

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of public employee:	Patrick Hanley
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	In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person. I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	I am the Presiding Officer in the <i>Matter of Gary Shepherd</i> , Commission Adjudicatory Docket No. 25-0008. (The Order to Show Cause was filed in November 2025.) The adjudicatory hearing is scheduled for June 16 and 17, 2026.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	As Presiding Officer, I will be conducting the adjudicatory hearing. After the hearing, I will meet to review and deliberate on the evidence with the members of the Commission and vote on the final decision.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I jointly represent a client with Attorney Thomas Kiley in a Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) matter, which is currently at the confidential stage. The BBO matter had been stayed, but recently Attorney Kiley and I have briefly resumed working together on the matter.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	Attorney Kiley represents the Respondent in the <i>Matter of Gary Shepherd</i> , Commission Adjudicatory Docket No. 25-0008.

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	In representing the same client before the BBO, my relationship with Attorney Kiley is a professional, not personal one, and I believe I can perform my official duties as the Presiding Officer in the <i>Shepherd</i> matter in an objective and fair manner.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. __X__ Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	/s/ Pat Hanley
Date:	May 5, 2026

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.