

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
June 4, 2021

The Board of Ethics met on June 4, 2021 at 9:11 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 Bãnos, Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Ellis, Lavastida, and Roberts were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, LaToya Jordan, Suzanne Mooney, Charles Reeves and Greg Thibodeaux.

James Austin Gray, II, former New Orleans City Council Member, appeared before the Board for a waiver request in Docket No. 20-757 regarding two \$2500 late fees assessed for filing his amended 2017 and 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure reports 337 days late respectively. After hearing from Mr. Gray, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of six yeas by Board Members Bãnos, Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly, and Speer and two nays by Board Members Colomb and Scott, the Board declined to waive both \$2,500 late fees.

James Austin Gray, II, former New Orleans City Council Member, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, regarding his request for a waiver in Docket No. 21-122 regarding thirteen campaign finance late fees totaling \$18,700 assessed against Mr. Gray who was a candidate for District Attorney and Council Member, Orleans Parish in multiple elections. After hearing from Mr. Gray, the Board made a motion, seconded and passed by a vote of six yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly, Scott and two nays by Board Members Bãnos and Speer, the Board waived all late fees prior to 2012 for a total of \$7,500 and declined to waive the remaining late fees totaling \$11,200 and offered a payment plan if Mr. Gray is unable to pay within 30 days.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred until next month the 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.

Board Member Grand recused himself from the matter in Docket No. 21-263.

Melissa M. Grand, Attorney for Sunset French Immersion School, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-263 on her request for an advisory opinion to determine if a board member can provide collateral to Sunset French Immersion School Foundation to secure financing to purchase property which in turn will be leased to the school. Melissa Grand stated that the Foundation is a nonprofit corporation separate from Sunset and intends to construct a building that it will purchase and lease to Sunset to be used as the school site. Ms. Grand mentioned that Mr. Jerry Domengeaux, as a member of the board of Sunset, would not participate in any transaction involving the Foundation, he is not a board member of the Foundation and will not receive anything of economic value from Sunset, the Foundation, or any other source in connection with the loan to the Foundation. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Bãnos, Colomb, McAnelly, and Speer and 3 nays by Board Members Bruneau, Couvillon, and Scott, the Board concluded that Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics is the applicable provision to Mr. Domengeaux in this situation as a member of the charter school board for Sunset. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred consideration of the remaining issues until the end of the meeting.

Board Member Couvillon left the meeting at 10:49 A.M.

Mr. Marshall Hevron, Attorney for New Orleans College Prep, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-268 requesting an advisory opinion regarding the former Chief Financial Officer and Network Administrator for the New Orleans College Prep Charter School providing the same services as an employee of a company through a contract with the charter school for that company to be the Chief Financial Officer and Network Administrator. After hearing from Mr. Hevron, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Johnathan Tebeleff is prohibited from providing services as Chief Financial Officer pursuant to a contract between New Orleans College Prep and 4<sup>th</sup> Sector Solutions and Cory Landry is prohibited from providing the services of Network Administrator pursuant to a contract between New Orleans College Prep and LogixIT for a period of two years following the termination of their employment with New Orleans College Prep.

The Board took a recess from 11:26 A.M. to 11:42 A.M.

Ms. Kisha Laurent Gaudin and Mr. Khalid Saleh, employees of Department of Public Works in the City of New Orleans, appeared before the Board requesting an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-242 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Saleh's continued employment with the City of New Orleans – Department of Public Works while his son, Lufti Saleh, is employed with International Logistical Support, who has existing contracts with the Department of Public Works. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Khalid Saleh's employment with the Department of Public Works while his son, Lufti Saleh is employed with International Logistical Support. Lufti Saleh would be prohibited from working on contracts with DPW and would be required to disclose the income that he receives from International Logistical Support pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental

Ethics if there is any contractual, financial, or business relationship with DPW-Operations Division.

Mr. Brady Hotard, member of the West Baton Rouge Planning and Zoning Commission, appeared before the Board requesting an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-356 regarding the zoning request by Beuche P1, LLC that would affect property leased to his father-in-law's company. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the request to change the zoning designation would violate the Code of Ethics while Brady Hotard is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. While Mr. Hotard can recuse himself to prevent a violation of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ehtics, his recusal would not cure the Section 1113 Code violation.

The Board brought back Ms. Melissa M. Grand to appear before the Baord regarding Docket No. 21-263. After analyzing the prohibition in Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the exception in Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics that allows Mr. Domengeaux to donate services, or movable property to his agency, the Board, on motion made, seconded and passed with a vote of four yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Scott, and Speer and two nays by Board Members Bãnos and McAnelly, the Board concluded that based on these unique facts, Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would provide a narrow exception that would not prohibit Mr. Domengeaux from providing collateral and personal guaranty on the loan to the Foundation, provided that Mr. Domengeaux would execute documents agreeing not to seek recovery or reimbursement from the Foundation in the event of a foreclosure or other default on the construction loan. Since Sunset would be leasing the building from the Foundation, Jerry Domengeaux would be in any way interested in the lease payments from the charter school to the Foundation, however Mr. Domengeaux can provide the Foundation

with a right to use his assets provided he forgoes any right of recourse or reimbursement in the event of a default.

The Board considered the following general supplemental business agenda items:

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-344 concerning the Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions son's employment with a regulated entity. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the disqualification plan since the plan complies with Section 1112C and the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-355 regarding the receipt of free parking at East Baton Rouge Parish-Metro City Hall parking garages. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit members of the Metro Council and legislative aides from receiving free parking benefits, since parking benefits would be related to their public employment, salary, and other emoluments of their office, provided that the parking benefits are considered an appropriated use of public funds. The Metro Council should seek an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General as to whether the city providing the parking benefits would be considered the appropriate use of public funds. Further Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit members of the Metro Council from participating in the vote regarding free parking. Metro Council members would not have a substantial economic interest in the vote, since the free parking would arise solely from each member's holding of public office and would apply to all members of the Metro Council.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G5-G22 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 G5-G22, excluding items G8, G10, G12, G13, G16, G17, G18, G20 and G21 taking the following action:

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-870 concluding that members of the Cenla Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Board of Directors are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics since the Cenla Area Agency on Aging, Inc. does not meet the definition of a “board or commission” as defined in Section 1124.2.1D(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-103 regarding John Salter, member of the Natchitoches Parish Council.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion and disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-149 concluding that since Mr. Goudeau was employed for more than a year prior to the initial employment of his wife, Stephanie Goudeau, as well as her promotion to Interim Director, Mr. Goudeau’s continued employment with the charter school is not prohibited and the disqualification plan submitted is compliant with Section 1112C of the Code and the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-223 concluding that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Jared Gibbs from participating in matters involving Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency Board of Trustees if he is elected as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, since Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency Board of Trustees is not a person for the purpose of the Code.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-225 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Jamea Walker from starting a driving school. Further, parolees and probationers that Ms. Walker supervises would be prohibited from attending Ms. Walker's driving school and Ms. Walker should avoid appearing to compel or coerce coworkers, parolees, and probationers to attend her driving school.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-244 concluding that generally, Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit Jeffrey Nolan from providing consulting services to private individuals or entities on administrative and civil regulatory issues, provided Mr. Nolan did not participate in those specific administrative and civil regulatory transactions while employed by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Should a specific situation arise in which Mr. Nolan participated at any time during his employment with DEQ, Mr. Nolan should seek an additional advisory opinion.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-246 concluding that since Mr. Meliet did not participate in the Jourdan Road Terminal Wharf - Substructure Repairs while he was employed with the Port of New Orleans, Mr. Meliet would not be prohibited by the Code of Ethics from assisting Kostmayer as a Construction Management at Risk Contractor for the Jourdan Road Terminal Wharf - Substructure Repairs project.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-258 concluding that for a period of two years following the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Mr. Edward R. Wedge, III, may not participate in transactions, or assist a prospective employer in transactions, that he worked on during his employment with DOTD. Further, any private entity in which Mr. Wedge is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, is prohibited, for a period of two years following the end of his

employment with DOTD, from assisting a private individual or entity in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which Mr. Wedge participated while employed by DOTD. Accordingly, Mr. Wedge would not be prohibited from working with DOTD on projects that he did not participate in while at DOTD.

The Board approved the disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-270 submitted by Robert L. Hammonds, General Counsel for the Lafayette Parish School Board, regarding the employment of Allison Champagne and her mother Kathy Aloisio since the plan meets the requirements of Section 1112 of the Code and the Rules of the Board of Ethics to prevent a potential violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Board Member Colomb left the meeting at 12:22 P.M.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-177 regarding Ricky White, former employee of the Office of Motor Vehicles on post-employment restrictions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ricky White from being employed by West Monroe Driving Academy as a driving instructor, since Mr. White did not participate in driving instruction classes while employed by Office of Motor Vehicles, and he will not be providing the same services on behalf of Office of Motor Vehicles through the driving academy. The Board further concluded that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. White, for a period of two years following his retirement, from being employed by a Tag Title & License company to provide driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and reinstatement services, since he would be rendering the same services on behalf of Office of Motor Vehicles through a contractual relationship between the Tag Title & License company and Office of Motor Vehicles.



The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-224 from Cassandra Billiot relating to a part-time employment opportunity with a non-profit organization. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that there would be no violation of Sections 1111A or 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics for Ms. Billiot to seek to obtain part-time employment at The Haven since her duties as an employee of St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office are unrelated.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-243 from Allie Allen, Compliance Officer for Northwest La. Human Services District, regarding the District's purchase of a plaque given to a local pharmacist. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that gift prohibitions in Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics do not apply since Mr. Hayes is not a public servant. However, the Board declined to render an opinion as to this specific situation since it concerns past conduct.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-248 from La'Keisha Ealy, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), regarding her operating a driver's education school in East Baton Rouge Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Ethics does not prohibit La'Keisha Ealy from operating a driver's education school since driver's education is not substantially related to the programs and responsibilities of her agency, DCFS Arrears Collection Unit. The Board further cautioned Ms. Ealy that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit her from providing compensated services to any of the following persons: (1) a person with a contractual, business, or financial relationship with the Arrears Collection Unit; (2) a person whose conduct is regulated by the Arrears Collection Unit; and (3) a person who has substantial economic interests which can be affected by her duties as an

employee of DCFS. If a potential conflict of interest arises regarding a specific person, Ms. Ealy should seek an additional advisory opinion. Additionally, the Board cautioned Ms. Ealy that Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit her from participating in any transaction involving DCFS in which she may have a substantial economic interest. Also, Section 1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Ealy from using the authority of her employment with DCFS to compel or coerce any person to provide her or her business anything of economic value.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-249 submitted by Phlesher Mingo, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from owning a private driving school while he is the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance for Bogalusa City School District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Section 1111(C)(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Mingo from owning and operating a private driving school since Mr. Mingo would not be "receiving any thing of economic value for any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of the agency of the public servant and in which the public servant has participated." Additionally, owning and operating a private driving school where Bogalusa City School District students might attend would not be prohibited under Section 1111(C)(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics since Mr. Mingo does not teach students within the Bogalusa City School District. The Board further advised Mr. Mingo that he should not compel or coerce employees, students, or parents of the Bogalusa City School District to attend his driving school.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-250 from Eileen Bates-McCarroll, Mayor of the Town of Albany, relating to a member of the town's Planning and

Zoning Commission, Ross Kinchen, performing surveying services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Mr. Kinchen would be entering into a transaction that is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency, there would be no violation of Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-259 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Robert Hebert, an Assistant Fire Chief for Westwego in Jefferson Parish, from serving as the Westwego Fire Chief while continuing to serve as an Assistant Fire Chief. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Robert Hebert from serving simultaneously in both positions, since as fire chief, Mr. Hebert would be compelled to participate in transactions in which he has a substantial economic interest as assistant fire chief.

The Board considered a Personal Financial Disclosure Answer in Docket No. 21-206 submitted by Henry DiFranco, member of the St. Tammany Parish Levee, Drainage and Conservation District, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he disclose income received from the District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. DiFranco is not required to amend his 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement since he was not compensated.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G25-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 G25-G35, excluding G30, G34, and G35.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-042 signed by Stephanie Bachemin agreeing to a civil penalty of \$1,200.00 in connection with a Consent Opinion for violation of Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics; and Erin Caruso and Abby Caruso signing the Consent Opinion for a violation of Section 1113(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics where all documents have been signed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 18-1506 signed by Stefanie Ashford regarding her violation of 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics with a Confession of Judgment and Payment Plan. Ms. Ashford made her first payment relative to the payment plan. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 19-689 signed by Cathy Kendrick and Gretchen Bradford who agreed to a civil penalty of \$500 for violation of Section 1119(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 19-750 signed by Mr. Tommy Evans who agreed to a civil penalty of \$500 for violation of Section 1117 of the Code of

Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a proposed joint consent opinion in Docket No. 20-603, signed by Lisa Tanner and Josh Herndon with no civil penalty as to Ms. Tanner and a \$1,000 civil penalty assessed against Mr. Herndon for violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The parties have executed the documents and submitted payment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-157 regarding Keary Grayson, candidate for Assessor, Madison Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 30-P campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(a) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report and to assess a \$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. 21-165 regarding Carl (Joseph Carl) Hardy, candidate for Sheriff, St. Landry Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 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.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-247 regarding whether the employee member of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission is considered an appointed or elected official for purposes of the Code of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the employee member of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission is an appointed member of a board or commission and such employee member is not an elected official for the purpose of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-072 from JoAnn Rucker, Council Clerk for City of Covington, on behalf of the City of Covington, relating to potential transactions between the City of Covington and ASP, the employer of Council Member Larry Rolling. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded with the following answers: Question 1. ASP is prohibited from selling products to the City while Mr. Rolling serves on the City Council and receives compensation from ASP; Question 2. ASP is prohibited from selling products bearing the City logo to third parties while Mr. Rolling serves on the City Council and receives compensation from ASP; Question 3. ASP is prohibited from selling products bearing the City logo to City employees while Mr. Rolling serves on the City Council and receives compensation from ASP; Question 4. ASP is prohibited from selling products bearing the City logo to City employees while Mr. Rolling serves on the City Council and receives compensation from ASP; and Question 5. ASP is prohibited from performing subcontract work involving the City logo while Mr. Rolling serves on the City Council and receives compensation from ASP.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-343 from LaDonna Englerth, East Carroll Parish Hospital Administrator, regarding the hiring of a Project Manager who is related to the East Carroll Parish Police Jury President. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Lisa Clement Walters from being hired as the Project Manager for the District while her brother-in-law, Randy Walters, serves as a member of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, since the District is a political subdivision of the state pursuant to La. R.S.

46:1064A.

The Board moved discussion of Legislation introduced during the 2021 Regular Session to the end of the meeting.

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. 21-193, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 21-181 from Collin Edwards, 30-P of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-181 from Collin Edwards, 10-P of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-190 from Ronald F. “Ron” Ware, 180-P of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-190 from Ronald F. “Ron” Ware, 90-P of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-272 from LA Life Underwriters PAC, ANN2019 of a \$1,200 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-274 from Steven Marcus, 10-G of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-277 from Lauren O’Brien, SUPP2019 of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-278 from Steven Beard, SUPP2019 of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-281 from Bob Fisher, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-282 from Christopher Petite, 40-G of a \$400 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-283 from Glenn Lazard, 40-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

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

Docket No. 21-275 from Donald “DJ” Gaut, 30-P of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$600 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-277 from Laura O'Brien, 10-G of a \$1000 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-279 from Chad Doyle, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-193 regarding Scott Perry, Jr., a candidate for Police Juror, District I, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-262, for a waiver of the \$650 late fee assessed against Maxwell Ciardullo for the late filing of the February 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee pursuant to the Board's guidelines since this his Mr. Ciardullo's first late filing.

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. 20-526, 21-119, 21-208, 21-214, 21-120, 21-216, 21-217, 21-218 and 21-219 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 20-552 Heather Stefan, 2017 Tier 2.1, 47 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-065 Winifred Brooks, 2017 Tier 2.1, 14 days late of a \$700 late fee;  
Docket 21-065 Winifred Brooks, 2018 Tier 2.1, 14 days late of a \$700 late fee;



Docket 21-210 Tony Cloud, 2018 Tier 2.1, 2 days late of a \$100 late fee;  
Docket 21-211 Lakeisha Robichaux, 2018 Tier 3, 8 days late of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket 21-212 Charles Southall, III., 2018 Tier 3, 7 days late of a \$350 late fee;  
Docket 21-213 Melanie Rey, 2018 Tier 3, 5 days late of a \$250 late fee; and,  
Docket 21-215 Christina Wallace, 2018 Tier 2.1, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-526 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael Wade Holloway, Claiborne Parish Watershed District/Claiborne, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 408 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$1,050 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-119 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Timothy Philip Diebold, former member of the Tangipahoa Charter School Board / Ponchatoula, for filing his 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 513 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$1,000 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-208 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Johnell Dwayne Celestine, candidate for St. Landry Parish School Board / District 3 / in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 891 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$2,000 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the following:

Docket 21-214 Cynthia Clark, 2018 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket 21-214 Cynthia Clark, 2019 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket 21-120 James Gilmore, 2018 Tier 2.1, 1 day late of a \$100 late fee;  
Docket 21-120 James Gilmore, 2019 Tier 2.1, 1 day late of a \$100 late fee;  
Docket 21-216 Ardie Scott, 2016 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

Docket 21-216 Ardie Scott, 2017 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-216 Ardie Scott, 2018 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-216 Ardie Scott, 2019 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-217 Danny Harper, 2016 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-217 Danny Harper, 2017 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-217 Danny Harper, 2018 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-217 Danny Harper, 2019 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-218 Dezmion Barrow, 2016 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
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Docket 21-218 Dezmion Barrow, 2019 Tier 2.1, 71 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-219 Gary Chambers, 2016 Tier 2.1, 21 days late of a \$1050 late fee;  
Docket 21-219 Gary Chambers, 2017 Tier 2.1, 21 days late of a \$1050 late fee;  
Docket 21-219 Gary Chambers, 2018 Tier 2.1, 21 days late of a \$1050 late fee; and,  
Docket 21-219 Gary Chambers, 2019 Tier 2.1, 21 days late of a \$1050 late fee.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 20-519 submitted by Michael Allen, member of the Cheneyville Board of Aldermen, Rapides Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 181 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the untimely requests and offered a payment plan.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-207 submitted by Darry Dewayne Green, Jr., Bastrop Board of Alderman / District D /Morehouse Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 212 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered both of the untimely requests and suspended all but \$500 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-209 submitted by Christine Bailey, former member of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 372 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the

Board considered both of the untimely requests and suspended all but \$500 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 20-023 regarding the Board's decision to suspend all but \$400 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance submitted by Stefanie Ashford, a former member of the Laurel Oaks Charter School, for the filing her 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 124 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance since the filer is no longer a public servant.

The Board returned to consideration of 2021 Legislation and Ms. Allen highlighted the 2021 Regular Legislative Session and the bills that will be sent to the Governor.

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 SESSION**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general session.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Ray Nagin in Docket Nos. 09-348, 09-436 and 09-442.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned  
at 1:34 P.M.

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Secretary

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Chairman