

PAC Fund Appendix A

Public Review Checklist For Campaign-Finance Readiness, Treasurer Controls, And Firewalls

Field	Public Review Value
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Appendix status	Public-review companion appendix for covenant-member review. Planning and review only. Not formation, legal advice, tax advice, solicitation, fundraising, spending authority, program launch, website authorization, or approval that any fund is active.
Related main plan	Paradise Folk School PAC Fund Business Plan V1 2026 05 31.docx
V8 relationship	Companion appendix under the covenant-member-approved Paradise Folk School Organizational Business Plan V8.
Source of truth	Local DOCX is the source of truth. Any Google Docs copy must carry the same version, date, status, owner, sharing permissions, and sync rule from the approved DOCX; the DOCX controls if there is a conflict.

1. Public Purpose

This appendix helps public readers, covenant members, and reviewers see what must be resolved before Paradise could ever consider a PAC or political committee lane. It does not decide that a PAC should exist.

This appendix is written for public review. It explains guardrails in plain language, but it does not create an entity, authorize fundraising, approve spending, launch a program, certify legal compliance, or replace licensed legal, tax, accounting, campaign-finance, securities, insurance, or safeguarding review.

2. Public Reader Summary

Question	Plain Answer
Is this fund active now?	No. This appendix and the related business plan are planning and review documents only.
Can the public send money now?	No. No contribution, dues, investment, payment, or fundraising pathway is opened by this appendix.
Can website language change now?	No. Website copy requires separate source-of-truth approval after covenant-member review.
Who approves action?	Humans approve formation, publication, spending, voting, outreach, contracts, and public claims. All review is advisory only.

3. What This Fund May Do Later

- Consider lawful candidate-related activity only after campaign-finance counsel, governing approval, treasurer controls, registration, bank/books, reporting, disclaimers, and firewalls exist.
- Maintain PAC records and public reports required by law if a PAC is ever formed.
- Use candidate-risk, conflict, anti-coordination, and public-wording review before any candidate support.

4. What This Fund Cannot Do Now

- Form a PAC, appoint a treasurer, register a committee, solicit contributions, accept contributions, endorse or oppose candidates, or spend money.

- Use nonprofit, 501c4, BenefitAll, school/youth, safeguarding, restricted gift, or cross-lane donor/member resources.
- Coordinate with candidates, campaigns, parties, agents, consultants, or shared vendors.

5. Activation Checklist

Gate	What Must Be True Before Use	Status
Threshold decision	Governing Body decides whether any PAC should exist at all after campaign-finance counsel memo.	Pending
PAC type	Federal, Tennessee/state, local, nonconnected, hybrid, or other structure identified by counsel.	Pending
Treasurer and registration	Treasurer duties, assistant controls if needed, registration forms, committee identifiers, and reporting calendar completed.	Pending
Bank/books	Separate PAC account, donor eligibility checks, contribution limits, refund process, expenditure ledger, and no c3/c4/BenefitAll commingling.	Pending
Anti-coordination	Candidate, campaign, party, consultant, volunteer, staff, and vendor firewall documented.	Pending
Public language	Contribution language, disclaimers, privacy notice, website status, and public summaries approved.	Pending

6. Public Language Rules

Safe Public Wording

- Paradise is planning a possible future PAC lane that would require counsel, registration, treasurer controls, bank/books, reporting, and public wording before any activity.
- No PAC contribution pathway is open unless a later approved PAC document says so.
- Candidate-related activity is future-only and requires separate written approval.

Do Not Say

- Paradise PAC is active.
- Donate to the PAC now.
- Paradise endorses this candidate.
- A nonprofit or 501c4 list can be used for PAC outreach.
- Campaigns may request or direct PAC spending.

7. Bank, Books, Records, And Firewall Controls

Control Area	Public Review Rule
Separate accounts	Each lane needs its own bank account and books before use. No fund may borrow another lane to create public authority.
Approval records	Every future approval must identify owner, lane, amount if money is involved, reviewer, date, status, and public-summary permission.
Public dashboard	Only approved aggregate summaries may appear publicly. Raw ledgers, donor/member data, youth data, incident

	records, legal notes, and private partner notes stay restricted.
Cross-lane support	Any shared staff, brand, vendor, space, technology, data, or overhead requires written cost-sharing and counsel/accounting review before use.
AI tools	AI may help draft and review. Humans approve publication, outreach, money movement, signatures, votes, role assignment, and source-of-truth changes.

8. Safeguarding And Privacy Triggers

- Youth, school, student-record, guardian-consent, background-check, mandatory-reporting, transportation, food, care, health/access, housing, job-placement, property, incident, and whistleblower topics require separate written review before activity.
- No youth, safeguarding, health/access, incident, whistleblower, student, campaign, customer, or raw cross-lane donor/member data may enter public pages, open Google Docs copies, Discord, AI tools, or dashboards.
- Public materials may use only approved aggregate summaries or de-identified examples after privacy review.
- School-related work requires district/school approval, guardian consent where needed, FERPA-aware handling, accessibility review, insurance review, and approved public wording.

9. Open Legal, Accounting, And Professional Questions

1. Should Paradise form any PAC at all?
2. What jurisdiction and PAC type apply?
3. What registration threshold and forms apply under FEC, Tennessee Registry of Election Finance, or local rules?
4. What contribution limits, source bans, donor checks, refund procedures, and record-retention rules apply?
5. What anti-coordination and disclaimer rules apply to digital, mail, event, and website communications?

10. Covenant-Member Review Standard

- PASS means public readers can understand the lane, limits, and approval gates without mistaking the appendix for active authority.
- HOLD means wording is inaccurate, risky, unclear, overpromising, internally inconsistent, or weaker than V8.
- No PASS may be read as legal certification, tax advice, accounting sign-off, securities clearance, campaign-finance clearance, program launch, fundraising permission, or website authorization.

11. Official Reference Points

Topic	Official Source URL
FEC understanding nonconnected PACs	https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/registering-pac/understanding-nonconnected-pacs/
FEC PAC forms	https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/forms/
FEC who can and cannot contribute to PACs	https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/taking-receipts-pac/who-can-and-cant-contribute-nonconnected-pac/
Tennessee Registry of Election Finance	https://www.tn.gov/tref.html