



**Louisiana Board of Ethics**

**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room  
FEBRUARY 6, 2020  
2:30 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Note: Meetings begin on February 6, 2020 and continue to February 7, 2020.**

**Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against David Romano and ABC Caster in Docket No. 2015-1151.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Ronnie Remedies in Docket No. 2016-829.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Bert Allain in Docket No. 2016-1034.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Jenny Bobal in Docket No. 2019-031.

Discussion in Executive Session litigation arising from Charles Jones v. Louisiana Board of Ethics pending at the 19th Judicial District Court.

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**GENERAL**

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## Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 19-1127  
Waiver request submitted by Sybil Haydel Morial, with the New Orleans Science and Mathematics Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2018 Tier 3 annual pdf.
- G2.** Docket No. 19-1263  
Request that the Board waive \$2,500 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Julie Miramon Knight, a candidate for Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2018 Annual and 90-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 157 and 4 days late, respectively.

## Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G3.** Docket No. CHART  
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent February 2020 Agenda.
- G4.** Docket No. 19-1105  
Advisory Opinion request withdrawal submitted by Ricardo Mekdessie regarding his ability to bid on a request for proposal from the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board.
- G5.** Docket No. 19-1235  
Advisory opinion request as to whether state employees may accept discounts offered through Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- G6.** Docket No. 19-1236  
Request for an advisory opinion by Chris Cagnolatti, a Probation and Parole Officer in the Tallulah (pop. 7,335) District Office, concerning whether his wife, Pam Cagnaolatti, can provide services as a sex offender counselor.
- G7.** Docket No. 19-1241  
Advisory Opinion request from Angelique Bergeron, Director, West Baton Rouge Museum, regarding the transfer of artifacts to the West Baton Rouge Historical Association.
- G8.** Docket No. 19-1244  
A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Clayton Harmson, inquiring about whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from being a vendor for the Parish of Rapides after he was appointed to sit on the Buckeye Recreation District by the Rapides Parish Police Jury.
- G9.** Docket No. 19-1270  
Advisory Opinion request from Joshua O'Quin, a member of the East Feliciana (pop.20,267) Planning and Zoning Commission, relative to his continued service after his mother, Chrissie O'Quin, was elected to the East Feliciana Police Jury.
- G10.** Docket No. 19-1271  
Advisory Opinion request from Megan Marino, MD regarding her employment as the Director of Pediatric Prehospital Education at Ochsner Hospital for Children.
- G11.** Docket No. 19-1272  
Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Carolyn Dragseth from pursuing outside employment while she is employed with the Department of Children and Family Services.

- G12.** Docket No. 19-1273  
A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by David L.E. Camardelle, as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from working as an intern for Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. ("GIS"), a company that has previously performed work for the Town of Grand Isle - where his father is the Mayor.
- G13.** Docket No. 19-1274  
Advisory Opinion request from Kristina Martel, a legislative assistant with the Louisiana House of Representatives, regarding her ability to open a driving school regulated by the Office of Motor Vehicles.
- G14.** Docket No. 19-1287  
Request for an advisory opinion from David Cook, an employee for a charter school in New Orleans, relative to his retaining his position with the charter school now that he is eligible to retire from the Orleans Parish School Board.
- G15.** Docket No. 19-1302  
Advisory Opinion request from Megan K. Terrell, former Deputy Director for the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, related to post-employment restrictions.
- G16.** Docket No. 20-003  
Advisory Opinion request submitted by Cameron Parish Clerk of Court Susan Racca regarding the employment of her grandchild in her office.
- G17.** Docket No. 20-004  
Advisory opinion regarding whether Jacob Dilehay, the Parish Administrator for Allen Parish, or his company, Priola and Dilehay Development, may apply for building permits within Allen Parish.
- G18.** Docket No. 20-005  
Advisory opinion request concerning the continued employment of Briton J. Myer with Clary, Suba & Neale while he serves as a Councilman for the City of Central.
- G19.** Docket No. 20-006  
A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Many Police Department Chief of Police Roger Freeman, as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the hiring of Kyle Cook, while his father, Stanley Cook, continues his employment.
- G20.** Docket No. 20-009  
Advisory Opinion Request submitted by Jeff Everson, Caddo Parish Council Clerk Appointee, regarding the awarding of a contract to a non-profit organization that employs his wife.

### **Regular Business**

- G21.** Docket No. LEGISLA  
Consideration of proposed legislation for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.
- G22.** Docket No. MINUTES  
December 2019 Board Minutes
- G23.** Docket No. 19-377  
Consent opinion regarding misappropriation of funds by Brandon Lewis, a former employee of the Caddo Parish School Board.

**G24. Docket No. 19-377**

Consent opinion regarding misappropriation of funds by Tracy Wood, a former employee of the Caddo Parish School Board.

**G25. Docket No. 19-1245**

Advisory opinion request submitted on behalf of the Lafayette Charter Foundation (LCF) regarding employment limitations for current and prospective LCF board members.

**G26. Docket No. 19-1286**

Advisory opinion request regarding the propriety of using campaign funds to purchase a truck bed cover for campaign use.

**G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE****Docket No. chart**

February 2020 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

**Docket No. 19-1133**

Request that the Board waive \$440 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Stormy Gage Watts, a candidate for Parish Commission Member / District 7, Caddo Parish, in the March 28, 2015 election, whose 30-P and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11 & 10 days late, respectively.

**Docket No. 19-1199**

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Betty Robinson, in her capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District G, Tangipahoa Parish, in the November 6, 2018, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 261 days late.

**Docket No. 19-1262**

Request that the Board waive a \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Abraham Rubin, Jr., a candidate for Lafayette Parish Council Member, District 5, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

**Docket No. 19-1264**

Request that the Board waive a \$300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Brian Anthony Salvatore, a candidate for State Representative, 5th Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, and his committee's treasurer, Mark Donnolly Pomeroy, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

**Docket No. 19-1265**

Request that the Board waive the \$60 and \$540 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ted A. Richard, a candidate for Lafayette Parish Council Member, District 2, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 day and 9 days late, respectively.

**Docket No. 19-1266**

Request that the Board waive a \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Heath Pastor, a candidate for Avoyelles Parish Assessor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

**Docket No. 19-1268**

Request that the Board waive a \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Chris Tidwell, a candidate for Assessor, Sabine Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 19-1269

Request that the Board waive a \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Herbert A. "Don" Nesom, Jr., a candidate for Coroner, Allen Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

Docket No. 19-1289

Request that the Board waive a \$780 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cynthia "Cindy" Fontenot, a candidate for Clerk of Court in Allen Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 19-1290

Request that the Board waive a \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against Karen S. Kovach, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division F, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-1291

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Thomas St. Clair Williams, Sr., a candidate for Coroner, West Carroll Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 19-1292

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Robin Free, a candidate for Sheriff, his committee's chairperson, F. Barry Marrioneaux and treasurer, Bobby E. Stanley, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 19-1293

Request that the Board waive a \$60, \$540 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Denis Mulvihill, a candidate for Sheriff and his committee's chairperson, Russell Wagoner, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1, 9 and 13 days late.

Docket No. 19-1294

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against James E. Grace, a candidate for Coroner, Iberville Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 19-1295

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Pat McGaully, a candidate for Coroner, Desoto Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 19-1296

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shawn P. Granger, a candidate for Coroner, Vernon Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 19-1297

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carl M. Ditch, a candidate for Coroner, Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 19-1298

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lucien J. Gauff, III, a candidate for Assessor, St. John The Baptist Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 19-1299

Request that the Board waive a \$600 and \$840 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerald "Jerry" Longlois, a candidate for Natchitoches Parish President, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 & 14 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-1300

Request that the Board waive \$600, \$420 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mattie Preston, a candidate for State Senator, 36th Senatorial District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 14, 7 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-1301

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Deborah Vincent, as an other person in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-E campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-1306

Request that the Board waive the \$660 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael "Mike" Zito, a candidate for Sheriff, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 19-1307

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tommy Sanders, a candidate for Police Juror, District 8, Claiborne Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-1308

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Denise Carpenter, a candidate for BESE, District 1, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 19-1309

Request that the Board waive the \$480, \$600 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against Tina Douglas, a candidate for Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8, 14 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-1310

Request that the Board waive a \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Max Hayden Chiz, a candidate for State Representative, 98th Representative District, Orleans Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.



Docket No. 19-1311

Request that the Board waive a \$560 campaign finance late fee assessed against David M. Poirier, a candidate for Council Member, District 4, St. Martin Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 19-1312

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carl "Doug" Sias, a candidate for Natchitoches Parish President in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 19-1313

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Manuel Russell Leach, a candidate for Governor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

**G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**Docket No. waiver

February 2020 Waiver Chart

Docket No. 19-1019

Waiver request submitted by Joe Walker Jr., a former member of the the Natchez Board of Alderman / Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 597), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 90 days late.

Docket No. 19-1020

Waiver request submitted by Arlis Ray Williamson, Jr., Georgetown Board of Aldermen / Grant Parish (Pop. 327), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 602 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 353 days late.

Docket No. 19-1029

Waiver request submitted by Jessie Kenneth Edwards, with the Winnfield City Council / Winn Parish (Pop. 4840), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 152 days late.

Docket No. 19-1049

Waiver request submitted by Kenyetta Nelson Smith, East Baton Rouge Parish Parks and Recreation Commission BREC/District 3/East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-1084

Waiver request submitted by Stacey Bush Morales, with the Capitol Area Human Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 376 days late.

**G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY**Docket No. 19-1128

Untimely waiver request submitted by Rose Thompson, with the Morehouse Parish School Board/ District 7/Morehouse, regarding two \$650 late fees assessed for filing both her amended 2016 and amended 2017 Tier 3 PFDs each 13 days late; and, a timely waiver request regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 80 days late.



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- GS1.** Docket No. 19-1219  
Advisory Opinion request submitted by District Attorney Samuel C. D'Aquilla (20th Judicial District), regarding the employment of a former East Feliciana Police Jury manager.
- GS2.** Docket No. 20-056  
Request for an Advisory Opinion from the Office of the City Attorney for the City of Shreveport relative to five city employees being awarded compensation for their appearance and participation in CBS' Undercover Boss.
- GS3.** Docket No. 20-058  
Advisory Opinion request from Michael Echols, State Representative, District 14 and his employment/ownership in Vantage Health Plan, Inc.