



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
NOVEMBER 15, 2018
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on November 15, 2018 and continue to November 16, 2018.

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 filed against Herman Taitt in Docket No. 2013-1059.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against Rebecca Murley in Docket No. 2015-885.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Bridgette Clark and Clark Entities in Docket No. 2015-1173.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Maxie Ratcliff in Docket No. 2016-001.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding pending charges against Arnold Bellow in Docket No. 2016-017.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges pending at the Ethics Adjudicatory Board against Jeanna Smith, John Crow, Tommy Futch, and Futch & Crow, LLC in Docket No. 2016-468.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding outstanding charges pending against Agnes Guillory in Docket No. 2017-099.

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9:00 AM**

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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 18-1210
Advisory opinion request by Morgan Lamandre as to the propriety of the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses that she would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities.
- G2.** Docket No. 18-1222
Waiver request submitted by William J. "Billy" Wilson, with the Office Facilities Corporation, regarding \$4,500.00 (\$1500 each) in late fees assessed for filing his 2013, 2014, and 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFDs 76 days late.
- G3.** Docket No. 18-1283
Advisory Opinion request from CSRS, Inc. in connection with a subcontract for the Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G4.** Docket No. CHART
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent November 2018 Agenda.
- G5.** Docket No. 18-022
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Glenn Hartline who presents five (5) scenarios.
- G6.** Docket No. 18-545
Request for an advisory opinion by Rod Sias, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Opelousas (Pop. 16,634), relative to the employment of his brother, Damian Sias, by the City of Opelousas Department of Public Works.
- G7.** Docket No. 18-736
Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether a catering company owned by a board member of the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau, can contract to provide catering services to a patron using the West Baton Rouge Conference Center owned by the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- G8.** Docket No. 18-749
A request for an advisory opinion was received from the Athletic Director of Captain Shreve High School relative to paying a faculty member and a non-faculty person to help maintain athletic facilities.
- G9.** Docket No. 18-790
Request for an advisory opinion from Beth Courtney with Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) as to whether a golf tournament fundraiser at The Bluffs golf course would be possible when a board member of a company that holds the TV licenses for LPB has a spouse who is a principal in The Bluffs.
- G10.** Docket No. 18-981
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Peter Barbee, Parish Attorney for Plaquemines Parish Government, relative to a possible conflict between a

parish councilman who appears to be employed for a company which intends to do business with the parish.

- G11.** Docket No. 18-983
Request for an Advisory Opinion from David Morgan, City Attorney for Lake Charles (pop.71,993) relative to a city councilman's spouse working for a non-profit corporation which receives funding from the City of Lake Charles.
- G12.** Docket No. 18-1058
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the North Caddo Hospital Service District Board of Commissioners (Hospital District) may offer free meals to all police officers.
- G13.** Docket No. 18-1069
Advisory opinion request by Dr. Karen Lyon, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, regarding whether there are any ethical dilemmas if a Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) board member is involved in vetting future candidates to serve as a board member of the LSBN through their position as a board member of the Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) or the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists (LANA), Ltd.
- G14.** Docket No. 18-1177
Advisory opinion request by Carolyn Eagan regarding whether she can provide realtor services to the person who supervises her in her position as a part-time clerk with the City of Kenner Clerk of Court.
- G15.** Docket No. 18-1205
Advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Assist Agency, Inc. from contracting to manage James A. Heard Apartments, Inc.
- G16.** Docket No. 18-1206
Advisory Opinion as to whether full-time employees of Ascension Counseling Center can contract to provide evening treatment meetings.
- G17.** Docket No. 18-1209
Request for an Advisory Opinion from Kaneshia Thomas-Cheatham, an employee with the Department of Children and Family Services, regarding whether she can work as a bail bond agent.
- G18.** Docket No. 18-1243
Request for an advisory opinion from Kim Hogan, a bookkeeper at Red River Parish School Board (Central Office), as to whether she can be compensated for providing monogramming services to schools within the Red River Parish school district.
- G19.** Docket No. 18-1247
Advisory Opinion request from Christopher B. Allen, former employee of the La. Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA") working for Atkins Global.
- G20.** Docket No. 18-1256
Advisory opinion request by Murray Dufrene regarding whether there would be a conflict of interest if he were employed as operations manager over the St. Charles Parish Wastewater Department while his brother-in-law is employed by the department.
- G21.** Docket No. 18-1263

Advisory Opinion request from the Jefferson Parish Attorney's office regarding whether a parish employee, Maris Madere, can receive payments from the parish's Department of Community Development.

G22. Docket No. 18-1266

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the 22nd JDC District Attorney's Office Victims Assistance Coordinator, Kinshasha Medina, from seeking part-time employment as a Deputy Coroner for Washington Parish.

G23. Docket No. 18-1276

Request for an Advisory Opinion from James Gaspard, Fire Chief of the Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD), whether an uncompensated volunteer fireman can serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the BVFD.

G24. Docket No. 18-1278

Advisory Opinion request from Dr. Kumar Amaraneni regarding his possible appointment as a member of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2.

G25. Docket No. 18-1280

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that apply to Gary O'Neal following the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

G26. Docket No. 18-1330

Advisory opinion request by Al Herrera, former commissioner of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, regarding whether it would be a conflict of interest to sell supplies to customers who may have contracts with the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

Regular Business

G27. Docket No. MINUTES

October 2018 Board Minutes

G28. Docket No. 15-885

Consent order signed by Leora Thomas for a violation of La. R.S. 42:1111A in connection with her receipt of funds from Project Celebration while being employed by Northwestern State University (NSU).

G29. Docket No. 17-512

Consent order signed by Michael Giroir of Gulf Coast Wrestling regarding its violation of La. R.S. 42:1117 for compensating a person who is employed by the Amelia Community Center, while Gulf Coast Wrestling had a contract with the Community Center.

G30. Docket No. 17-652

Consent Opinion of Lynette Kenyon, with Northshore High School in Slidell.

G31. Docket No. 18-264

Consent opinion regarding John Fortunato, a candidate for Jefferson Parish Sheriff in the March 24, 2018 election, paying a company owned by his son for campaign signs.

G32. Docket No. 18-1070

Request for an advisory opinion from Meladie Munch, President of Dawn Busters Kiwanis of Metairie (pop. 138,481) relative to her local Kiwanis Club

providing public school employees gifts for meritorious service.

G33. Docket No. 18-1246

Advisory opinion request by Isaac Funderburk, City Attorney for the City of Abbeville (Vermilion Parish pop. 12,257), on behalf of City of Abbeville Mayor Mark Piazza and Councilwoman Roslyn White regarding potential conflicts of interest by members of Councilwoman Roslyn White's immediate family and companies they own engaging in business relationships with the City of Abbeville.

G34. Docket No. 18-1282

Advisory opinion request by Chauna Banks, Baton Rouge Metropolitan Councilwoman, regarding whether she, her immediate family members, or non-profit organizations of which she is associated can purchase adjudicated properties in East Baton Rouge Parish through CivicSource/Archon.

G35. Docket No. 18-1284

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Monroe City Councilman Michael Echols' business, Michael Echols Enterprises, LLC, from submitting an application to the City Council for approval of tax credits from the Tax Abatement Restoration Program.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

November 2018 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 18-261

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Byron Stephan Cole, in his capacity as a candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 18-473

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lavern Allen, a candidate for Mayor, City of Winnsboro (Pop. 4910), Franklin Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 18-730

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jackie Brown-Cockerham, a candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of Kenner (Pop. 66702), in the March 24, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 18-1158

Request that the Board waive the \$300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Marty Bankston-Johnson, a candidate for Sheriff, Tangipahoa Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 18-1262

Request that the Board consider waiving the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Thomas J. Kennedy, a candidate for Secretary of State in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 18-1281

Request that the Board waive the \$60 and \$480 campaign finance late fees

assessed against Kenneth Charles "Kenny" Bordes, a candidate for State Representative, 93rd Representative District in the March 24, 2018 election, and his committee's chairperson, Michael A. Foley, and treasurer, Fernando Goitia, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 8 days late, respectively.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 18-1204

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Joe Hernandez for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

November 2018 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 18-996

Waiver request submitted by Donnie White, Constable/District 4/St. Charles Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2 annual PFD 258 days late.

Docket No. 18-1220

Waiver request submitted by Myra Annette Kleinpeter, with Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A, regarding a \$800.00 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 16 days late.

Docket No. 18-1221

Waiver request submitted by Cheryl Ann H. Demery, with the Winnfield City Council, District 01, Winn Parish (Pop. 4840), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 160 days late.

Docket No. 18-1258

Waiver request submitted by Mary R. Doucet, with the St. Landry Parish Tourism Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 178 days late.

Docket No. 18-1259

Waiver request submitted by Paula K. C. Nelson, with the Greater Alexandria Economic Dev. Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 147 days late.

Docket No. 18-1260

Waiver request submitted by Tyrone Casby, a former member of the Algiers Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 436 days late.

Docket No. 18-1261

Waiver request submitted by Tommy L. Thompson, Mayor, Village of Lucky, Bienville Parish (Pop. 218), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 88 days late.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 17-1241

Waiver request submitted by Christopher Dupuis, former member of the Evangeline Parish School Board, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 22 days late.



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GS1. Docket No. 18-1356

Request for an advisory opinion by Charolette Thorpe relative to post-employment restrictions following her retirement from the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs.