



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
APRIL 7, 2022
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on April 7, 2022 and continue to April 8, 2022.

Executive Session

Consideration of complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Discussion in Executive Session of pending charges against Jeanine Blaney in Docket No. 2016-017.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Willie Scott Woods in Docket No. 2017-1105.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges issued against Linda Musson in Docket No. 2019-580.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Jacolby Octave in Docket No. 2019-852.

Discussion of a lawsuit pending against Joseph Sobol and Crescent City Democratic Association in Docket No. 2020-575.

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APRIL 8, 2022
9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1. Docket No. 21-298**
Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Clerice "Clo" Lacy, a successful candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 41 and 20 days late, respectively.
- G2. Docket No. 21-758**
Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$720 and \$500 campaign finance late fees assessed against Rodney D. Miller, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, Town of Livingston (Pop. 1,877), Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 18 and 13 days late, respectively.
- G3. Docket No. 21-804**
Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephanie Bridges, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.
- G4. Docket No. 21-1068**
Request that the Board waive \$3,000 (Special), \$2,400 (Special), \$3,000 (10P), \$3,000 (10G), \$1,600 (Special), and \$3,000 (40G) campaign finance late fees, totaling \$16,000 assessed against Crescent City Democratic Association, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Joseph R. Sobol, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose three (3) Special (48 Hour) reports and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were fined at 15, 12, 8, and 470 days late. The 10-G and 40-G campaign finance reports have not been filed.
- G5. Docket No. 22-103**
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Heather Evans, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from accepting a part-time position with HYDRIC Wetlands Consultants, LLC ("HYDRIC") while maintaining her employment with the Enforcement Section of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") - Office of Coastal Management ("OCM") - Interagency Affairs & Field Services Division ("IAFSD").

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G6. Docket No. CHART**
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent April 2022 Agenda.
- G7. Docket No. 21-882**
Advisory Opinion request from Paul D. Escott, Assistant City Parish Attorney for Lafayette Consolidated Government, regarding Act 340 of 2021 Regular Session and changes to R.S. 42:1123(34).
- G8. Docket No. 21-988**
Request for approval of a disqualification plan from Fire Chief Michael Kimble, Baton Rouge Fire Department, relative to the employment of brothers, Jared Robertson and Jerome Robertson.
- G9. Docket No. 22-073**
Advisory Opinion request from Nancy Buteau, Clerk for the Village of Loreauville (Pop. 658) in Iberia Parish, regarding the potential hiring of her son

by the Village.

- G10. Docket No. 22-074**
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Louis Trachtman, MD, MPH of the Louisiana Office of Public Health ("OPH") - Tuberculosis Control Program ("TCP"), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from accepting an e-Gift certificate from the Preventive Medicine residency program at Tulane University School of Medicine, while he is a part-time employee of the TCP.
- G11. Docket No. 22-079**
Advisory Opinion from Gary Joynor, on behalf of Jackson Parish Watershed District, as to whether the former president of the District may assist a contractor performing certain services.
- G12. Docket No. 22-080**
Advisory Opinion request from Grisela A. Jackson, as to whether she may serve on the board of New Orleans College Prep Charter School ("NOCP") after her service on the Orleans Parish School Board.
- G13. Docket No. 22-084**
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Michelle Neil, legal counsel for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government ("TPCG") (pop. 109,580) relative to approving a disqualification plan affecting Gregory Harding, an Athletics Program Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, and his minor son, who would like to be hired as a Scorekeeper/Clock Operator.
- G14. Docket No. 22-093**
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Julhelene Jackson, an Assistant District Attorney in the 13th Judicial District, as to whether she can also serve as the City Prosecutor for Ville Platte City Court. Ville Platte (pop. 6,303) is in Evangeline Parish (pop.32,350).
- G15. Docket No. 22-094**
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted Lynn Dias-Button, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from accepting a part-time position with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana ("BCBSLA") while maintaining her employment with the Louisiana Workforce Commission ("LWC") - Unemployment Insurance division ("UI").
- G16. Docket No. 22-095**
Advisory Opinion request of Phillip Jackson, Administrator of the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission, regarding his service on his local HOA Board of Directors.
- G17. Docket No. 22-096**
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") would prohibit Jane Dye from shifting from her full-time position as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Belle Chase Academy (Academy) to a part-time position with the Academy.
- G18. Docket No. 22-112**
Advisory Opinion request from Bradley Mistich as to whether he may provide engineering services to a prospective employer relating to certain transactions with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- G19. Docket No. 22-116**
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Marcus Mitchell, a former employee of

the Shreveport Police Department, relative to whether his company, Toussaint Research Group, LLC can contract to provide services to Blue Line Solutions, LLC, a Tennessee - based company, that is seeking to contract with the City of Shreveport.

Regular Business

- G20.** Docket No. MINUTES
March 2022 Board Minutes
- G21.** Docket No. 20-817
Consideration of Consent Opinions executed by Evan Alford and Robert Alford for violations of La. R.S. 42:1112(B)(1) and La. R.S. 42:1113(B), respectively.
- G22.** Docket No. 21-896
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Glenn Lazard, candidate for City Council Member, District 5, City of Lafayette, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 40-G campaign finance disclosure report.
- G23.** Docket No. 21-1047
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Chris C. Smith, candidate for Mayor, Town of Arcadia (Pop. 2,919), in the 2018 election, for his failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
- G24.** Docket No. 22-024
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for G. Denise Dupree, candidate for Council Member, City of Grambling, in the November 6, 2018 election, for her failure to file a 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.
- G25.** Docket No. 22-070
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Joshua Hajiakbarifini, candidate for State Representative, District 68, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.
- G26.** Docket No. 22-206
Request for an advisory opinion concerning the City Attorney for City of Bossier City entering into a contract with the father of the City's Chief Administrative Officer.
- G27.** Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of proposed legislation introduced for consideration during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session.
- G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Docket No. waiver
April 2022 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-903
1) Request that the Board waive the \$640 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Toby Gambarella, an unsuccessful candidate for Constable, 2nd Justice of the Peace Court, LaFourche Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 16 and 16 days late. 2) Request to waive a \$240, and two (2) \$1,000 totaling \$2,240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Toby Gambarella, in his

capacity as an unsuccessful candidate for Constable, 2nd Justice of the Peace Court, LaFourche Parish in the November 13, 2021, whose 30-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was 6 & 26 days late. The 10-P has not been filed.

Docket No. 21-1031

Request that the Board waive \$120, \$540 and \$480, campaign finance late fees assessed against Orville A. Callahan, an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Houma, Terrebonne Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 2, 9 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-1033

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$600 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$1,200 assessed against Michael Dedon, an unsuccessful candidate for Constable, Justice of the Peace, West Feliciana Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 10 and 15 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-1034

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against Leroy Daniels, in his capacity as an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Bunkie (Pop. 4,171), in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-018

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$6,000 assessed against Markeda Cottonham, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 10, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 163, 142 and 112 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-019

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000, \$780 & \$720 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$3,500 assessed against, Joshua Cathedrale Lewis, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 34, 13 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-020

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael A. McNab, an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward F, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-045

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees totaling \$4,000 assessed against Cyrus Sylvester, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman at Large, Eastern Division, St. Bernard Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 2,093 and 2,064 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-048

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vincent Jemison, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 2, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 22-071

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert Owsley, a successful candidate for City Court Judge, City of Natchitoches (Pop. 18,323), Natchitoches Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-072

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carla Sigler, an unsuccessful candidate for City Court Judge, City of Sulphur (Pop. 20,410), Calcasieu Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-097

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marlin N. Gusman, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, Orleans Parish, in the October 9, 2021 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 92 days late.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 22-100

Request to waive the \$1,350 late fee assessed against Tricia Alexander for filing her 2022 lobbying registration 27 days late.

Docket No. 22-111

Request from Lisa Thiel to waive the \$1,300 late fee assessed against Francis Heitmeier for filing his 2022 lobbying registration 26 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. 22-032

Waiver request submitted by Charles Silbernagel, Metairie Business Development District / Jefferson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 36 days late.

Docket No. 22-033

Waiver request submitted by Phillip David Ridder, Jr., Manufactured Housing Commission, regarding a \$1300 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 26 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 21-462

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against C. Denise Marcelle, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor-President, Metro Council, City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 32 days late.