



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
DECEMBER 3, 2020
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on December 3, 2020 and continue to December 4, 2020.

Executive Session

Consideration of complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges issued against (1) Ron Bourgeois and REECO Rental & Supply; and (2) Ronnie Chiasson and Sunbelt Fire Inc. in Docket No. 2018-757.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Tracy Stewart, Brionne Stewart, and David James in Docket No. 2019-123.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 20-737

Request for an Advisory Opinion from Ellen Engemann, Chairman of the Housing Authority for New Roads Board of Commissioners, relative to the authority of the Mayor of New Roads making appointments to the Board of Commissioners. New Roads is located in Pointe Coupee Parish with a

population of 4,831.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G2.** Docket No. CHART
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent December 2020 Agenda.
- G3.** Docket No. 20-633
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Emmanuel Owuor, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Munca Technologies, Inc. ("Munca") from bidding for and entering into a contract with LSU Parking and Transportation ("LSUPT") after Mr. Owuor was previously employed with LSUPT.
- G4.** Docket No. 20-634
Advisory Opinion Request from Dennis Hoffman, the son-in-law of a member of the Harahan City Council, regarding his appointment to an unpaid position with various city boards and commissions.
- G5.** Docket No. 20-730
Advisory Opinion Request concerning post-employment activities by Gary Gisclair, a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- G6.** Docket No. 20-731
Request for review and approval of a Disqualification Plan, submitted by Attorney Robert Moore on behalf of the Town of Arcadia, concerning Billy Abner's service as Streets Superintendent while his son, Jeremy Abner, is a full time employee to be supervised by his father.
- G7.** Docket No. 20-738
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Michele D. Jones, MLIS, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her continued employment as the Director of the Audubon Regional Library while she works as a part time contractor for the Louisiana Department of Corrections.
- G8.** Docket No. 20-781
Advisory opinion request as to whether a former member of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP), who was appointed on an interim basis, may be appointed to the LSBEP on a permanent basis.
- G9.** Docket No. 20-782
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by the Vidalia Chief of Police Joey Merrill, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the Vidalia Police Department ("VPD") from accepting monetary donations from the Riverpark Medical Center to be used as Chief Merrill sees fit.
- G10.** Docket No. 20-789
Disqualification Plan regarding Patricia Broussard with the Office of Finance & Management for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

Regular Business

- G11.** Docket No. MINUTES
November 2020 Board Minutes
- G12.** Docket No. 16-949

Consent Order relative to Gerald Jones, former Equipment Operator for Lafourche Parish Government.

G13. Docket No. 20-688

Advisory Opinion Request from Darien Brown, former board member of East Union Hospital Service District, regarding potential employment by Union General Hospital.

G14. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

December 2020 CF Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-646

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Alvin "Shark" St. Pierre, Jr., a candidate for Councilman, District 1, St. James Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 61 and 112 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-787

Request that the Board waive four (4) \$3,000 (total of \$12,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against International Paper PAC, a political committee participating in the October 12, 2019 election; its committee's chairperson, Chris Keuleman; and, its treasurer, Meaghan Joyce, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G & 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 140, 120, 85 & 34 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-791

Request that the Board waive the \$480 and \$800 campaign finance late fees assessed against Trina Trinhthi Chu, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sec. 1A (Major Level Candidate) in the March 5, 2016 election and Judge, Juvenile Court, Elec. Sect. 1C (District Level Candidate) in the November 8, 2016 election, her committee's chairperson, Vandana Chaturvedi, and treasurer, Reshma Paralikar, whose 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports for each election were 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-792

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Thomas L. "Tommy" Lyons, a candidate for State Senator, 2nd Dist. in the April 29, 2017 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 20-793

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Shawn Lockett, a candidate for State Representative, 100th Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2017, 2018 and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 755, 451 and 83 days late, respectively.

G15. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 20-713

Request from Katie Mayers to waive the \$1500 late fee assessed for her June 2020 Expenditure Report and \$1,150 late fee for her July 2020 Expenditure Report.

G16. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

December 2020 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-520

Waiver request submitted by Lane Thomas, an unsuccessful candidate for the Madisonville Town Council/St. Tammany Parish (Pop. 748) in the July 11, 2020 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 candidate PFD 252 days late.

Docket No. 20-750

Waiver request submitted by Tonya M. Williams, Collegiate Academies Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual PFD 91 days late.

Docket No. 20-751

Waiver request submitted by Lee Condolle, City of Patterson Council/St. Mary Parish (Pop. 6112), regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual PFD 289 days late.

Docket No. 20-752

Waiver request submitted by John Earl Shoemaker, candidate for East Carroll Parish School Board / District 2 / in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 candidate PFD 730 days late.

Docket No. 20-753

Waiver request submitted by Jeffery L. Gaudin, Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 18 days late.

Docket No. 20-754

Waiver request submitted by Charles G. Blaize Jr., Emerge Center Charter School Board/ East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual PFD 410 days late.

Docket No. 20-756

Waiver request submitted by Donald A. Callais, former member of the Veterans Memorial District, Lafourche Parish, Ward 10, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 250 days late.

Docket No. 20-758

Waiver request submitted by Thomas "Hunter" Landry, Zachary City Council/District 4/East Baton Rouge Parish (Pop. 14960), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual PFD 310 days late.

Docket No. 20-759

Waiver request submitted by Sheral C. Kellar, Workers Compensation Second Injury Board member, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 150 days late.

Docket No. 20-760

Waiver request submitted by Dennis Paul Williams, St. Martinville City Council/District 3/St. Martin Parish (Pop. 6114), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 174 days late.

Docket No. 20-761

Waiver request submitted by Juma A. Johnson, St. Martinville City Council/District 4/St. Martin Parish (Pop. 6114), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual PFD 357 days late.

Docket No. 20-762

Waiver request submitted by Erika McConduit, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 52 days late.

Docket No. 20-765

Waiver request submitted by Mark Joseph Roy, III, Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 173 days late.

Docket No. 20-766

Waiver request submitted by Phillip Michael Smart, candidate for Bienville Parish Police Jury/District 2 in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 candidate PFD 172 days late.

Docket No. 20-767

Waiver request submitted by Ashely M. Spears, former member of the New Beginnings Charter School Board/New Orleans, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 44 days late.

Docket No. 20-768

Waiver request submitted by James "Jim" F. Brown, Jr., Denham Springs Development District Corporation, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 244 days late.

Docket No. 20-769

Waiver request submitted by Tiffany Robbins, former member of the Crescent City Charter School Board / New Orleans, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 365 days late.

Docket No. 20-770

Waiver request submitted by Lisa Hahn Coker, former member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 6 days late.

Docket No. 20-772

Waiver request submitted by Erika L. Green, Metro Council/District 5/East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2 annual PFD 225 days late.

Docket No. 20-794

Waiver request submitted by Derrick Edwards, Louisiana Housing Corporation Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 115 days late.

G17. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSUREDocket No. 20-764

Waiver request submitted by Terri Singleton, a member of the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing her 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 11 days late.