

Decimalytics Institute For Economic Advancement

Advisory Board Oversight

DIEA operates with an Advisory Board composed of respected practitioners, researchers, policy leaders, and industry experts. The Advisory Board provides strategic insight, technical review, and national credibility.

Although advisory in nature, the Board plays a key role in:

- Reviewing research priorities
- Providing methodological guidance
- Strengthening data interpretation
- Enhancing the clarity and accessibility of findings
- Supporting ethical and community centered research practices

All Board members follow a formal Advisory Board Charter that outlines expectations, ethical responsibilities, and conflict of interest requirements.

Research Standards

DIEA follows structured research standards designed to ensure reliability and integrity:

1. Methodological Rigor

We use mixed methods research, economic modeling, applied analysis, and verified data sources to develop each publication. All researchers follow established analytical protocols.

2. Transparency and Documentation

Each report contains clear explanations of data sources, analytical choices, limitations, and assumptions. Transparency strengthens public trust and scholarly credibility.

3. Equity Centered Analysis

We prioritize research that examines economic disparities and structural barriers affecting Black communities and underserved populations. Our findings are grounded in both statistical data and contextual understanding.

4. Practitioner Relevance

Our work translates complex economic information into insights that can be used by community leaders, small businesses, and policymakers.

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Conflict of Interest Commitment

All Advisory Board members, analysts, and contributors are required to disclose potential conflicts of interest. This includes financial relationships, consulting arrangements, or institutional affiliations that may affect objectivity.

DIEA maintains written conflict disclosure policies and updates them annually. Members must recuse themselves from discussions where conflicts exist.

Ethical Research Practices

DIEA follows principles of ethical research including:

- Respectful and responsible use of data
- Confidentiality when required
- Accurate representation of findings
- Avoidance of discriminatory or harmful analysis
- Commitment to community benefit and public understanding

We prioritize methodologies that do not exploit or misrepresent the populations our work seeks to support.

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Quality Assurance and Review

Before publication, each report undergoes a structured review process that includes:

- Internal review by research staff
- Advisory Board review when applicable
- Technical checks for accuracy
- Clarity and accessibility review
- Ethical and equity assessment

This process ensures that each report meets our standards for credibility and public usefulness.

Accountability and Continuous Improvement

DIEA is committed to ongoing improvement in all aspects of research production. We review our governance framework annually to ensure it aligns with best practices in economic research, policy evaluation, and community centered scholarship.

Our commitment to integrity is foundational to our identity. It signals to funders, partners, and the public that DIEA's research can be trusted to inform real world decisions.

Closing Statement

Governance and research integrity guide every aspect of our work. By upholding high academic and ethical standards, DIEA strengthens the national conversation on economic equity and supports communities seeking data driven pathways to growth.