



As a search committee member for a position in the Tennessee Board of Regents system office, I understand the ultimate success of our search process and the integrity of the system office depend on searches being conducted in an impartial, ethical, and professional manner. I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by the following throughout, and after, my participation with this search.

**Committee Charge**

By signing below, I agree:

- I will fully participate in committee activities, including being on time and prepared for all meetings;
- I will review with diligence all applicants/vita/resumes provided to me; and
- I will listen to the opinions of other search committee members with respect and an open mind.

**Confidentiality Statement**

By signing below, I agree to:

- **Professional Conduct.** Conduct myself in a professional manner throughout the search, both with my interactions with other committee members, applicants, those who may participate in open forums, and anyone who may inquire about the search.
- **Confidentiality of Identity.** Permanently protect the identity of individuals who have expressed interest in applying for this position, including individual qualifications and merits, unless expressly directed otherwise by the search committee chair, the Human Resources department, or the System Office Equity Officer.
- **Confidentiality of Committee Actions.** Maintain absolute confidentiality of the search committee’s deliberations, both during the search process and after its completion. I understand that any breach of confidentiality could result in considerable damage to the reputations and/or livelihoods of the applicants, the search committee members and the System Office.
- **Communications.** Refrain from speaking on behalf of the search committee. I understand only the search committee chair, or their designee, is authorized to speak in this capacity. I will not contact applicants without approval of the search committee chair. If I am contacted by someone who wishes to discuss any confidential aspect of the search, I will refer them to the search committee chair.
- **Conflicts of Interest.** Promptly disclose to the search committee chair any real or potential conflict of interest between myself and any applicant. I understand if such a conflict arises, I may be precluded from continuing on the search committee.
- **Applicant Inquiries and Contact.** Refrain from independently conducting any type of background check or inquiry on an applicant including: conducting any type of online search of applicants (i.e., through the use of *any* Social Media outlet) and asking people who may know an applicant for information or opinions about the applicant. Refrain from accepting/reviewing additional materials, communications, or information from an applicant (or someone who knows the applicant) shared outside of the official vetting process.

I understand that I may be removed from the search committee if I breach any of these terms or fail to act in a professional manner. I also understand that should I be removed from the search committee, all terms of this statement remain applicable and binding.

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Search Committee Member’s Signature

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Today’s Date

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Search Committee Chair/Department

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Search/Date