

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
December 18, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on December 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe, Shaddock and Shelton present. Absent was Board Member Lavastida. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 13-1777 against Tom Barnett, an employee of Magellan Health Services, for violating Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to proceed with the late fee assessment to be imposed against Mr. Barnett in connection with two (2) outstanding disclosure reports which were due on May 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014 disclosing his salary received from Magellan while the company was financially interested in transactions involving the Business Intelligence Section of the Office of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Hospitals which is the agency of his spouse, Michelle Barnett.

Ms. Whitney Laird (formerly Whitney Kling) appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-494 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against her for filing her disclosure affidavit pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics 13 days late. After hearing from Ms. Laird, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,300 late fee but suspended \$1,050 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30

days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. James Christopher Erny, a member of the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-941 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 79 days late. After hearing from Mr. Erny, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-952 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Wendy Elder Benedetto, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council, District 3, for filing her Amended 2011 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 310 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

Ms. Cheryl Williams Mosley, on behalf of Judge Adrian Adams, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-1090 for a waiver of the four (4) \$2,000 late fees assessed against E. Adrian Adams, a candidate for 24th JDC Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, and the Committee to Elect E. Adrian Adams, Judge, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 340 days late, the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 326 days late, the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 314 days late, and the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 230 days late. After hearing from Ms. Mosley, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the three (3) \$2,000 late fees in connection with the 10-P, the EDE-P and the 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports and declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee

in connection with the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 90 days. If the payment is not received in 90 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1212 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Senator Elbert Lee Guillory, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the October 24, 2015 Election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 36 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the January meeting.

Mr. Terry L. Bell, a member of the Workforce Investment Board #21, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-1185 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Bell, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly and Shaddock and 4 nays by Board Members Blewer, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton, the Board declined to waive the \$350 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G7-G27 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G7-G27, excluding Items G17, G23, G24 and G27, taking the following

action:

Absent requested additional information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-973 regarding whether Earnestine Horn, a member of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District and Cameron Parish Fire Protection District, is required to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1003 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Monroe City School Board issuing nontransferable event passes to school board members and employees of the Monroe City School District, provided the event passes are specifically included within the compensation and benefits owed to them for the performance of their job duties. The Board further advised that the school board should contact the Office of the Attorney General regarding the prohibited use of public funds or property and any other restrictions that may be applicable to this situation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1008 concluding that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Chris Lartigue from performing psychiatric evaluations and providing treatment at the Rayburn Correctional Center, as an independent contractor, within two years of the termination of his employment with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, since Dr. Lartigue performed psychiatric evaluations and provided treatment as an employee of the Department of Corrections.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1026 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Carlos A. Irizarry, Webster Parish Coroner, from the issuance, by him or any deputy coroner, of a Coroner's Emergency Certificate (CEC), since the issuance of a CEC is a transaction involving his agency and part of the operations of the Webster

Parish Coroner's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1118 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Elizabeth West, an environmental scientist for the Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (LELAP) within the Office of Environmental Services of the Department of Environmental Quality, accepting employment with CNS Environmental Consultants, LLC (CNS) to provide assistance as a contract lab assessor or technical expert in assessments of laboratories accredited by bodies other than the LELAP, since she would not be assisting a person in a transaction involving LELAP or one in which she participated as an employee of LELAP.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1121 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Candice L. Baque, Assistant City Clerk for the City of Carencro, from writing articles for Community Chronicles, a privately owned local newspaper, about city events, since as Assistant City Clerk for the City of Carencro, Ms. Baque writes articles about city events as public service announcements. The Board further advised that as long as Community Chronicles does not accept advertisement from or have any other type of business, contractual or financial relationship with the City of Carencro other than the free publication of public service announcements, Ms. Baque would not be prohibited from writing articles which are not related to city events or with any of its functions for Community Chronicles.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1122 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jerry Wyles from selling or installing equipment through his company, Wyles Police Store, to the Department of Public Safety, since his agency is the weights & standards agency within the patrol division of the Louisiana State Police. The Board

further advised that Mr. Wyles would not be prohibited from selling or installing equipment through his company, Wyles Police Store, to other agencies, as long as they do not employ one of his immediate family members.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1156 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Michael Watts, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development, assisting private nonprofit organizations that serve the elderly and persons with disabilities, as an independent consultant, since as an independent contractor assisting with grant applications submitted to DOTD, including the annual application process for the 5310 Program, and advising new organizations receiving FTA funds, Mr. Watts would not be assisting in a transaction in which he participated during his public employment. Additionally, Mr. Watts did not conduct driver training, PASS training, or office safety meetings for private nonprofit organizations for the Public Transportation Section during his public employment.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1164 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jo Ellen Carruth running for and serving as mayor of the Town of Greensburg if her son, Charles Carruth, is serving as a councilman for the town, since Ms. Carruth would not be entering into a transaction with the Town of Greensburg,

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1166 regarding whether the post employment restrictions would prohibit Russell Semon, an employee of the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), from taking a position with Aetna as a remote population health specialist, since Mr. Semon withdrew his name from consideration for the position and the request was moot.

Accepted the proposed disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 15-1172 involving the

employment and supervision of Angela Gullatt, Director of Child Welfare and Human Resources with the Caldwell Parish School System, while her husband, John Gullatt, serves as the Superintendent, since the disqualification plan satisfied the requirements set forth under Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Rules for the Board of Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1175 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Alva See, a member of the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation, also being a member of the Southern Yacht Club.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1179 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Judges for the 23rd JDC of Louisiana from employing Hart Bourque, the former Ascension Parish Clerk of Court, as the Jury Commissioner for the 23rd JDC.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1224 with respect to John Atkins' recent election to the Caddo Parish Commission and his involvement with various business and community activities over the years which involved the Caddo Parish Commission including the New Louisiana Angel Fund, I, LLC, Barksdale Forward, Inc. and Argent Financial Group, Inc. concluding the following: (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Atkins, as a newly elected member of the Caddo Parish Commission, voting on matters involving the Biomedical Research Foundation's (BRF) Entrepreneur Acceleration Program (EAP) funding, since Mr. Atkins has no economic interest in the BRF; (2) Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Atkins from voting on matters involving funding to Barksdale Forward, Inc. from the Caddo Parish Commission, since he serves as the Treasurer of Barksdale, and, (3) Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Atkins, while serving as a

member of the Caddo Parish Commission, from receiving director's fees or any other type of compensation from Argent Financial Group, Inc. or Argent Trust, N.A. at a time when Argent Trust, N.A., has a contractual, financial or business relationship with Caddo Parish. However, he is not prohibited from serving as an uncompensated board member of Argent Financial Group, Inc. under these circumstances. The contract between Argent Trust Company and Caddo Parish is allowed because Mr. Atkins and his immediate family owns less than 25% of Argent Financial Group, Inc. However, as a member of the Caddo Parish Commission, Mr. Atkins must recuse himself from voting on any matters involving Argent Financial Group, Inc. or Argent Trust, N.A. while Argent Trust, N.A. maintains its contract with Caddo Parish.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1226 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Edwin Landry, a former LSU employee, accepting employment with Waterproofing Products, Inc. which will include working on new projects that involve LSU, since he will not be contracting with LSU to provide any service that he previously provided to LSU.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1232 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Alison McCrary, Director of the Community-Police Mediation Program, assisting Community Mediation Services (CMS) of New Orleans by serving as either an uncompensated member of its Board of Directors or as an uncompensated member of an advisory board to provide general advice to guide CMS, since she will not receive any type of payment for her services. The Board further advised that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. McCrary from providing compensated services to CMS as a consultant while CMS has a contract with the City of New Orleans to distribute stipends to



mediators. Ms. McCrary is not be prohibited from providing compensated services to CMS as a consultant to assist with non-profit development, strategy, and creating a process for intake, training, case management, and quality control of future community mediators after the contract between CMS and the City of New Orleans to distribute stipends to mediators comes to an end. As Director of the Community-Police Mediation Program, she recruits, selects, trains and supervises mediators who handle mediations between civilians and police officers as opposed to community mediators who handle mediations between private parties. Therefore, Ms. McCrary is not prohibited from acting as a consultant for CMS regarding community mediations as long as CMS does not enter into any type of business, contractual or financial relationship with her agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1233 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ricky Goff, a member of the Livingston Parish Council, continuing his employment with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Gulf Coast, LLC once it takes over contracts which include certain gambling establishments, since Mr. Goff is not an owner of the company, he will not be the salesman involved with the gaming establishments and he is not engaging in a business activity that is prohibited by La. R.S. 27:96.

Deferred consideration of and instructed the staff to solicit additional information in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1168 regarding whether Glen Crappel, a former Twin Parish Port Commissioner, may enter into a settlement with the Port, within two years after his resignation, to resolve issues or claims against the Port.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion submitted on behalf of Ochsner Health System and Kristy Nichols, the former Commissioner of Administration, in Docket No. 15-1228 regarding the application of the post-employment restrictions set forth in the Code of

Governmental Ethics.

Deferred consideration of and instructed the staff to solicit additional information in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1231 regarding whether Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits West Feliciana Parish from entering into a servitude with MKV Homestead, LLC, while Parish Council Member Heather Howle's mother, Virginia Sheets Reid, owns 37 and one half percent of MKV Homestead, LLC.

Staff Counsel Suzanne Mooney joined the meeting.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1239 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lachesha Wilkerson, an employee of the Department of Justice, accepting complimentary lodging, transportation, and meals from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee to attend an educational seminar in Israel for Southwest Christian Leaders, since the invitation for Ms. Wilkerson to participate in this trip was not influenced in any way by her employment with the Department of Justice and neither AIPAC nor AIEF has a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the Louisiana Department of Justice.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G28-G32 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G28-G32 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1107 by Claudia Rivera, a member of the Stonebridge Property Owners Association, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding her failure to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to

advise Ms. Rivera that she has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1111 by Ronald Kirk Gallien, a member of the Ouachita Expressway Authority, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Gallien that he is not required to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement as a member of the Ouachita Expressway Authority, since the Authority has not met in over 5 years and does not have the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more funds.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1203 by James Townson, former Chief of Police for the Town of Glenmora, in response to notices of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2013 and a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Townson that he has 7 business days to file the required 2013 and 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statements.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1205 by Howard Cannaday, Constable for Ward 2 in Catahoula Parish, in lieu of filing a personal financial disclosure statement in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Cannaday that he has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1206 by Richard Lawrence Abbrecht, Jr., board member of the Encore Academy Charter School, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Abbrecht that he has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 3 personal

financial disclosure statement.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the November 19-20, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 12-2113 regarding Sandra Augustus, a court reporter for Division B of East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, receiving transcript fees to which she was not duly entitled. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Sandra Augustus, a court reporter for Division B of East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her receipt of \$3,456.50 in transcript fees to which she was not duly entitled and that were due and owing the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court and in which Ms. Augustus agrees to pay a fine of \$2,500 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-750 regarding ethics violations by James Lavigne, former mayor of the Town of Pearl River. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which James Lavigne, former Mayor of the Town of Pearl River, agrees that a violation of Sections 1111A, 1112A and 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by participating in the purchase of a washing machine and ring with public funds that he used for his personal use, by having Town maintenance staff pick up garbage at his residence and bring it to the dumpster located at Town Hall during working hours and by authorizing the issuance of bonus/clothing allowance payments to all Town of Pearl River employees, including himself, during the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and in

which Mr. Lavigne agrees to pay a fine of \$2,500.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-886 regarding Dianna Gamboa, an employee of the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson, submitting applications to the Housing Authority to live in one of the Housing Authority complexes. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Dianna Gamboa, an employee of the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson, agrees that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by entering into transactions with the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson through the submission of applications for housing assistance and entering into a dwelling lease with the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson and in which no civil penalty is to be imposed conditioned upon Ms. Gamboa resigning her employment from the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson or terminating her lease with the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson and moving out of the housing complex under the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority of the City of Patterson.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-1389 regarding Mike Butler's companies, Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC, and West Delta Development, LLC, violating Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC and West Delta Development, LLC, owned by Michael Butler, agree that a violation of Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by compensating Plaquemines Parish Councilman Jeff Edgecombe and his company, Edgecombe Construction, for services rendered at a time when Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC, has a contractual relationship with Plaquemines Parish and in which the companies agree to a fine of \$2,500.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 15-1142 and 15-1144, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1140 from Tamara L. Jones of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1230 from Jevella Williamson of a \$320 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1235 from Sharmita S. Rideau of a \$200 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1134 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Lorraine Wimberly, a candidate for Ascension Parish School Board, District 6, Seat A in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1135 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against James Ross, a candidate for 4th Judicial District Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned

upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1136 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Monique Rauls, a candidate for 9th Judicial District Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, and the campaign committee chairman and treasurer, Rose Smith and Bianca Alexander, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1137 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Robert Owsley, a candidate for 10th Judicial District Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, and the campaign chairman and treasurer, Tommy Murchison and Nicole Howard, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1138 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Susan Theall, a candidate for 15th Judicial District Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, and the campaign chairman and treasurer, Stephanie Vanfleet and Mark Shirley, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1141 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Jonathan Johnson, a candidate for Slidell City Council, District A in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 585 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$750 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1143 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against A. D. "Del" Barnes, Jr., a candidate for Justice of the Peace, District 5, St. Charles Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 328 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1207 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Noli C. Guinigundo, a candidate for West Carroll Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1208 for a waiver of the \$180 late fee assessed against Henry Wayne Boyles, a candidate for Caldwell Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing



his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$180 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1209 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Susan Billups Wiley, a candidate for Lincoln Parish School Board, District 1 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 77 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1210 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Kent Denapolis, a candidate for Kenner City Council, District 5 in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 367 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended \$1,700 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1211 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Dwayne Rogers, a candidate for Pineville City Marshal in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 15-1214 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Gregg Stall, a candidate for Lafourche Parish School Board, District 6 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1215 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Brian Willis, a candidate for Iberville Parish School Board, At-Large Seat in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1216 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Herman R. Love, a candidate for Sabine Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1217 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Carlton Parhms, a candidate for Monroe City Court Judge, Division C in the November 4, 2014 election, and the campaign committee chairman and treasurer, Deborah Benton and Tamekia Olive, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded

and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1219 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Rosatina Johnson, a candidate for Baker City School Board, District 3 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 340 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1220 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Thomas J. Capella, a candidate for Jefferson Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 31 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1221 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Sharon Wilson, a candidate for Judge, 14th Judicial District Court in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 27 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1230 for a waiver of the \$80 and \$40 late fees assessed

against Jevella Williamson, a candidate for Ascension Parish School Board, District 1 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-G report 2 days late, and her EDE-G 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$120 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1235 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Sharmita S. Rideau, a candidate for Westlake City Council, Division B in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1236 for a waiver of the \$60 late fee assessed against David Ray Duck, Jr., a candidate for Jackson Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$60 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1237 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Frederick Cramer, a candidate for East Feliciana Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee

conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1142 for a waiver of the \$2,000, \$1,680 and \$600 late fees assessed against Ernest P. Boudreaux, Sr., a candidate for Houma City Marshal, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 49 days late, his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 28 days late and his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$4,280 but suspended \$1,900 with respect to the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report; \$1,580 with respect to the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report; and, \$500 with respect to the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and payable within 30 days.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1144 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Wilfred J. "Will" Langlinais, a candidate for Undecided in a future election, for filing his 2012 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 853 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter to obtain additional information.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists included in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart, excluding Docket No. 15-1223, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1149 from Lauren Chauvin of a \$900 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1222 from Colin Miller of a \$1,050 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1223 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Jeff Applekamp for the late filing of an Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$150 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 15-1147, 15-1185, 15-1188 and 15-1189, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1106 from Kermit Bouillion of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1186 from Columbus Boston of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1190 from Juanita Calhoun of a \$750 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1182 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Billy R. Abrams, a member of the Lafayette Parish Communication Commission, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$250 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1183 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Thomas L. Arnold, Jr., a member of the Mineral and Energy Board, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded

and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1184 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Terrance William Apple, a former member of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1187 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed Ella Palmer Brakefield, a former member of the Pearl River Board of Aldermen, St. Tammany Parish, for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 75 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1191 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Marvin Tracy Johnson, a former member of the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 216 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1192 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Teresa Leann McConthay, a former member of the Workforce Investment Board,

#50, for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$150 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1147 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Daniel Francis Crowley, St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection, District 1, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 56 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1188 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jimmie Lorenzo Brown, a member of the Lake Forest Estates Improvement Association, Orleans Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 203 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1189 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against E. Lee Carter, a former member of the Agricultural Commodities Commission, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 111 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-971 for a waiver of the two (2) \$2,500 late fees assessed against Thomas Barnett, an employee of Magellan Health Services, for filing his 2012 disclosure affidavit pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics 729 days late and



his 2013 disclosure affidavit pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics 364 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$2,500 late fee with respect to the 2012 disclosure affidavit and declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee with respect to the 2013 disclosure affidavit.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on waiver request reconsiderations en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the waiver request reconsiderations, excluding Docket No. 15-748, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-530 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Millie Atkins, a member of the Commerce and Industry Board, for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$400 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-644 to allow Heather M. Cloud, a candidate for Mayor, Village of Turkey Creek, in the February 21, 2015 election, three days additional days to pay a reduced late fee of \$100 assessed for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 54 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board granted Ms. Cloud's request to pay the \$100 late fee on Nov. 12, 2015 rather than Nov. 9, 2015.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-735 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee

assessed against Shelton Cobb, a candidate for Lafayette City Council, District 3, in the October 20, 2007 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee and instructed the staff to offer Mr. Cobb the opportunity to enter into a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-811 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against J. H. "Butch" Racca Jr., a member of the Animal Health Board, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 66 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,500 late fee, since the Board of Animal Health does not have the authority to expend, disburse or invest any money; thus, the members are not required to file Annual personal financial disclosure statements.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-950 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee, of which \$200 was previously suspended, assessed against Joseph E. Williams, a former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Williams never received the Notice of Delinquency.

Chairman Monroe recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 15-748 and vacated the Chair. Vice Chairman Blewer assumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-748 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Donald C. Hodge, Jr., a candidate for Commissioner of Insurance in the October

22, 2011 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$200 late fee but to suspend the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Board Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1144 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Wilfred J. "Will" Langlinais, a candidate for Undecided in a future election, for filing his 2012 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 853 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,000 late fee.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to review the current waiver guidelines and instructed the staff to provide a summary of the current guidelines with a history of the Board's actions and suggestions to assure consistency with future actions. The Chairman advised that the Board meeting would commence at 2:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016 to allow for discussion of this matter.

Ms. Allen requested that the Board members contact her prior to the January 14-15, 2016 meeting to submit recommendations for any legislative changes in connection with the upcoming legislative session.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman