

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
April 9, 2021

The Board of Ethics met on April 9, 2021 at 9:09 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Roberts and Speer present. Board Member Ellis was absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, LaToya Jordan, Suzanne Mooney, Charles Reeves and Greg Thibodeaux.

Board Member Colomb arrived at 9:13 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the waiver request in Docket No. 21-122, assessed against James A. Gray, II, a candidate for District Attorney and Council Member, Orleans Parish in multiple elections.

Mr. John F. Lee, attorney for Judge John “Johnny” Lee, Jr., appeared before the Board asking for Docket No. 20-858 to be reconsidered. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reconsidered Docket No. 20-858.

Mr. John F. Lee appeared before the Board regarding Docket No. 20-858 to request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against Judge John “Johnny” Lee, Jr. whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the \$700 campaign finance late fee based on future compliance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G3-G24 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G3-G24, excluding items G7, G16, G17, G18 and G21 taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-029 concluding that 1) Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dr. Jancarlos Romero, a newly elected Orleans Parish School Board member from continuing his employment with the Einstein Group and 2) Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dr. Romero's business, Romero Education Strategies, LLC, from entering into any consulting agreements with schools within the Orleans Parish School Board District while Dr. Romero serves as a member of the Orleans Parish School Board.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-069 submitted by Timothy Guidry who later requested that the advisory opinion be withdrawn.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-070 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics dictates the following answers regarding the employment of the daughter of a member of the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1. Now that Brenda Babin has resigned from her position on the Bureau, can the Executive Director conduct an interview with the daughter? Yes, since resignation of the Ms. Babin has been accepted and she is no longer a member of the Board of Directors, there is no longer a risk that Section 1113(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be violated. 2. If so and the daughter is the most qualified candidate, can the Executive Director offer Ms. Babin's daughter a position with Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau? Yes, now that Ms. Babin has resigned, there is no longer a risk that Sections 1113(B) and 1119(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be violated. 3. If Ms.

Babin's daughter is employed with the Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, is that considered another violation? No, the employment is not prohibited because Ms. Babin resigned prior to the daughter's application, interview, and/or hire. 4. Should Ms. Babin remain off the board for a certain period of time before any relatives apply for a position with Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau? Yes, in order to prevent any violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Ms. Babin's immediate family member - including her daughter - would have to be employed with Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for one year prior to Ms. Babin returning to the Board.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-071 and considered the application of the post-employment provisions to Zachary Smith, who is a former employee of Orleans Parish. The Board concluded that 1) Mr. Smith's agency was the Orleans Parish Department of Safety & Permits while he was employed in that department; his current agency, as Chief of Staff to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, is the Office of Business & External Services; and, his governmental entity is the City of New Orleans. 2) Section 1121A(1) of the Code prohibits Mr. Smith from assisting a private individual or entity, for compensation, in any transactions, or an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving the Department of Safety & Permits, for a period of two years from the end of his service as agency head on March 2, 2020. 3) Mr. Smith is prohibited by Section 1121B(1) of the Code, for a period of two years following his resignation from the City, from assisting a private individual or entity, for compensation, in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving the City of New Orleans and in which Mr. Smith participated at any time while employed by the City of New Orleans. 4) As Chief Building Official, Mr. Smith is deemed to have participated in any transaction which was submitted to the City of New Orleans and was subject to approval by

the Chief Building Official, whether or not Mr. Smith personally reviewed the submission.

Therefore, Mr. Smith is prohibited from assisting any private individual or entity in a transaction involving the City of New Orleans that required his approval as Chief Building Official. 5) Mr. Smith is prohibited from rendering any services which he rendered while employed by the Office of Business & External Affairs, on a contractual basis to the Office of Business & External Affairs or the Department of Safety & Permits for a period of two years following his resignation from the City. 6) Any private entity in which Mr. Smith is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, is prohibited by Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics, for a period of two years following his resignation from the City, from assisting a private individual or entity in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, in which he participated as the Chief Building Official or as an employee of the Office of Business & External Services. 7) Since Mr. Smith has not provided any specific potential conflict of interest, the Board should issue no opinion regarding any specific situation involving Mr. Smith and a private individual or entity. If Mr. Smith has concerns regarding a specific situation, he should submit an additional advisory opinion request to determine the application, if any, of the Code.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-076 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the South Lafourche Levee District from re-hiring retired employee, Windell Curole, on a part-time basis for the same position since he would be re-hired as a W-2 employee.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-077 concluding that 1. Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Dr. Nikki Christy Honore' from obtaining certifications from the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Sanitation Services, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Office of State Fire Marshal, since none of those

certification applications would be under the supervision or jurisdiction of her agency, the Bureau of Community Preparedness within the Louisiana Department of Health; 2. Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Dr. Honore' from providing compensated childcare education and training, since those services are not substantially related to the operations of the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, and Dr. Honore' has not participated in providing those services in her public capacity as Statewide Nurse Program Consultant for Emergency Preparedness; and 3. Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Honore' from providing compensated services to any person who would be considered a prohibited source to Dr. Honore' in her capacity as Statewide Nurse Program Consultant for Emergency Preparedness.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-078 concluding that Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion Board from being reimbursed for providing crawfish to the University pursuant to a contract under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion Board to create an automated crawfish peeler. However, the exception in Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows a Board member to donate movable property such as crawfish.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-092, submitted by Dr. Princess Dennar who later requested that the advisory opinion be withdrawn since she has resigned her position and no longer needs the opinion.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-100 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Sergeant Travis J. Colombel, Administrative Sergeant

with the Louisiana State Police, to have a controlling interest in a company that would bid on contracts with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-101 concluding that once Vermilion Charter Foundation has a charter approved, Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ethan Broussard from donating his services to the Vermilion Charter Foundation. The Board also concluded that Keaty Realty cannot provide compensated real estate services to Red Apple Development since Keaty Realty's employee is a Vermilion Charter Foundation Board member. The Board further concluded that Kristy Touchet and Murphy Guilbeau would not be in violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics since there is an exception found in La:R.S.17:3991A(1)(b)(ii); however, they would have to recuse themselves from voting in favor of their respective banks, disclose the reason for their recusal, and forward the disclosure form to the Board of Ethics. Lastly, the Board concluded that Ben Revira would be in violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics if he were to receive anything of economic value for services rendered to Thomson Smith & Leach Insurance Group.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-102 concluding that Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr.'s continued service as both Chief Administrative Officer for Morgan City and Drainage District 2A Board Member presents no issues under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. Further, the Board advises Mr. Solar issues associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-104 concluding that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Constable Phillip D. Ridder, Jr. from 1) opening a

checking account in the name of the Office of the Sixth Ward Constable in Tangipahoa Parish; and, 2) donating his personal funds in order to purchase the unit.

Adopted an advisory opinion and reviewed a disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-106 concluding that since Zachary Moss has been employed with the school for over a year at the time of his marriage to Kathleen Sullivan, he is entitled to continue his employment under Section 1119C(2) of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board approved the disqualification plan submitted since it satisfies the requirements of Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics by virtue of removing Kathleen Sullivan from all supervision of her husband, Zachary Moss, once they are married in June of 2021.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-109 concluding that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit former Mid-City Security District Commissioner James Olsen from rendering services as an advisor to the Mid-City Security District without compensation on a non-contractual basis.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-132 concluding that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Stephen J. Gremillion from providing painting services to the Hospital Services District No. 1 after being elected the Ward 10 Marshal in Avoyelles Parish.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-148, submitted by G. Paul Marx, Public Defender for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District since Mr. Chaz Roberts has resigned his position on the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-199 concluding that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Gina Boudreaux Lee, CCR, from receiving

compensation for providing transcripts in hearings taken in her official capacity while Ms. Lee was employed in Division D of the 23<sup>rd</sup> JDC. As previously stated in Docket No. 21-098, Ms. Lee is still prohibited, for a period of two years following the end of her employment, from rendering services on a contractual basis to Division D of the 23<sup>rd</sup> JDC.

In connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-072 regarding potential transactions between the City of Covington and the employer of Council Member Larry Rolling, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred until next month to obtain more information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-105 regarding former Mechanical Inspectors for the Safety and Permits Division with the City of New Orleans, Kenneth Conerly and Mario Anderson, and their company, Khan's Codes and Standards, LLC, providing inspections to third parties within two years of the termination of their employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to reword the opinion for more clarity and to defer the matter until next month.

Board member Colomb recused himself from voting in Docket No. 21-107.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-107 regarding a former member of Louisiana Public Defender Board contracting with the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defender's Office. On motion made, seconded and passed with a vote of 6 yeas by Board members Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, and Roberts and 1nay by Board member Speer, the Board adopted the staff recommendation which concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Moses Williams from rendering any services on a contractual basis to the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defender's Office, or any of the 42 Judicial District Public



Defender Offices for a period of two years from the expiration of his term on the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-108 regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Thomas Holland from being hired as the fire chief for Jackson Parish Ward 4 Fire Protection District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Holland from being hired as Fire Chief. However, Mr. Holland's employee, who's also a commissioner for the Fire District, Scott Nunn would be required to recuse himself from voting and participating in the discussion or debate concerning the hiring of Mr. Holland as the Fire Chief, in accordance with Section 1120.4 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-131 regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Valencia Vessel Landry from working as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center while she continues to serve as a contract attorney for the Baker Economic Development District Center Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mrs. Landry from working as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center while continuing to provide contract attorney services for the Baker Economic Development District Center Board. The Board instructed the staff to include contact information for the Attorney General's Office regarding the Dual-Office holding laws.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of

the March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings.

Board member Speer recused himself from voting on Docket No. 21-030.

In connection with a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-030 regarding a cooperative endeavor agreement between Franklin Parish and the wife and daughter of a Franklin Parish employee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Franklin Parish from entering into a cooperative agreement with Kent Thornton and members of his immediate family. However, Kent Thornton's wife and daughter would not be prohibited from donating a right-of-use to the parish to allow clearing of trees and debris to access the drainage structure, since they are not prohibited from donating services under Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-063 regarding Dequindra Ligon and whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her from opening a private driving school in New Iberia, Louisiana while she is the Assistant Principal at Breaux Bridge High School in St. Martin Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Ligon from providing private driver education courses through her private driving school. The Board further cautioned Ms. Ligon against compelling or coercing students at Breaux Bridge to attend her private driving school since that would be a violation of Section 1116 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G28-G35 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G28-G35 taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-153 regarding Keisha D. Fleming, candidate for Mayor, Town of White Castle, Iberville Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for failing to file the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-155 regarding Tenisha Bellard Wiltz, candidate for Parish President, St. Landry Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty for each report.

Board Member Bruneau recused himself from voting on Docket No. 21-156.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-156 regarding Cedric Bradford Glover, candidate for State Representative, District 4, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-164 regarding Anthony Bloise, candidate for Sheriff, Jefferson Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-168 regarding Bradley C. Zaunbrecher, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-170 regarding Jose "Lil Joe" Chapa, candidate for Sheriff, Beauregard Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously

passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-171 regarding Larry Cochran, Jr., candidate for St. Charles Parish President in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-172 Greg Pete, candidate for City Marshal-City Court, City of New Iberia, Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for failing to file the 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report and to assess the additional \$10,000 penalty.

The Board considered bills introduced for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session that affect the laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. Following the legislative overview provided by Ms. Allen, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board took the following actions:

HB113- On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to oppose Bill HB113.

HB176 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to support Bill HB176.

HB306 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to oppose Bill HB306.

HB491- On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to oppose Bill HB491.

HB496 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to support Bill HB496.

HB581 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to support Bill HB581.

SB4 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to oppose Bill SB4.

Board Member Lavastida left the meeting at 11:29 A.M. during the discussion of the last bill and was not present for the voting going forward.

SB203 - On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of six yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly, Roberts, and Speer, and one nay by Board Member Bruneau, the Board voted to oppose Bill SB203.

The Board took a break from 11:36 A.M. to 11:50 A.M.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 21-113, 21-124, and 21-126 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-037 from Wayne J. Nocito, 30-P of a \$60 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-037 from Wayne J. Nocito, 10-G of a \$720 late fee.;  
Docket No. 21-040 from Tamara L. Jones, 30-P of a \$320 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-111 from Lawrence Marie Brown, 10-G of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-114 from Elizabeth “Beth” Wolfe, 10-G of a \$900 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-115 from UA Local 198 PAC, MO (April 2019) of a \$1,400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-123 from Jeff Oglesbee, 90-P of a \$600 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-125 from Stephen Ortego, SUPP 2019 of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-111 from Lawrence Marie Brown, 10-P of a \$180 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced to \$500 based on Rule 1205C; decline to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-112 from Melvin Toomer, 10-P of a \$760 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-113 regarding Steven Stokes, a candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Covington, Tangipahoa Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 1 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended both \$240 and \$40 late fees based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-124 regarding Daniel L. “Danny” Dysart, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Division A, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-126 regarding Patricia “Pat” Gilley, a candidate for District Attorney, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 9 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the May meeting.

Board Member Colomb recused himself from voting on Docket No. 21-128.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-128 for a waiver of the \$1,350 late fee assessed against Donald Cravins, Sr., for filing his 2021 lobbying registration 27 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B(2) based on the medical documentation provided.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-129, for a waiver of the \$850 late fee assessed against Katie Mayers for filing her September 2020 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B(2) based on the medical documentation provided.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 21-090 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-008 Darrel Broussard, 2018 Tier 2.1, 267 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-009 Mikki Ceasar Mathews, 2016 Tier 3, 174 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-089 John Wynn, Jr., 2018 Tier 2.1, 7 days late of a \$350 late fee; and,



Docket 21-118 Joseph Beatty, 2018 Tier 2.1, 230 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-090 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Grayson Linn “Lindy” Bolgiano, Jr., Youngsville City Council Member, Division B/Lafayette Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 394 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-088 submitted by Rodneya Melene Hart, former member of the Louisiana State Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 31 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$1500 late fee for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 97 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered both of the untimely requests and declined to waive the 2018 late fee of \$1,500 and suspended all of the 2019 late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for reconsideration waivers of late fees assessed against individuals en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the reconsideration waiver request, with the exception of Docket No. 20-790 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously considered the reconsideration waiver request and suspended all based on future compliance all late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-041 from Dwan Troy Johnson, for 2017 Tier 2.1 of a \$1,050 late fee.

The Board considered reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 20-790 regarding the \$2,500 and \$800 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jonathan Holloway, Sr., a candidate for East Baton Rouge Assessor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 29 and 8 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred a decision until the May meeting.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session at 12:21 P.M. to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

\*\*\*\*\*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

\*\*\*\*\*

The Board unanimously resolved into general business session at 12:24 P.M.

The Board considered Docket No. 19-690 regarding charges issued against David Patron. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board directed the staff to oppose the Motion of Summary Judgement filed on behalf of Mr. Patron.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

---

Secretary

---

Chairman