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Thomas,

I've enjoyed reading your articles in the City Pulse. I just read the one on Paula Cunningham and the LCC financial aid disaster. Has the confidentiality agreement between Cunningham and the Board been made public? If not, it should. The public cannot be denied access to such an agreement. I know because I sued my former employer to get 3 "confidential" termination agreements, and I won (see [http://www.mersdirt.com/FOIA\\_lawsuit.html](http://www.mersdirt.com/FOIA_lawsuit.html)).

Granted, there is probably nothing in the agreement we don't know. I imagine it says that the Board agrees to give her a lot of the taxpayers' money and she agrees not to sue. But it needs to be made public if for no other reason than to establish the no public employer can make a "confidential" termination agreement with an employee.

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