



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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First Floor - LaBelle Room
AUGUST 3, 2023
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617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on August 3, 2023 and continue to August 4, 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 Charles Abels, III in Docket No. 2019-131.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Terry Hoof, Denise Epps-Hoof, Jimmie Thomas and Floydean White in Docket No. 2021-701.

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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. EABSELC
Appearance by Sabra Matheny, Director of the Division of Administrative Law, to select an administrative law judge to serve as an alternate on the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.
- G2.** Docket No. 21-804

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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.

G3. Docket No. 23-282

Request that the Board waive the \$700 and \$1,300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mark John Shea, a successful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division D, Orleans Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 13 days late, respectively.

G4. Docket No. 23-384

Request that the Board waive the \$1,300 and \$700 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mark John Shea, a successful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division D, Orleans Parish, and his committee's chairperson, Scott P. Shea and treasurer, Erin Stahnke in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 hour) Reports were filed 13 and 7 days late, respectively.

G5. Docket No. 23-582

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana ("PHCCLA") and Jay Huckabee as to the potential applicability of the post-employment restrictions.

G6. Docket No. 23-586

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$3,000 for a total of \$9,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Paula PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Lew Love in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 120, 100 & 70 days late, respectively.

G7. Docket No. 23-589

Request that the Board waive the \$2,600 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA 360 PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Andrew Kolb in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G8. Docket No. 23-118

Advisory Opinion request from Carroll Snyder, Mayor for the Town of Krotz Springs (Pop. 904) in St. Landry Parish, regarding the Town's purchase of property co-owned by the Mayor and Aldermen Larry Martinez, Jr.

G9. Docket No. 23-320

Withdrawal of a Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Kathy Lowrey (General Manager of the Harbor Center), concerning the appointment of a board member to The Harbor Center Board of Commissioners.

G10. Docket No. 23-388

Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request from Dinah Landry, Executive Director of the Cameron Parish Council on Aging and the Community Action Agency, as to her possible candidacy for Cameron Parish Police Jury.

G11. Docket No. 23-409

Withdrawal of advisory opinion request from Melissa Gueldner, former member of the Ponchatoula City Council, regarding a newspaper she owns serving as the official journal for the City of Ponchatoula.

- G12.** Docket No. 23-506
Advisory Opinion request from Sherry Lassere, Assistant to the Executive Counsel for the Governor's Office, regarding her participation in matters involving the HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two ("HAART").
- G13.** Docket No. 23-508
Advisory Opinion request from Parish President Guy McInnis, on behalf of St. Bernard Parish Government, as to whether fire department employees may enter into grass cutting contracts with a different agency within parish government.
- G14.** Docket No. 23-509
Advisory Opinion request from Cynthia Turner, a Transportation Permit Supervisor 2 with the Dept. of Transportation and Development, regarding outside business opportunities as a freight broker/agent.
- G15.** Docket No. 23-510
A Request for Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Aimee L. Badeaux, PhD, Director of Doctoral Studies at Northwestern State University, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Dr. Charles David O'Con from being a guest lecturer while his wife is an assistant professor.
- G16.** Docket No. 23-511
Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Kendra Barnes to continue employment as a Juvenile Detective while her husband serves as Captain of the Criminal Investigation division.
- G17.** Docket No. 23-519
Advisory Opinion request from Earnestine Horn, regarding her son-in-law entering into transactions with the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- G18.** Docket No. 23-521
Advisory Opinion Request from Dr. Shannon LaFargue, Superintendent of Calcasieu Parish School Board, regarding activities by a business owned by a school board member.
- G19.** Docket No. 23-524
A Request for Advisory Opinion, submitted by the City of Kenner City Attorney Michael J. Power, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Michael K. Glaser, Jr. from serving as a Kenner Police Officer while his father is the Mayor of Kenner.
- G20.** Docket No. 23-525
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits the sale of adjudicated property to parish employees.
- G21.** Docket No. 23-533
Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Troy Abshire to serve on the Advisory Board for the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana while serving as Director of Developmental Disabilities for an Local Governmental Entity (LGE).
- G22.** Docket No. 23-534
Advisory Opinion request from Steve Link, member of Livingston Parish School Board, as to whether his wife may be employed by the school board.
- G23.** Docket No. 23-547

Request for approval of purchasing plan for Town of Mamou regarding E&R Pest Control, which is owned by Ernie Deloach, the brother-in-law of Robin Young, a member of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Mamou (Pop. 2,936) in Evangeline Parish.

G24. Docket No. 23-548

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the transfer of property by the Hammond City Council to White Investments, Inc., a company in which Carlee White Gonzales owns 16.67%, pursuant to a contract entered into prior to Carlee White Gonzales being elected to the Hammond City Council.

G25. Docket No. 23-549

Advisory Opinion request from Michelle Neil on behalf of the Houma Restoration District as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits nonprofit organizations from applying to receive funds through the Houma Restoration District.

G26. Docket No. 23-578

Advisory Opinion request from Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration for the City of Hammond, regarding a request for a variance from the Hammond Board of Adjustments.

G27. Docket No. 23-579

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Courtney Brown, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits her company, Fresh Fridge Vending, from contracting with her employer, KIPP New Orleans.

G28. Docket No. 23-580

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Randall Fillmore to accept a position with Magellan Health and support the Louisiana Pharmacy Benefits Manager implementation post his public employment.

Disclosure Reports

G29. Docket No. 23-556

PFD Answer regarding whether members of the St. Tammany Parish Retired Employees' Insurance Fund are required to file Tier 2.1 PFDs pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

G30. Docket No. 23-590

PFD Answer filed by Kevin Dupke, Coroner for Cameron Parish, in response to a NOD received requesting he file his amended 2022 Tier 2 PFD.

G31. Docket No. 23-591

PFD Answer filed Dana Hunter, former member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, in response to a NOD received requesting hse file her 2021 Tier 2.1 PFD.

Regular Business

G32. Docket No. MINUTES

July 2023 Board Minutes

G33. Docket No. 22-051

Consent Opinions regarding Kellee Hennessy Dickerson and Anne "Beth" Jones, Livingston Parish Board Member and Live Oak High School Principal,

respectfully, authorizing payment for the transactions involving Billy Doiron, an employee of Live Oak High School, who entered into transactions with his school.

G34. Docket No. 23-507

Advisory Opinion request from Guy McInnis, St. Bernard Parish President, as to use of campaign finance funds to pay for dry cleaning expenses.

G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 23-165

Request that the Board waive the \$40.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sheila Crosby Wimberly, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 12, Caddo Parish. in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-176

Request that the Board waive the \$960 and \$160 for a total of \$1,120 campaign finance late fees assessed against Chase White, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, Division A, City of Westlake, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 24 and 4 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-512

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dwazendra J. "Dwa" Smith, a successful candidate for District Judge, 15th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. D, Acadia/Lafayette Parishes in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-552

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kert Thomas, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 4, City of Scott, Lafayette Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 23-553

Request that the Board waive a \$440 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dean Savoie, an unsuccessful candidate for Member, Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Div. E in the March 25, 2023 election, whose Special (48Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 23-555

Request that the Board waive the \$440 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marty J. Poche, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 4, St. James Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 23-585

Request that the Board waive the \$1,320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jessie Bellard, a successful candidate for St. Landry Parish President in the March 20, 2021 election and his committee's chairperson, Brandie Bellard, and treasurer, Danian L. Herpin whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 22 days late.

Docket No. 23-587

Request that the Board waive the \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Democracy for LA, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, John Douglas Daigle, and treasurer, Deborah Langhoff whose

2021 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 23-588

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cleco PAC, Cleco Corporation, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Eric Schouest, and treasurer, Melissa Bordelon, whose 2023 January Monthly Report was filed 17 days late.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 23-584

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Crystal Ellis for filing the 2023 lobbying registration 69 days late.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-180

Waiver request submitted by Kofi Darden Hawkins, East Carroll Parish Police Jury / District 2 / East Carroll, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late and regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 23-378

Waiver request submitted by Doyle Wayne Barron, Constable / District 1 / Sabine Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 23-379

Waiver request submitted by Gordon Smith Jr., Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 383 days late.

Docket No. 23-380

Waiver request submitted by David K. Jarreau, former member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 615 days late.

Docket No. 23-381

Waiver request submitted by Shana Marie Freeman, Constable / Ward 4 / Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 25 days late.

Docket No. 23-382

Waiver request submitted by Joe Campbell, candidate for Chief of Police / Town of Lake Providence / East Carroll Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 176 days late.

Docket No. 23-383

Waiver request submitted by Richard Dunmore, candidate for Chief of Police / Town of Newellton / Tensas Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 23-397

Waiver request submitted by LaShonda Michele Watts, former member of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Facility Administrators, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 362 days late.

Docket No. 23-413

Waiver request submitted by Nicole Finkbeiner, former member of the New

Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 759 days late.

Docket No. 23-414

Waiver request submitted by George Rabb, Friends of King Charter School, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 23 days late.

Docket No. 23-479

Waiver request submitted by Linda Raspberry Smith, unsuccessful candidate for Caddo Parish School Board / District 7, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 124 days late.

Docket No. 23-480

Waiver request submitted by Timothy Paul Bounds, Madisonville Town Council (Pop. 850)/ St. Tammany Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 100 days late.

Docket No. 23-482

Waiver request submitted by Candace Renell Smith Black, candidate for Vernon Parish School Board / District 8 in the November 8, 2023, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-483

Waiver request submitted by Patti Melancon Poche, former member of the Sorrento Town Council (Pop. 1,514) / Ascension Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 23 days late.

Docket No. 23-484

Waiver request submitted by Roger Lynn Corcoran, candidate for Central Chief of Police (Pop. 29,565) / East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-485

Waiver request submitted by Matthew Daniel Prine, Coroner / Richland Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 25 days late.

Docket No. 23-486

Waiver request submitted by Carl Anthony Warren, unsuccessful candidate for Town of Homer Selectman (Pop. 2,747) / District 1 / Claiborne Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 34 days late.

Docket No. 23-487

Waiver request submitted by Patrick Moore McMath, State Senator / 11th Senatorial District, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 43 days late.

Docket No. 23-516

Waiver request submitted by Hilda Borel Edmond, former member of the Lafayette Parish Public Library Board of Control, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 386 days late.

Docket No. 23-517

Waiver request submitted by Melvin La'Trell Hollins, former member of the East

Feliciano Parish School Board / District 2, Division 1, regarding a \$375 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 23-518

Waiver request submitted by Charles Wayne "Carlos" Jean, Jr., unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff / East Baton Rouge Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 candidate pfd 1024 days late.



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Discussion of charges against Brian Pope in Docket No. 2017-1404.

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges pending against Edward Calloway, former Finance Director for G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District 1, Ouachita Parish., in Docket No. 2020-499.

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GS1. Docket No. 23-314

Advisory Opinion request from Coby Clavier, member of the St. Landry Parish Council, regarding his employer, Coburn Supply Company, providing parts to vendors of St. Landry Parish.

Regular Business

GS2. Docket No. 23-636

Advisory opinion request concerning the application of the exception in La. R.S. 42:1123(1) to the post-employment provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics concerning Ms. Lindsay Cooper's employment with the Clean Air Task Force subsequent to her employment in the Governor's Office.