



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room

JUNE 1, 2023

2:30 PM

617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on June 1, 2023 and continue to June 2, 2023.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Sean Wilson in Docket No. 2021-751.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Keith Schroth in Docket No. 2021-889.

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9:00 AM

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 22-260

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against LA Loggers PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Josh McAllister, and treasurer, Spencer Garr, whose June 2019 Monthly campaign finance reports was filed 5 days late.

G2. Docket No. 22-826

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against William Wallis, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 78th Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

G3. Docket No. 23-140

Waiver request submitted by John Stone "Chip" Coulter, former member of the Workers Compensation Second Injury Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 356 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 121 days late.

G4. Docket No. 23-175

Waiver request submitted by Amber Michele Dugas, Denham Springs City Council (Pop. 9,286) / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 142 days late; a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 days late; and, a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 32 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**G5. Docket No. 23-058**

Withdrawal of an Advisory Opinion request from Erick Knezek regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an individual from serving as a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board while his wife's law firm represents the Lafayette Parish School System.

G6. Docket No. 23-163

Advisory opinion as from Dr. James Hussey, the Medical Director for the Office of Behavioral Health within Department of Health ("LDH"), regarding contract work following his retirement.

G7. Docket No. 23-217

Advisory Opinion, submitted by Isral C. Duke, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from starting a business while maintaining his employment with the Louisiana Office of Technology Services ("OTS").

G8. Docket No. 23-261

Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Leah Hood ("Ms. Hood") may obtain outside employment with the Louisiana Mental Health Association.

G9. Docket No. 23-275

Advisory opinion request concerning Vic Lafont being employed by both the South Louisiana Economic Council and Nicholls State University.

G10. Docket No. 23-289

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Tempest Jackson from being employed as a Housing Specialist with the Patterson Housing Authority.

G11. Docket No. 23-290

Advisory Opinion on behalf of the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation, regarding Board Member Roger Watkins receiving compensation from b1BANK.

G12. Docket No. 23-291

Advisory Opinion, submitted by Bryan James Marie, concerning whether the

Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit various post-employment activities, subsequent to his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ("LDWF").

- G13.** Docket No. 23-312
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a volunteer fireman of the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Co. #1 from being appointed to the Board of Directors for the Fire Company.
- G14.** Docket No. 23-313
Advisory Opinion request from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") related to an employees' outside employment.
- G15.** Docket No. 23-333
Advisory opinion request regarding whether immediate family members working for ADAPT, Inc. are subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.
- G16.** Docket No. 23-335
Advisory Opinion request from John James Clark, President of Amite River Basin Commission ("ARBC"), as to whether he may be employed by ARBC as its Executive Director.
- G17.** Docket No. 23-336
Advisory Opinion, submitted by Md Nazmul Azim Beg, PhD, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits his employment at Michael Baker International.
- G18.** Docket No. 23-337
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") will prohibit a former employee of the Floodplain Management Department of DOTD from assisting an engineer firm in contracts with DOTD.
- G19.** Docket No. 23-344
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dain Gillen, P.E., concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits him from providing professional engineering services, through Neel-Schaffer, Inc. ("NSI"), on the Calcasieu-Sabine Large-Scale Marsh and Hydrologic Restoration Project (State Project No. CS-87) after the termination of his public employment with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA").

Disclosure Reports

- G20.** Docket No. 23-112
Answer submitted by Mary Ann Wiggins, former member of John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission, regarding a failure to amend her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual and failure to file her 2021 Tier 2.1.

Regular Business

- G21.** Docket No. MINUTES
May 2023 Board Minutes
- G22.** Docket No. 19-592
Consent Opinion regarding Alton McClinton, former code enforcement inspector for Jefferson Parish, receiving a thing of economic value to ignore zoning violations and falsify inspection reports.
- G23.** Docket No. 21-726
Consent Opinion regarding Lisa Cooper receiving a thing of economic value

from an account belonging to the Cottonport Housing Authority that she was not duly authorized to receive for the performance of her duties.

G24. Docket No. 22-209

Consent Opinion regarding Fernest Martin, City Marshal for the City of Jeanerette (Pop. 4,813) in Iberia Parish.

G25. Docket No. 23-338

Advisory Opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits a former Livingston Parish Council member to be employed by the Parish President's Administration following termination of their term as council member.

G26. Docket No. 23-339

Discussion regarding changes to the Candidate's Report form.

G27. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of proposed legislation introduced for consideration during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 22-528

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jacob Oakley, unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 1st JDC, ES2, Div. 1, Caddo Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P campaign finance report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 22-908

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jesse Garrett Regan, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of Broussard (Pop. 13,417) in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 71 days late.

Docket No. 23-083

Request that the Board waive the \$280, \$320 and \$320 campaign finance late fees assessed against John L. Barthelemy, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Plaquemines Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 8 & 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-230

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenny James Suire, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 4, City of Scott (Pop. 8,119) in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 63 days late.

Docket No. 23-232

Request that the Board waive the \$80.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Danielle Capritto, a successful candidate for Council Member, City of Carencro (Pop. 9,272) in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-239

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 and \$960 for a total of \$2,960 campaign finance late fees assessed against James "Jimmy" Kytile, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, Jefferson Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 36 and 16 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-251

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Betty Washington, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, Calcasieu Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 23-276

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Tyrin Truong, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of Bogalusa (Pop. 10,659), Washington Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, and his committee's chairperson, Kelvin D. May and treasurer, Katera Blackburn, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 23-277

Request that the Board waive the \$80 campaign finance late fee assessed against Willie Washington, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Lincoln Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-278

Request that the Board waive the \$660 and \$600 for a total of \$1,260 campaign finance late fees assessed against James Keith Bates, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, Bienville Parish, in the October 12, 2019, election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11 and 16 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-281

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mike Francis, a successful candidate for Public Service Commissioner, District 4, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 23-283

Request that the Board waive the \$240 and \$1,000 for a total of \$1,240 campaign finance late fees assessed against Arthur Laughlin, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 11, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 26 days late, respectively.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. 22-673

Waiver request submitted by Licia M. Baaheth-Sylvain, former member of the Real Estate Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 67 days late.

Docket No. 23-087

Waiver request submitted by Rickey Adams, Avoyelles Parish School Board, District 7, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-090

Waiver request submitted by Amy Nicole Donarski, former member of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 40 days late.

Docket No. 23-092

Waiver request submitted by Phillip Michael Cavins, Mayor / Turkey Creek (Pop. 394) / Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his

2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 311 days late.

Docket No. 23-093

Waiver request submitted by Willie J. Morgan, Police Juror / District 3 / St. Helena Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 354 days late and regarding a \$500 late fee assessment for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 67 days late.

Docket No. 23-094

Waiver request submitted by T. "Dori" Telsee, candidate for Mayor / Town of Campti (Pop. 887) / Natchitoches Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2021 Tier 3 candidate.

Docket No. 23-095

Waiver request submitted by Ricky LaMar Coleman, Tangipahoa Board of Aldermen (Pop. 425) / Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 173 days late.

Docket No. 23-096

Waiver request submitted by Zachary Daniel "Zack " Howze, Sterlington Board of Aldermen (Pop. 1,980) / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 154 days late.

Docket No. 23-097

Waiver request submitted by James Benedict, former member of the Young Audiences Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 401 days late.

Docket No. 23-098

Waiver request submitted by Richard Allen "Bay" Rhodes, former member of the Gibsland Board of Aldermen (Pop. 773) / Bienville Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 31 days late.

Docket No. 23-106

Waiver request submitted by Alvin B. Cormier, former Constable / Ward 1 / St. Martin, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 476 days late.

Docket No. 23-108

Waiver request submitted by Hollis Conway, former member of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts Board, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 23-109

Waiver request submitted by Doris Alexander, Baker City Council (Pop. 12,455) / District 4 / East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 286 days late.

Docket No. 23-110

Waiver request submitted by Charles "Chuck" Edward Toney, Jr., Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Charter School, regarding a \$125 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

Docket No. 23-111

Waiver request submitted by Eddie Ray Fountain, Sr., Constable / District 1 & 3 / Madison, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 308 days late.

Docket No. 23-141

Waiver request submitted by Earl E. Webb Jr., Constable / District A / Justice of the Peace / Red River Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 351 days late.

Docket No. 23-142

Waiver request submitted by Gaynell C. Young, candidate for the Zachary Community School Board in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 37 days late.

Docket No. 23-154

Waiver request submitted by Richard E. Moore, Jr., Constable / Justice of the Peace Ward 3 / St. Tammany Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 83 days late.

Docket No. 23-155

Waiver request submitted by Earnest Lee Freeman, Avoyelles Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 258 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 46 days late.

Docket No. 23-156

Waiver request submitted by Mark Manda, former member of the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 416 days late.

Docket No. 23-157

Waiver request submitted by Daniel Moore, Constable / District 1 / Webster Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 422 days late.

Docket No. 23-158

Waiver request submitted by Alfonso Norwood, candidate for Mayor / City of Winnsboro (Pop. 4,862) / Franklin Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 343 days late.

Docket No. 23-174

Waiver request submitted by Todd Gerald Chiasson, Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 317 days late.

Docket No. 23-177

Waiver request submitted by Jacob Dustin "Jake" Halley, former member of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 658 days late.

Docket No. 23-178

Waiver request submitted by Robert Roussel, former member of the Port of South Louisiana Commission, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 23-179

Waiver request submitted by Bobby J. Washington, candidate for Constable / Justice of the Peace / Ward 2 / Lincoln Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 candidate pfd 860 days late.

Docket No. 23-181

Waiver request submitted by Paris C. Sumrall, Mayor of Varnado (Pop. 330) /

Washington Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 118 days late.

Docket No. 23-185

Waiver request submitted by Major Charles D. "Chuck" McNeal, Gaming Control Board / Ex-Officio, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 139 days late.

Docket No. 23-191

Waiver request submitted by Gayle D. Fisher, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Second Planning District / Area #20, regarding a \$ 1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 1119 days late.

Docket No. 23-193

Waiver request submitted by Olivia S. Regard, Louisiana State Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 393 days late.

Docket No. 23-194

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Merritt, Jr., Claiborne Parish Police Jury / District 7, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 229 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-099

Waiver request submitted by Keith Anthony Jones, St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 School Board Disclosure 11 days late.

Docket No. 23-100

Waiver request submitted by Edna Mitchell "MaMa" Johnson, St. Martin Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 83 days late.

Docket No. 23-101

Waiver request submitted by Barbara Crain Major, Orleans Parish School Board - Robert Russa Moton Charter School, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 School Board Disclosure 12 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 23-107

Untimely waiver request submitted by Treva Askey, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Seventh Planning District Consortium / Area #70, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.