and medical providers, and Hatteras Venture Partners, a venture capital company which provides funding to healthcare businesses. Hatteras Venture Partners also owns security or equity interest in GI Therapeutics Inc., a biopharmaceutical company and Clearside Biomedical, a biopharmaceutical company. With such business, financial and employment interests, he has the potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should any of his employment or business interests, or any entity in which he holds a financial interest come before the Board for official action, or otherwise seek to conduct business with the Board.

In addition to the conflicts standards noted above, N.C.G.S. § 163A-212 prohibits public servants from accepting gifts, directly or indirectly (1) from anyone in return for being influenced in the discharge of their official responsibilities, (2) from a lobbyist or lobbyist principal, or (3) from a person or entity which is doing or seeking to do business with the public servant's agency, is regulated or controlled by the public servant's agency, or has particular financial interests that may be affected by the public servant's official actions. Exceptions to the gifts restrictions are set out in N.C.G.S. § 163A-212(e).

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Sincerely,

Nora Harrison, Compliance Analyst

NC Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement

cc: Mr. Peter W. Chauncey, Filer Ms. Laura Rowe, Ethics Liaison

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August 28, 2018

The Honorable Roy A. Cooper, III Governor of North Carolina 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Via Email

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by James Wayne Fish

Prospective Appointee – State Health Plan

Dear Governor Cooper:

Our office has received Mr. James W. Fish's 2018 Statement of Economic Interest as a prospective appointee to the State Health Plan (the "Plan"). We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Chapter 163A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C.G.S."), also known as the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act (the "Act").

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Mr. Fish will fill the role of a At Large member on the Plan. He is a correctional food service manager with the Department of Public Safety and is currently insured by the State Health Plan that he will be administering. As such, he has the potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Johnson, SEI Unit

Lisa S. Johnson

NC Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement

cc: James W. Fish

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October 11, 2018

The Honorable Dale R. Folwell State Treasurer of North Carolina 3200 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604 Via Email

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest
State Health Plan Board

State Health Flan Doard

Dear Mr. Folwell:

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As the Treasurer for the State of North Carolina, you hold an ex-officio role on the Board. You disclosed that you and your spouse own stock in the publicly traded companies Valeant Pharma, a pharmaceutical company and Cynosure, a manufacturer and developer of aesthetic and medical treatment systems which may conduct business with the Board. Additionally, you are a state employee that is also covered under the state health plan that you will be administering. As such, you have a potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of your public duties should any of the companies which you have a financial interest in come before the Board for official action or otherwise seeks to conduct business with the Board.

In addition to the conflicts standards noted above, N.C.G.S. § 163A-212 prohibits public servants from accepting gifts, directly or indirectly (1) from anyone in return for being influenced in the discharge of their official responsibilities, (2) from a lobbyist or lobbyist principal, or (3) from a person or entity which is doing or seeking to do business with the public servant's agency, is regulated or controlled by the public servant's agency, or has particular financial interests that may be affected by the public servant's official actions. Exceptions to the gifts restrictions are set out in N.C.G.S. § 163A-212(e).

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October 11, 2018

Mr. Charles E. Perusse 2921 Lauren Oaks Drive Raleigh, NC 27616 Via Email

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest

State Budget Director, non-voting – NC State Health Plan

Dear Mr. Perusse:

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As the State Budget Director of the Office of State Budget & Management you hold the position of the State Budget Director on the Board which is an ex-officio non-voting position. As a state employee you are also insured by the State Health Plan that you will be administering. As such, you have the potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of your public duties.

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October 9, 2018

The Honorable Dale R. Folwell State Treasurer of North Carolina 3200 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604 Via Email

Re: <u>Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Dr. Peter W. Robie</u> Health Benefits Medical Background Position – State Health Plan Board

Dear Treasurer Folwell:

Our office has received Dr. Peter W. Robie's 2017 and 2018 Statement of Economic Interest as a member of the **State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees Board of Trustees (the "Board")**. We have reviewed them for actual and potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Chapter 163A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C.G.S."), also known as the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act (the "Act").

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Dr. Robie fills the role of a health benefits and medical background position on the Board. He has disclosed that he is a physician and his spouse is a nurse midwife both employed by Wake Forest Baptist Health. Additionally, he has a financial interest in AbbVie, a pharmaceutical research and development company and Abbott Laboratories a pharmaceutical company. As such, Dr. Robie has a potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues relating to Wake Forest Baptist Health, his financial interests or his colleagues, come before the Board for official action or otherwise seek to conduct business with the Board.

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