OIG Governance Charter

Minnesota's Office of the Inspector General would adopt this charter as an internal governance instrument under Minnesota Statutes chapter 15E, subject to applicable law, effective dates and agreements.

1. Authority and decision rights

The Inspector General shall exercise independent judgment and report directly to the governor. The IG or an authorized delegate shall control case selection, scope, disposition, findings and release, subject to enacted law. Staff shall document the legal basis and reasons for material decisions and record and escalate attempted interference.

2. Fair process and safeguards

Staff shall disclose actual or apparent conflicts and document recusals, reassignments or safeguards. Access, use and disclosure of data shall follow applicable law and be limited to authorized purposes. Counsel shall review proposed coercive action and sensitive disclosures. Staff shall preserve evidence and provide notice and an opportunity to respond where required. Authorized officials retain responsibility for decisions informed by analytics or AI.

3. Legislative and agency relationships

The Office shall apply written, nonpartisan criteria to requests and retain authority to initiate its own work. Staff shall protect confidential information, honor required referrals and coordinate with the Legislative Auditor and agencies while preserving their respective authorities. Separate advisory work from independent review. Staff who advised on a measure shall recuse from independently reviewing that work.

4. Reporting and accountability

The Office shall make required submissions and publish reports as required by law. Staff shall record the owner, due date and evidence of implementation for each recommendation and test whether the fix works before closing it as verified. The Office shall follow applicable professional standards and cooperate with required external review.

5. Adoption and implementation

Upon adoption, the IG shall issue written delegations and implementing procedures, assign responsibility for compliance, and review the charter when governing law or operating conditions change. The Integrity Ops Guide sets out proposed procedures.

Minnesota Statutes § 15E.10 · § 15E.25 · § 15E.40 · § 15E.50 · § 15E.55