



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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First Floor - LaBelle Room
DECEMBER 2, 2021
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on December 2, 2021 and continue to December 3, 2021.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against members of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission in No. 2019-632.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-625

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a successful candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division A, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late.

G2. Docket No. 21-756

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Royce Duplessis, a successful candidate for State Representative, 93rd Representative District in a future election, and his committee's chairperson, Hedy Duplessis, and treasurer, Ashton M. Jackson, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 57 days late.

G3. Docket No. 21-846

Advisory Opinion request from Barrett Beasley on behalf of Judge Stephen Beasley, 11th JDC in Sabine Parish, regarding the appropriate use of campaign funds.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G4. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent December 2021 Agenda.

G5. Docket No. 21-773

Advisory Opinion request from Lori Whatley, Administrative Coordinator with DOTD, regarding possible nepotism if her husband is hired as Superintendent.

G6. Docket No. 21-829

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prevent Trenton Broussard, an employee of the Streets Department of the City of Jennings from bidding on work with the Inspectors Office. (Jennings population 9,387)

G7. Docket No. 21-830

Advisory opinion request from Mendy Escudier, on behalf of the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office, as to whether one of its employees may obtain an exception from the Code of Governmental Ethics in order to continue working with its office on a contract basis after leaving full-time employment.

G8. Docket No. 21-831

Advisory opinion request from Marcus Peterson, Police Juror for Jefferson Davis Parish, relative to his teaching Emergency Medical Responder classes to employees of the Jefferson Davis Fire District #1.

G9. Docket No. 21-883

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Byron Hurst would be prohibited from being employed with the Louisiana Department of Education as the Deputy Assistant Superintendent for Student Well-Being while serving as a member of the St. Helena Parish School Board.

G10. Docket No. 21-884

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prevent Toby Henry, a recently elected Justice of the Peace for Terrebonne Parish Ward 7, from continuing to teach medical classes at the Houma Fire Department.

Regular Business

G11. Docket No. MINUTES

November 2021 Board Minutes

G12. Docket No. 20-714

Consent Opinion regarding Richard J. "Rick" Smith, Jr.'s prohibited campaign expenditure.

G13. Docket No. 21-925

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S.

18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Patrick J. Harrington, candidate for Parish Commission, District 1, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

G14. Docket No. 21-926

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Donald "D.T." Thompson, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Opelousas, in the November 6, 2018 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

G15. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation enacted during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session and corresponding proposed changes to forms and rules.

G16. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of suggestions for legislation for the 2022 Legislative Session.

G17. Docket No. RULE

Discuss promulgating a rule to allow for the acceptance of electronic signatures on reports filed with the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

G18. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

December 2021 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-461

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division D, Orleans Parish, in the October 19, 2013 election, whose 2017 and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 2 days late. AND Request to waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was 2 days late.

Docket No. 21-465

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$2,500 for total of \$5,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lionel "Lon" Burns, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section G, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 386 and 356 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-629

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Black Organization for Leadership Development, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Darren Mire, and treasurer, Priscilla Edwards, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 21-630

Request that the Board waive a \$2,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Community Provider PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Matthew Rovira, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 21-631

Request that the Board waive a \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Common Sense Fund - IE, a political action committee, and

its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Steve Verzwylt, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-632

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rapides Parish Democratic Executive Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Steven Chark, and treasurer, Maxine Pickens, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 30 days late.

Docket No. 21-633

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Spanish American Voters Alliance, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Rafael Perales, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 75 days late.

Docket No. 21-634

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 and \$1,600 campaign finance late fee assessed against The Voice of the People, LLC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Sidney D. Torres, IV, and treasurer, Michele Chaisson, in the November 3, 2020 election and future election, whose 10-G and 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 93 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-635

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Baker Donelson LA PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Nyka Scott, and treasurer, Wilton Jerry Johnson, whose February 2020 Monthly Report campaign finance report was filed 15 days late.

Docket No. 21-636

Request that the Board waive the \$1,600 campaign finance late fee assessed against TravelPAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Celeste Gomez, and treasurer, Jill Kidder, whose November 2020 Monthly Report campaign finance report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-637

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Falconer PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Reid Falconer, in connection with the July 11, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 461 days late.

Docket No. 21-638

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against La For Personal Freedoms, Inc., an other person participating in the November 3, 2020 proposition election, its committee's chairperson, Lakesha Harris, treasurer, Angela Adkins and secretary, Steffani Bange, whose 40-E campaign finance disclosure report was filed 25 days late.

Docket No. 21-639

Request that the Board waive \$280, \$120, \$320 and \$320 for total of \$1,040 campaign finance late fees assessed against Cynthia Green Perry, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of Alexandria (Pop. 45,275), Rapides Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-G, EDE-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 3, 8 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-640

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Gregory Rome, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 34th Judicial District Court, Division D, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, and his committee's chairperson, Brandon K. Thibodeaux, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 76 days late.

Docket No. 21-645

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kristian Poncho, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 32nd Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, and his committee's treasurer, Wyatt Hines, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-646

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Forum for Equality PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Kenny Tucker, and treasurer, Randy Evans, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 21-648

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Andrew Casanave, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 14th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. G, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 36 days late.

Docket No. 21-761

Request that the Board waive a \$1,980 campaign finance late fee assessed against Howard Scott Lavergne, a successful candidate for Assessor, Cameron Parish, in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

Docket No. 21-795

Request that the Board waive the \$780 and \$300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Blaise W. Smith, a successful candidate for Sheriff, St. Mary Parish, in the October 12, 2019 and future election, whose 10-G and 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 5 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-796

Request that the Board waive a \$1,080 campaign finance late fee assessed against J. Schuyler Marvin, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 26th Judicial District Court, Bossier and Webster Parishes, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

Docket No. 21-797

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Atoundra Pierre Lawson, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 40th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. A, St. John the Baptist Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 116 days late.

Docket No. 21-798

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Oscar Dantzler, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Governor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 21-799

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Toney Edwards, a successful candidate for Sheriff, Catahoula Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 109 days late.

Docket No. 21-800

Request that the Board waive a \$500 and \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vickie Tolliver Auguste, an unsuccessful candidate for BESE, District 6 in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5 and 1 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-801

Request that the Board waive the two \$2,000 campaign finance late fees totaling \$4,000 assessed against Ryan Gatti, a successful candidate for State Senator, 36th Senatorial District in the October 24, 2015 and an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 36th Senatorial District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports for each of the 2 campaigns were filed 74 days late.

Docket No. 21-802

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Veleria "Val" Stevens, a disqualified candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Jefferson Parish, in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 131 days late.

Docket No. 21-803

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles "Bert" Deliberto, an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Hammond (Pop. 19,584), Tangipahoa Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 159 days late.

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.

Docket No. 21-805

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$40, for total of \$120, campaign finance late fees assessed against Betty Alford-Olive, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of Bastrop (Pop. 9,691), in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 30-P, EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed all 1 day late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-806

Request that the Board waive a \$960 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee J. Taylor, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, Winn Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 21-807

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$600 (for total of \$1,200) campaign finance late fees assessed against Cory T. Levier, an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 24th Senatorial District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 19 and 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-811

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000, \$400 & \$400 campaign finance late fees totaling \$2,800 assessed against HAFA PAC Corporation, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Derek Babcock, and treasurer, Sandy Davis, whose November 2019, February 2020 and July 2020 Monthly campaign finance reports were filed 10, 2, and 2 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-812

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$3,000 assessed against David Charles Logan, Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Bastrop (Pop. 9,691), in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 48, 29 and 58 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-832

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marie Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Juvenile Court, Section A, Orleans Parish and her committee's chairperson, Betty Williams, and treasurer, Armin Williams, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-833

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees totaling \$3,000 assessed against Wilfred "PJ" Allridge, III, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 2, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 222, 268 and 217 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-834

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randy Pijor, an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Houma (Pop. 33,406), in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 21-828

Request to waive the \$150 and \$800 late fees assessed against Carol Smith for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbying Registration Report and a June 2021 expenditure report.

G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. waiver

December 2021 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 21-673

Waiver request submitted by Shelley Wells, former member of the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 16 days late.

Docket No. 21-694

Waiver request submitted by Harold Stewart, Jr, successful candidate for City of Gonzales Council Member (Pop. 12,231) / Division C / Ascension Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 candidate pfd 308 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Annual pfd 308 days late.

Docket No. 21-735

Waiver request submitted by John Campbell, unsuccessful candidate for Terrebonne Parish Council / District 2 in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 candidate pfd 585 days late.

Docket No. 21-736

Waiver request submitted by David Weathersby, East Jefferson General Hospital Service District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 118 days late.

Docket No. 21-848

Waiver request submitted by Theresa Glenn, North Shore Charter School, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 204 days late.

Docket No. 21-850

Waiver request submitted by Charles Lane Sawyer, North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 21-851

Waiver request submitted by Dorothy McGaskey, Natchitoches Parish School Board, regarding a \$225 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 9 days late.

Docket No. 21-852

Waiver request submitted by Terika "Reek" Williams Walker, Minden City Council (Pop. 11,928)/ District B / Webster Parish, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late and a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-853

Waiver request submitted by Barbara "Jeanie" David, successful candidate for Aldermen / Village of Grosse Tete (Pop. 548) / Iberville Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 candidate pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 21-854

Waiver request submitted by Nichole Rogers, M.D., Board of Electrolysis Examiners, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 60 days late.

Docket No. 21-855

Waiver request submitted by Dennis Bamburg, Jr., Bossier Parish School Board, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 193 days late.

Docket No. 21-856

Waiver request submitted by Carol Stanley "Carly" Collier, Doyline Board of Aldermen (Pop. 674) / Webster Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 96 days late.

Docket No. 21-857

Waiver request submitted by Rene' M. Thibodeaux, Sheriff / Pointe Coupee Parish, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 21-859

Waiver request submitted by Jasmyne McConnell, Southside Economic Development District, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 18 days late.

Docket No. 21-860

Waiver request submitted by Vincent Joseph Sotile, Jr., Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Board, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 21-861

Waiver request submitted by Stephanie M. Webb Guileyardo, Capital Area Human Services District, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-862

Waiver request submitted by Easton W. Shelvin, St. Landry Parish Council / District 3, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 42 days late.

Docket No. 21-863

Waiver request submitted by Rebecca L. Beard, Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-864

Waiver request submitted by Donna Mann Green, Pine Hill Water Board District #8/Caddo Parish, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 11 days late.

Docket No. 21-865

Waiver request submitted by Tara Elaine Bell Hawkins, former member of the Lake Charles North Redevelopment Authority, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 13 days late and \$650 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-868

Waiver request submitted by Antionette Arrington Shields, former member of the St. Joseph Board of Alderman (pop. 831) / District E / Tensas Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 107 days late.

Docket No. 21-869

Waiver request submitted by Alphonse "Jay" Credeur, Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 6, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd.

Docket No. 21-871

Waiver request submitted by Alan C. Arnold, former member of the New Orleans Board of Liquidation and Debt - Orleans Parish, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 21-872

Waiver request submitted by Neil Justin Bernard, Encore Academy Charter School Board / Louisiana Premiere Charter School Board / St. John the Baptist Parish, regarding a \$125 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 21-808

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Melinda "Mel" Narcisse Mitchell, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of St. Martinville (Pop. 5,379), St. Martin Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, whose 10-P, 40-G and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance reports were filed 197, 107 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-866

Untimely waiver request submitted by Antoine L. Jackson, Eastover Property Owners Association, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 110 days late.

Docket No. 21-867

Untimely waiver request submitted by Marilyn Hayward Jones, Cheneyville Board of Aldermen (Pop. 468) / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 1080 days late, untimely waiver request regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 583 days late; and, a timely waiver request regarding \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 59 days late.

G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 21-430

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$400 late fee assessed against Tyler J. Turner, a successful candidate for Council Member, Division D, City of Gonzales, Ascension Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 86 days late.