



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
OCTOBER 20, 2016
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on October 20, 2016 and continue to October 21, 2016.

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 issued against Vermilion Parish Sheriff Mike Couvillon.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges filed against Michael Couvillon in Board Docket 2015-141.

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9:00 AM
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 16-080
Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Calvin E. Millender, a former member of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #7, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 209 days late.

- G2. Docket No. 16-088**
Waiver request submitted by Olga Foster Butler, Richmond Board of Aldermen - Madison Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual PFD 122 days late.
- G3. Docket No. 16-372**
Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$1,000, \$320 and \$160 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ralph Patin, a candidate for St. James Parish Council, District 4, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28, 8 and 4 days late, respectively.
- G4. Docket No. 16-877**
Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., in his capacity as a candidate for Mayor / City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, for the 2015 Annual campaign finance disclosure report which was filed 32 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G5. Docket No. CHART**
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent October 2016 Agenda.
- G6. Docket No. 16-770**
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Lacombe Recreation Boosters, L.L.C. (Boosters), a non-profit organization, may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to continue to operate the concessions stand at the facilities of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 4 (District Board) if a current or former board member or public employee of the District serves on the Board of Directors of Boosters.
- G7. Docket No. 16-843**
Advisory opinion request by Dusty Cruse, Tullos Councilman, regarding whether he may be sponsored by the Tullos Police Department to attend the Police Academy.
- G8. Docket No. 16-849**
Advisory opinion regarding whether IMPCO, Inc., may transact business with St. John the Baptist Parish at a time when its employee, Kurt Becnel, serves as a member of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council.
- G9. Docket No. 16-882**
Advisory opinion request from Phillip Macaluso, a Traffic Operations Construction Maintenance Manager with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), regarding his potential post-employment restrictions if he were to retire.
- G10. Docket No. 16-885**
Advisory opinion request as to whether Dev D. Jani may be appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences at Tulane University.
- G11. Docket No. 16-886**
Advisory opinion request as to whether Aaron "Bo" Melvin, a member of the Lafourche Parish Council, can receive commissions from AFLAC for certain insurance policies that he writes.
- G12. Docket No. 16-887**

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the members and employees of the Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging (Council) are required to take annual ethics training as mandated by La. R.S. 42:1170.

G13. Docket No. 16-889

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Jerri Phillips, a former employee of the Rapides Parish Library (Library), would be prohibited from being appointed to the Rapides Parish Library Board of Control (Library Board).

G14. Docket No. 16-890

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #4 (District) may accept donations from the LaCombe Booster Club and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leary.

G15. Docket No. 16-891

Advisory opinion regarding whether Jimmy Cantrelle, the son of James Cantrelle, Parish President of Lafourche Parish, can loan heavy equipment to a contractor to use on a project for the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission, a parish board, at no charge.

G16. Docket No. 16-892

Consideration of a disqualification plan concerning the participation of Lloyd and Sybil Ledet in Phase 5 of the Town of Golden Meadow's Community Sewerage System project.

G17. Docket No. 16-893

Advisory opinion regarding the receipt of reimbursement for travel taken by Mitch Landrieu, Mayor of the City of New Orleans.

G18. Docket No. 16-894

Advisory opinion regarding members of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board and the Louisiana Rice Research Board participating in discussions and votes arising from a lawsuit filed against both boards in which the two members are plaintiffs.

G19. Docket No. 16-895

Advisory opinion request regarding whether William Sellers, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Kentwood, may work for the Town on a contractual basis following his retirement.

Regular Business

G20. Docket No. MINUTES

September 2016 Board Minutes

G21. Docket No. 15-882

Consent order with William Bates, d/b/a Bates & Thigpen, regarding him bidding on or entering into contracts or subcontracts with Baton Rouge Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to supply uniforms while his daughter, Gina Bates, was employed by EMS.

G22. Docket No. 16-286

Advisory opinion regarding whether Hammond City Fire Chief John Thomas may accept an all-expense paid trip as part of winning the Liberty Mutual Firemark Award.

G23. Docket No. 16-880

Advisory opinion request as to whether deputies employed with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, who were victims of the recent flooding, may accept

financial assistance for their losses being offered by a non-profit organization.

G24. Docket No. 16-1027

Consideration of a disqualification plan resulting from Michael Couvillon serving as Sheriff of Vermilion Parish while his wife, Sonya Couvillon, is employed with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office.

G25. Docket No. FORMS

Consideration of changes to the form to facilitate the filing of affidavits filed pursuant to R.S. 42:1123(41).

G26. Docket No. CALENDR

2017 Proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

October 2016 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-689

Request that the Board waive three \$2,000 (\$6,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against Biaster Hewitt George, a candidate for East Carroll Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 299, 279 and 250 days late.

Docket No. 16-830

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vance McAllister, a candidate for State Senate, District 33, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late.

Docket No. 16-831

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Laura Humble Culpepper, a candidate for Jackson Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 195 days late.

Docket No. 16-840

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lori Landry, a candidate for Judge, 16th Judicial District Court, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 196 days late.

Docket No. 16-841

Request that the Board waive the \$780 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward P. Landry, a candidate for New Iberia City Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 16-861

Request that the Board waive the \$320, \$80 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ken Brass, a candidate for St. James Parish Council, District 6, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 30-P, EDE-P and 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8, 2 and 189 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 16-864

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Matt Romero, a candidate for Youngsville City Council, Lafayette

Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 16-867

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against TPG PAC, Inc.; Tyron D. Picard, its chairman; and, Andre' Fruge, its treasurer, whose November 2015 monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 16-868

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against W. T. Winfield, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 16-869

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Donald "Don" Cravins, Sr., a candidate Mayor / City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election and October 2, 2010 election, whose 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed to date (November election) and 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 17 days late (October election).

Docket No. 16-870

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against a candidate for State Representative / 59th Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election whose 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 16-871

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles "Chuck" Nassauer, a candidate for State Representative, District 75, in the March 27, 1999 election, whose 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 16-872

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Timothy P. Bonura, in his capacity as a person participating in the April 9, 2016 proposition election, whose 40-E campaign finance disclosure report was filed 96 days late.

Docket No. 16-874

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jack Clampit, in his capacity as a candidate for the Ouachita Parish Police Juror / District B in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 190 days late.

Docket No. 16-875

Request that the Board waive the \$1,025 campaign finance late fee assessed against John "Jay" Batt, Jr., in his capacity as a candidate for New Orleans City Council/District A, in the February 6, 2010 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 22 days late.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. WaiChar

October 2016 Lobbying Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-834

Request to waive the \$750 late fee assessed against Donald Cravins for the late filing of the June 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 16-863

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against John Kay for the late filing of the June 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

October 2016 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-781

Waiver request submitted by Lloyd Henry Benson, II, Recreation and Parks Commission - East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 10 days late.

Docket No. 16-801

Waiver request submitted by Wilmer Joseph "Wil" Jacobs, Jr., a former member of the Audubon Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 237 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 16-600

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Logan Williamson, Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 106 days late.