# Eye Foundation of America (EFA)

## Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form

### Confidentiality

As a member of the Board of Directors, I recognize that I owe a fiduciary duty of care to the Eye Found.

— ation of Arnerica. This includes a duty of confidentiality. All information and documentation that I receive from the EFA and others in connection with my service on the Board will be treated with strict confidentiality. Neither the contents nor the existence of this information or documentation will be shared with anyone other than the officers, directors, employees and authorized agents of the EFA I will direct any questions regarding my confidentiality obligations to the EFA Board President.

#### Conflicts of Interest

As a member of the Board, I recognize that I owe a fiduciary duty of loyalty to the <u>Eye Foundation</u>

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- Board members have a fiduciary duty to conduct themselves without conflicts of interest to the <u>FFA</u>
  In their capacity as Board members, they must subordinate personal, individual, business, third-party,
  and other interests to the welfare and best interests of the
- A conflict of interest is conduct, a transaction or relationship that presents or might conflict with a Board member's obligation owed to the <u>EFA</u> and the Board member's personal, business or other interests.
- 3. All conflicts of interest are not necessarily prohibited or harmful to the <u>EFA</u> However, full disclosure of all actual and potential conflicts, and a determination by the disinterested Board or Executive Committee members with the interested Board member(s) recused from participating in debates and voting on the matter are required.
- 4. All actual and potential conflicts of interest shall be disclosed by Board members to the EFA Executive Committee through the annual disclosure form and/or to the Board whenever a conflict arises. Disinterested members of the EFA Executive Committee shall make a determination as to whether a prohibited conflict exists and what subsequent action is appropriate (if any). The EFA Executive Committee shall inform the Board of such determination and action. The Board shall retain the right to

modify or reverse such determination and action, and shall retain the ultimate enforcement authority with respect to the interpretation and application of this policy.

5. On an annual basis, all Board members shall be provided with a copy of this policy and required to complete and sign the acknowledgement and disclosure form bellow. All completed forms shall be provided to and reviewed by the <u>EFA</u> Executive committee, as well as all other conflict information, if any, provided by Board members.

#### Conflicts of Interest Acknowledgement and Disclosure Form

I have read the conflicts of interest policy set form above and agree to comply fully with its terms and conditions at all times during my service as a <u>FFA</u>Board member. If at any time following the submission of this form I become aware of any actual or potential conflicts of interest, or if the information provided below becomes inaccurate or incomplete, I will promptly notify the <u>FFA</u> Board of Directors in writing.

Disclosure of Actual or Potential Conflicts of Interest:

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I acknowledge and agree that my selection for service on the Board and the opportunities made available to me by serving on the Board constitute good and valuable consideration for entering into this agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge.

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Name:	VK.B	aju,	President	
Date:	12 30	2023		