



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
AUGUST 15, 2019
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on August 15, 2019 and continue to August 16, 2019.

Executive Session

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

Interview of applicants for Executive Secretary position.

Discussion in Executive Session concerning charges issued against Parson and Sanderson in Docket No. 2009-964.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Lavone Ratcliff in Docket No. 2016-001.

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**LaSalle Building
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AUGUST 16, 2019
10:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 19-314

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$650 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Terry L. Myers, a member of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisal Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 140 days late.

G2. Docket No. 19-727

Waiver request submitted by Joel W. Clement, with the Sherwood Forest Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 76 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**G3. Docket No. CHART**

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent August 2019 Agenda.

G4. Docket No. 19-691

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Patrick J. Hebert (a St. Mary Parish Council member - District 6), concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from purchasing property via a tax sale conducted by CivicSource on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.

G5. Docket No. 19-692

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Marcella Elliot, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits her from serving as a volunteer for Gov. Edwards' re-election campaign while serving on the Governor's Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

G6. Docket No. 19-693

Request for an advisory opinion from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office whether the agency could award employees through a drawing held for employees who document certain healthy practices. St. Charles Parish has a population of 52,812.

G7. Docket No. 19-694

Request for an advisory opinion from Rose Gilbert, Chairperson of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority Board of Directors as to whether her formation of Lifeline Advocacy would violate the Code of Governmental Ethics.

G8. Docket No. 19-695

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Corey Arbourgh from serving as a Plaquemines Parish Councilman while the Four Seasons Car Wash & Oil Change does business with Plaquemines Parish Government.

G9. Docket No. 19-698

Request for an advisory opinion from the Director of the St. Mary Parish Library System (pop. 54,650) as to whether the Library System can bank with a financial institution where one of the officers is an immediate family member of the business manager of the library.

G10. Docket No. 19-719

Disqualification plan submitted by Cindy L. Manasco, the elected Assessor of Sabine Parish, regarding Grace Thomas continuing her employment with the Sabine Parish Assessor's Office.

G11. Docket No. 19-720

Disqualification submitted by Joe Peoples, Mayor of the City of Westwego, regarding Georgia Cox continuing her employment with the City of Westwego.

G12. Docket No. 19-724

Request for approval of a disqualification plan submitted by Angela Westerburg, Elementary Special Education Supervisor for the Ouachita Parish School Board.

- G13.** Docket No. 19-754
Advisory opinion request, submitted by Garnette A. Listi, regarding whether the sponsor of a public servant's complimentary admission, lodging or reasonable transportation may include any third party, including an existing or potential vendor with which Delgado Community College currently does or will do business, as long as the other requirements of La. R.S. 42:1115.2 are met.
- G14.** Docket No. 19-755
Advisory opinion request, submitted by Vance J. Normand, Jr., regarding whether the Code would prohibit him from receiving retirement benefits from and owning stock in Entergy while serving as a member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission.
- G15.** Docket No. 19-759
Request for an advisory opinion from Robert Gentry as to issues of nepotism involving a Parish Official (no specific parish provided)
- G16.** Docket No. 19-761
An advisory opinion request, submitted by Irma Trosclair, regarding whether the Code would prohibit Lafayette Parish School System employees from contracting with vendors who have current contracts with the school system.
- G17.** Docket No. 19-762
Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mark Leiker from working for UnitedHealth Group following the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Health.
- G18.** Docket No. 19-769
Advisory opinion request, submitted by Tina Petry, regarding whether the Code would prohibit Franklin Foundation Hospital Board of Commissioners member Dr. Roland Degeyter from participating in discussions and voting on the employment terms and conditions of Dr. Steven McPherson.

Regular Business

- G19.** Docket No. MINUTES
July 2019 Board Minutes
- G20.** Docket No. 14-1412
Consent Order regarding Harry Pastuszek, Jr. & Associates LLC and prohibited contracts with the St. Tammany Parish School Board for the provision of legal services.
- G21.** Docket No. 15-885
Consent opinion concerning Daphne Levenson for violations of La. R.S. 42:1111A and La. R.S. 42:1112A in connection with her receipt of funds from Project Celebration while being employed by the Town of Many and Northwestern State University.
- G22.** Docket No. 16-949
Consent Order regarding Jerry Jones in connection with a violation relative to nepotism involving the Lafourche Parish Government while he was a member of the Lafourche Parish Council.
- G23.** Docket No. 16-1177
Consent Order regarding James Charpentier and Houma Tractor and Equipment Inc in connection with a prohibited transaction involving the East St. Charles Volunteer Fire Department.

G24. Docket No. 18-044

Consent opinion concerning Dennis Hill, the Chief of Police for the Town of Killian, submitting false time sheets for hours he did not work and using the town credit card for personal purchases.

G25. Docket No. 18-1406

Consent Order regarding Charles and William Prothro in connection with a prohibited transaction with the Natchitoches Parish Fire District No. 1.

G26. Docket No. 19-664

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted on behalf of the Village of Hall Summit (Pop. 300), concerning the continued employment of the Village's Town Clerk and Village's Clerk of the Water and Sewerage Department.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**Docket No. chart**

August 2019 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 19-275

Request that the Board waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Janice Fultz Richards, a candidate for Member of School Board, District A, Tangipahoa Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 43 days late.

Docket No. 19-659

Request that the Board waive a \$360 and \$240 campaign finance late fees assessed against Meghan Garcia, in her capacity as a candidate for Councilman, District E, St. Tammany Parish, in the March 30, 2019, election, whose 10-P and Special campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 6 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-721

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles C. Julien, a candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish President in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1227 days late.

Docket No. 19-722

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alsie Dunbar, a candidate for State Representative, 58th Representative District in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 95 days late.

Docket No. 19-723

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Nicole Ybarra, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of Leesville, Vernon Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, whose 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 96 days late.

Docket No. 19-744

Request that the Board waive a \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Patrick Kirton, a candidate for Councilman, District C, City of Shreveport, Bossier & Caddo Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 19-763

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Benjamin Cavin, a candidate for Councilman, District 4, City

of Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016 and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 43 and 130 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-764

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against TBI PAC Issues, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, David Rivas, Jr., and treasurer, Douglas C. Burke, whose 2018 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 52 days late.

Docket No. 19-765

Request that the Board waive two \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bishop PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Brad Broussard, and treasurer, Stuart J. Bishop, in the February 23, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were not filed.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

August 2019 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 19-707

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Neil Standifer, with the Simpson Board of Aldermen, Vernon Parish (Pop. 638), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 169 days late.

Docket No. 19-709

Waiver request submitted by Audrey P. Johnson, with the St. Tammany Council on Aging, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 520 days late.

Docket No. 19-711

Waiver request submitted by Maurice Leo "Scooter" Keen, with the Livingston Parish Council, District 3, regarding a \$1900 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 19 days late.

Docket No. 19-712

Waiver request submitted by Dyrick "Rick" Saulsberry, with the City of Monroe School Board, District 1, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 candidate pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-713

Waiver request submitted by Sonya LaComb-Boudreaux, with the Preservation Commission of Lafayette, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 19-715

Waiver request submitted by Stephen Ray Mophett, with the Jonesville Board of Aldermen, District 2, Catahoula Parish (Pop. 2265), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 19-718

Waiver request submitted by Jennifer Leigh Stewart, former member of the Celerity Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 272 days late.

Docket No. 19-726

Waiver request submitted by Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr., with the St. Tammany

Recreation District 11, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 344 days late.

Docket No. 19-728

Waiver request submitted by Keven Couhig, West Feliciana Parish President, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd.

Docket No. 19-729

Waiver request submitted by Norris Joseph Crappell, St. Mary Parish Levee District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 230 days late.

Docket No. 19-730

Waiver request submitted by Marlene "Marla" L Donovan, with the Young Audiences Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 68 days late.

Docket No. 19-732

Waiver request submitted by Michael M. Kurth, with the Southwest Charter Academy Foundation School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 407 days late.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 19-725

Waiver request submitted by Ms. Latoya Jackson, with Learning Solutions, Vision Academy, Superintendent, regarding two \$1500 late fees assessed for filing her 2016 and 2017 School Board Disclosure Statements 842 and 477 days late, respectively.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 19-714

Waiver request submitted by Robert V. Green, member of the Morehouse Parish Hospital Service District/Morehouse General Hospital, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Hospital Service District Disclosure Statement 6 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 19-708

Waiver request submitted by Constandinos John Vennis , with the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 517 days late.

Docket No. 19-710

Waiver request submitted by Sarah Ann Reliford, with the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 1056), regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 19-716

Waiver request submitted by Dennis Wayne Smith, with the Springhill Board of Aldermen, District 2, Webster Parish (Pop. 5269), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 79 days late.

Docket No. 19-717

Waiver request submitted by Lin Kiger, with the Virtual Academy of Lafourche Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 287 days late.

Docket No. 19-731

Waiver request submitted by Jamie Roussel, State Senate, 2nd District, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 candidate pfd 219 days late.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 18-717

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$750 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Sharon Green, with the Workforce Development - First Planning District, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 82 days late.

Docket No. 18-746

Request that the Board reconsider the reassessment of the \$2,200 suspended campaign finance late fee assessed against Troy A. Carter, Sr., a candidate for Mayor, Orleans Parish, in the February 2, 2002 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 187 days late.

Docket No. 18-1452

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$1500 late fee assessed to Lasonia Denise Haley, with the Caddo Parish Sewerage District # 2, for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 153 days late .

Docket No. 19-517

Reconsideration of the Board suspending all but \$800 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Paula Smythe, former member of the Cameron Parish School Board/ District 8, for filing her 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 190 days late.



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Executive Session

Discussion of objections to candidacy lawsuits to be filed in connection with the October 12, 2019 election.

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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

GS1. Docket No. 19-819

An advisory opinion request, submitted by Sylvia Manuel, regarding whether the Code would prohibit Josey Briscoe ("Ms. Briscoe") from serving as site manager of the Basile Property while her mother, Rebekah Bertrand ("Ms. Bertrand"), is employed as an Assistant with the Kinder Public Housing Authority ("KPHA").