

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
August 21, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on August 21, 2015 at 10:00 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, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly and Monroe present. Absent were Board Members Blewer, Larzelere, Michiels and Shelton absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-117 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Robert L. Roussel, Port of South Louisiana Commission, for filing his 2012 Annual 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement 176 days late. After hearing from Mr. Roussel, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-347 for a waiver of the \$450 late fee assessed against George Mack, Jr., a candidate for the Lincoln Parish School Board in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Board Member Shelton arrived at the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Ms. Christina Mehal , a member of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority (HSA)

Board of Directors, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-612 regarding whether she can enter into a professional services contract with the HSA. After hearing from Ms. Mehal, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Ms. Mehal currently serves as a member of the HSA's Board of Directors, Sections 1113B and 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her from entering into a professional services contract with the HSA until the expiration of two years following the termination of her service.

Mr. James Michael "Mike" Johnson, a candidate for State Representative, District 8, in the February 21, 2015 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-651 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against him for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. After hearing from Mr. Johnson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended \$380 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Justin Reeves, a candidate for Lasalle Parish School Board, District 7 in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-756 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against him for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 66 days late; the \$400 late fee for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 45 days late; the \$400 late fee for filing his EDE-P campaign finance report 27 days late; and, the \$400 late fee for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. After hearing from Mr. Reeves, the

Board temporarily deferred the matter to obtain additional information.

Mr. Victor Loras, III, attorney for Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commissioner Ron Duplessis, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-730 regarding whether Mr. Duplessis may file a complaint with the commission as long as he recuses himself from participating in the consideration of the complaint by the commission. After hearing from Mr. Loras, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Lavastida, McAnelly and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Ingrassia and Monroe, the Board concluded that, under these particular facts and circumstances, a complaint filed in this matter is not a “transaction” as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics; therefore, Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ron Duplessis from filing a complaint with the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission while he serves as a member of the Commission. Further, if a complaint is filed with the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission, then Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Duplessis from participating in any matter brought or pending before the Commission involving the complaint or investigation of that complaint. Board Member Leggio recused himself.

Mr. Justin Reeves, a candidate for Lasalle Parish School Board, District 7 in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-756 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against him for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 66 days late; the \$400 late fee for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 45 days late; the \$400 late fee for filing his EDE-P campaign finance report 27 days late; and, the \$400 late fee for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. After hearing from Mr. Reeves, on

motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$850 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; declined to waive the two (2) \$400 late fees in connection with the 10-P and EDE-P campaign finance reports but suspended the late fees totaling \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; and, declined to waive the \$400 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$300 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Bryan Jeansonne, report preparer for Garrett C. Monti, a candidate for State Senate, District 19 in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-754 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Mr. Monti for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Jeansonne, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Ms. Barbara Freiberg, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 7 in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-762 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Ms. Freiberg, on motion made, seconded

and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-347 for a waiver of the \$450 late fee assessed against George Mack, Jr., a candidate for the Lincoln Parish School Board in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the September meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the following general consent agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G7-G33 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 G7-G33, excluding item G15, taking the following action:

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-165 regarding whether a pharmacy owned by Bruce Matte, a board member of the East Union Parish Hospital Service District, can participate in the 340B Drug Discount Program, since Mr. Matte intends to resign from the Hospital Service District board prior to entering into an agreement with the Union General Hospital (UGH) to participate in the program.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-362 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Mohit Srivastava, through Bunkie Dialysis, LLC, purchasing a building and lot from the Hospital Service District No. 1 of Avoyelles Parish (Bunkie General Hospital) while he is Chief of Staff for Bunkie General Hospital, since Dr. Srivastava and his wife's ownership in Bunkie Dialysis is less than twenty-five percent (25%).

Accepted a disqualification plan in Docket No. 15-422 regarding John W. Cox supervising Geokinetics, Inc.'s seismic monitoring in Louisiana while his wife, Davie Cox, is employed as a Seismic Technician for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, since the disqualification plan appears to satisfy La. R.S. 42:1112C and the Board rules.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-505 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dr. Sharon Pugh, a former member of the Central Louisiana Human Services District, from contracting with the Central Louisiana Human Services District to provide services at Caring Choices, an out-patient mental health center, owned and operated by the Central Louisiana Human Services District, for a period of two years following the termination of her services on the Central Louisiana Human Services District.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-508 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Louis Cannon, a former member of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, from participating in the Commission's iPad Program for two years following the termination of his service on the Commission, since the Program participant must contract with the Commission to receive a device under the Program.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-606 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit COMPASS Group USA, Inc. (COMPASS), from serving PJ's Coffee on the Louisiana State University (LSU) campus while Scott

Ballard, an officer and part owner of PJ's Coffee, serves as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, since Mr. Ballard will not pursue having PJ's Coffee served by COMPASS on LSU campus while he serves on the Board of Supervisors.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-610 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Takena Santos, a parent liaison with the Healthy Start New Orleans program which is within the New Orleans Health Department, from leading classes as a yoga instructor on behalf of Trinity Christian Community for the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORDC), since Trinity Christian Community has a business relationship with the New Orleans Health Department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-628 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jeffery Lee, a former computer manager employed with Auxiliary Services (AS) at LSU and the sole owner of French Quarter IT, LLC, providing software development services for a "Training Treatment Database" to LSU Athletics through his company, since according to the information disclosed, the services Mr. Lee would provide to LSU Athletics would not involve a transaction in which he participated while employed by AS. Further, the services he would provide to LSU Athletics are not being rendered back to LSU Auxiliary Services.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-634 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by James Ray, Sr., being a party to a contract in which he has oversight over potential grievances by employees of the American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME) while receiving the same benefits as the field staff employees of AFSCME, since based on the information provided, AFSCME was not created by a statute, municipality or a political subdivision, therefore, it is not a governmental entity or an agency

of a governmental entity. AFSCME or its members are not subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics in this instance.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-637 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lee Picard, Jr., providing architectural and engineering services to St. Martin Parish and the St. Martin Parish School Board through his company, Architectural & Engineering Consultants, Inc., if he is elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, since St. Martin Parish and the St. Martin Parish School Board would not be a part of Mr. Picard's agency, the legislative branch, nor are they part of state government.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-678 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by George Wallace, an employee of the Louisiana Tax Commission, contracting with his former employer, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), to provide right-of-way appraisal services. The Board further advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-682 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Robbie Siadek, Alderman for the Town of Jonesboro, providing compensated services to the Housing Authority of the Town of Jonesboro, since the Housing Authority constitutes its own agency, separate from the Town of Jonesboro. The Board further advised that the Housing Authority is a political subdivision of the state and is not a "person." Therefore, Mr. Siadek is not prohibited from participating in the consideration of the Mayor's appointments of members to the Housing Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-687 concluding that no violation of the Code



of Governmental Ethics is presented by Danny Bell, recently retired Superintendent of Lincoln Parish Schools, being employed as Director of Educational Services and Principal of the Lorraine Howard Educational Center (Howard School), as long as he does not assist Howard School with transactions involving Lincoln Parish Schools. Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Bell from assisting Howard School with a transaction involving Lincoln Parish Schools for a period of two years after the date of his retirement.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-693 concluding that based on the specific facts presented, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Joseph Hicks, an employee of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), seeking outside employment as an adjunct professor at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center and/or conducting consulting work for his company, MED+WorksBR Consulting. The Board further advised that, generally, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a public servant and any legal entity in which the public servant exercises control or owns an interest in excess of twenty five percent, from receiving a thing of economic value for services rendered to the following persons: (1) those who have or are seeking to have a contractual, business or financial relationship with the public servants agency, (2) those who conduct operations or activities that are regulated by the public servants agency, and (3) those who have a substantial economic interest that could be affected by the performance or non-performance of the public job duties. The Board advised that these are general guidelines and suggested that if a specific situation presents itself in the future Mr. Hicks should submit a more detailed opinion request at that time. The Board further advised that the request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-695 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Therese Richard working under the supervision of her cousin, Janice Breaux, at the Crowley Office of Motor Vehicles, since a cousin is not considered an immediate family member based on the definition contained within the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-698 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by John Armato, brother of St. Mary Parish School Board Superintendent Leonard Armato, having an ownership interest in Darnall, Sikes, Gardes, & Frederick (Sikes), which audits the School Board or by Barrett Perry, the son of Alton Perry, the CFO of the School Board, being an employee of Sikes, since neither John Armato or Barrett Perry own a controlling interest in Sikes nor did they enter into the contract individually to provide the School Board with auditing services. The Board further advised that disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics should be filed by John Armato and Barrett Perry if they receive a thing of economic value from the School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-714 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Sheilia Terrell trading services with Diamond B, while being employed by the Gang 500 of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in Alexandria, since Diamond B does not currently have nor is it seeking a contractual relationship or applying for a permit with Gang 500 and is not considered a prohibited source.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-715 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Liz Webb Hebert serving as an elected Lafayette City Parish Councilman while being employed by the Canjundome Commission. The Board further advised

that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-720 regarding the propriety of the 21st Judicial District Court, which includes the parishes of Livingston, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena, contracting with Feliciana J & B Industries, LLC to screen participants in its drug court program, since the question submitted involves past conduct as the 21st Judicial District Court has already entered into the contract.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-722 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Tena Drost, the accounts payable clerk for the City of Sulphur, from accepting a part-time job with Workforce Medical Center, since Workforce Medical Center has a contractual or other business or financial relationship with Ms. Drost's agency, the City of Sulphur.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-725 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Laurie Burleigh, a St. Tammany Parish teacher, from accepting compensation for providing services to the parents of current or prospective students enrolled in Honey Island Elementary School. The Board further advised that Ms. Burleigh would not be prohibited from providing compensated services to the parents of former students, other public school students, private school students or home schooled students.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-727 concluding that Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits John Wintz, a former employee of the Materials and Testing Section as an Engineer 7 with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), from assisting Michael Baker International, for compensation, in a transaction involving the Material and

Testing Section for two years following his retirement from DOTD on January 11, 2014. The Board further advised that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics also prohibits Mr. Wintz from assisting Michael Baker International, for compensation, in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which he participated while employed and involving DOTD for two years following his retirement from DOTD on January 11, 2014.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-728 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Hollins Trahan, Sr. serving as a reserve officer with the Morse Police Department, in Acadia Parish, while he is a licensed bail bond agent, since Mr. Trahan is not performing bail bond services in his private capacity in the Village of Morse or for any person who had been arrested by the Morse Police Department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-731 concluding generally that Sections 1121A and 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics contain the post-employment restrictions which would apply to John Egan Jones, Executive Director of Central LA Human Services District, following his retirement, since as a public employee employed by the CLHSD, Mr. Jones is considered an agency head. The Board further suggested that Mr. Jones submit an advisory opinion request when he does have more specific information pertaining to post employment issues.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-732 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lindora Baker, a member of the Caddo Parish Commission, accepting employment with a clinic of the University Health Hospital, which is owned by the Biomedical Research Foundation, if she resigns from the Caddo Parish Commission, as long as she does not assist the clinic, hospital, or the Biomedical Research Foundation in any transactions involving the Caddo Parish Commission for a period of two years from the date of her resignation

from the Caddo Parish Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-733 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Randall Hayes, a member of the Village of Atlanta Board of Aldermen, accepting a position as the Editor of The Winn Parish Enterprise, within two years of the termination of his public employment, since, as Editor of the Winn Parish Enterprise, Mr. Hayes would not be assisting any person in a transaction or rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for his former agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-631 concluding that members of the Blind Vendors Trust Fund Board are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since based on the statute and the assertions made by the Randolph Sheppard Program Manager, it appears that the Blind Vendors Trust Fund Board has some involvement in the expenditure of the funds in the trust fund but that it does not make the final decisions.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-492 by Chauna Banks, a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, in lieu of amending her personal financial disclosures statement in response to a notice of delinquency, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Banks that she has 7 business days to file an amended 2013 Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statement disclosing her employment information on Schedule A.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 15-672 for May, 2015.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the July 16-17, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-180 regarding the employment of the daughter-in-law of Randy Maxwell, the former Concordia Parish Sheriff, with the Sheriff's Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Randy Maxwell, former Concordia Parish Sheriff, agrees that a violation of Sections 1112 and 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of the employment of his daughter-in-law by the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office while he served as Sheriff and by his participation in awarding his daughter-in-law pay raises and in which Mr. Maxwell agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-692 regarding the propriety of Aaron Lawler, a candidate for Ascension Parish Council, using campaign funds to purchase a foot operated scooter to assist with neighborhood canvassing and a computer with Microsoft Office software for campaign use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the campaign related activity or matters relating to the holding of public office must be the primary purpose of the use of any item purchased with campaign funds. Therefore, it would not present a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act if Mr. Lawler purchased a foot operated scooter and a computer with Microsoft Office software with campaign funds, provided neither are used by any person for personal use unrelated to his political campaign or the holding of public office. Additionally, any item purchased with campaign funds becomes an asset of the campaign. When no longer useful to the campaign, a campaign asset may be sold at fair market value with the proceeds going to the campaign account or it may be donated to a charitable organization as specified in Section 1505.2I of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-729 regarding whether the post employment restrictions prohibit Kelly Parrish, a former court reporter for the 15th JDC, from preparing official transcripts for compensation within two years of her termination of public service. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Parrish, within two years of the termination of her public employment, from receiving compensation for providing transcripts of testimony taken in her official capacity while she was employed by the 15th JDC, when such transcript is being generated as required by law or court order. However, the Board instructed the staff that Ms. Parrish should be advised that generally Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits her, for two years from the termination of her public employment, from rendering any court reporting services or providing assistance in generating any transcripts in subsequent proceedings before her former agency, the 15th JDC, for compensation, on a contractual basis regardless of the parties to the contract, if the action is not related to her prior service as a court reporter.

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 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. 15-738, 15-754, 15-755 and 15-762, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-640 from John Perry Gallow of four (4) \$1,000 late fees;  
Docket No. 15-653 from Larry Cochran, Jr. of a \$180 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-735 from Shelton Cobb of a \$360 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-736 from Robert W. Levy of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-750 from Susan Tingstrom Leonard of a \$360 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-752 from Tracey Flemings-Davillier of two (2) \$100 late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1431 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Redell Comeaux Miller, a candidate for Lafayette Parish School Board in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late and an untimely request for a waiver of the \$440 late fee assessed against Ms. Miller for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing. The Board further declined to consider the untimely waiver request in connection with the \$440 late fee assessed against Ms. Miller for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-237 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Beryl Adams Amedee, a candidate for Terrebonne Parish Council, District 4 in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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



considered a request in Docket No. 15-385 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Tehmi Chassion, a candidate for Lafayette Parish School Board /District 4 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-533 for a waiver of the \$280 and the \$400 late fees assessed against Jesse N. Fontenot, a candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 13 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late and his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 33 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$680 but suspended \$480 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-641 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Glenda Gay, a candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 3 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 256 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-643 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Leroy J. Laiche, Jr., a candidate for Justice of the Peace, 2nd Justice Court, Ascension Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 108 days late.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-644 for a waiver of the \$747 late fee assessed against Heather M. Cloud, a candidate for Mayor, Village of Turkey Creek, in the February 21, 2015 election, for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 54 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$747 late fee but suspended \$647 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-648 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against George Cavnac, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Council, At-Large District, Western Division, in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$300 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-652 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Terry A. Doughty, a candidate for District Court Judge, 5th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 15-654 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against John D. Crigler, a candidate for District Court Judge, 6th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-706 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Page McClendon, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 3rd District, in the November 6, 2012 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-707 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Scott Leehy, a candidate for District Court Judge, 4th JDC, in the September 30, 2006 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-708 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against John C. Reeves, a candidate for District Court Judge, 7th JDC, Division A, in the October 5, 2002 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On

motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-709 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against Chas Roemer, a candidate for BESE, District 6, in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-734 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Gideon T. Carter, III, a candidate for District Court Judge, 19th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-737 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Brady O'Callaghan, a candidate for District Court Judge, 1st JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 15-740 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Beryl Billiot, a candidate for Governor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$700 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-741 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Janice Jones, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 1, Caldwell Parish, in the October 23, 1999 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-742 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Lala Brittain Sylvester, a candidate for District Court Judge, 10th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-743 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against P. J. Hahn, a candidate for Kenner Chief of Police in the April 1, 2006 election, for filing his 2014

Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 30 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-745 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Sharon Ingram Marchman, a candidate for District Court Judge, 4th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-748 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Donald C. Hodge, Jr., a candidate for Commissioner of Insurance in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$200 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-751 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Tiffany Sanders, a candidate for District Court Judge, 9th JDC, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 112 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-757 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Francis Neziyana, a candidate for Zachary City Council, District 1, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-758 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Erica Williams, a candidate for Lafayette Parish School Board, District 4, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 24 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-759 for a waiver of the \$540 late fee assessed against Michael "Mike" Pitman, a candidate for District Court Judge, 1st JDC, Section 3, Division E in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 46 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$540 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-760 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Lauren

Michel, a candidate for Youngsville City Council, Division B in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$320 late fee based on Rule 1205B.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-761 for a waiver of the two (2) \$600 late fees assessed against George Michael "Mike" Canaday, a candidate for District Judge, 14th JDC, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in connection with the October 23, 1999 election 16 days late and for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in connection with the October 7, 2000 election 16 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totalling \$1,200 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-763 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Raymond "Bubba" Cole, a candidate for Eunice Chief of Police in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 46 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-738 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against Charles A. Imbornone, a candidate for Judge, 1st City Court, Section A (Orleans Parish) in the September 18, 2004 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia,



Lavastida, Leggio and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members McAnelly and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-755 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Nolan Marshall, Jr., a candidate for Orleans Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2012 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the September meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists included in the Lobbyist 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 Lobbyist Waiver Chart taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-676 from Charles Byars of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-677 from Scott Sternberg of a \$350 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-712 from Claudia Rodas of a \$50 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-767 from Benjamin Billings of a \$50 late fee.

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

Docket No. 15-768 from Josh Meikrantz of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-768 from Stephen Gabor of a \$500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-768 from Tracey Cooper of a \$500 late fee.

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 taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-525 for a waiver of the \$250 and \$200 late fees assessed against Floyd L. Barber, Clayton Board of Aldermen - Concordia Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late and for filing his Amended 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 late fee in connection with the 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement and declined to waive the \$200 late fee in connection with the Amended 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-656 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Johnnie Raymo, Waterproof Board of Aldermen, Tensas Parish, for filing her Amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 167 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-673 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against George L. Amedee Sr., a member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 28 days late. On motion

made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-674 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Roslyn A. Johnny, a member of the New Orleans Council on Aging, for filing her Amended 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 331 days late and her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 38 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the Amended 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and waived the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-675 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Louis James "L.J." Mayweather, a member of the DeSoto Parish School Board, District 11, for filing his Amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 110 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 14-1114 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against James Adger, a member of the Caddo Parish Levee District, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 31 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on waiver request reconsiderations 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 waiver request reconsiderations taking the following action:

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-745 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Dino Paternostro for the late filing of a 2013 Legislative Supplemental Registration report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the \$500 late fee to \$250.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-848 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Francis Ebarb, the Chief of Police for Noble, Sabine Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 189 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1246 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Charles Dukes, a member of the Forest Board of Aldermen, West Carroll Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 190 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-189 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Debra A. Hamilton, a former member of the Shreveport - Bossier Tourist Bureau, for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 285 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-329 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Stephone Taylor, Mayor - Town of Ringgold (Bienville Parish), for failing to file his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:29 a.m.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered litigation in Docket No. 11-429 in connection with charges issued against Troy Henry, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of New Orleans in the February 6, 2010 election. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the lawsuit and the charges against Mr. Henry.

The Board considered the charges in Docket No. 11-837 issued against Scott Berthelot and Michael Reason, employees of the Harvey Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) No. 2. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Scott Berthelot

and Michael Reason.

The Board considered litigation in Docket No. 11-1250 in connection with charges issued against Benetech, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Benetech, LLC.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered litigation in Docket No. 12-1322 in connection with charges issued against Mayor George L. Grace, Sr., Town of St. Gabriel, a candidate in the April 2, 2011 Mayoral election. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Mayor Grace.

Chairman Monroe announced that the Board would commence its meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

