



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
JANUARY 19, 2017
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on January 19, 2017 and continue to January 20, 2017.

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 issued against Donald Villere in Ethics Board Docket No. 2010-176.

Discussion in executive session regarding charges filed against Joseph Chase, Dan Chase and Dan Chase d/b/a Chase Electronics.

Discussion in executive session of litigation regarding a declaratory opinion issued by the Board related to the time limits in which a person may make contributions in connection with a general election in BD No. 2015-972.

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9:00 AM
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GENERAL

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Appearances

- G1. Docket No. 16-163**
Waiver request submitted by Walter P. Reed, District Attorney -22nd Judicial District, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for not filing his 2014 Tier 2 Annual PFD as of this date.
- G2. Docket No. 16-600**
Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Logan Williamson, Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 106 days late.
- G3. Docket No. 16-603**
Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$450 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Vincent P. Borrello Jr., Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 108 days late.
- G4. Docket No. 16-685**
Request that the Board waive the six \$1,000 (\$6,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against Donald "D.T." Thompson, a candidate for Opelousas Chief of Police in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G, EDE-G, 40-G and 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 497, 476, 446, 728, 474 and 301 days late, respectively.
- G5. Docket No. 16-1279**
Request that the Board waive the \$300 and \$960 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jerry L. Denton, Jr., in his capacity as a candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Denham Springs, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P and 10-G reports were filed 5 and 16 days late.
- G6. Docket No. 16-1340**
Advisory opinion request regarding the propriety of the CEO of the LSU Foundation also holding the position of LSU Vice-President for Institutional Advancement.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G7. Docket No. CHART**
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent January 2017 Agenda.
- G8. Docket No. 16-913**
Reconsideration of BD opinion 2016-913 prohibiting Melynie Wright from serving on the St. John the Baptist Library's Board of Control while she is employed at the A Storage Inn.
- G9. Docket No. 16-1028**
Advisory opinion request regarding whether James Tassin, Deputy Chief and an elected board member of the Luling Volunteer Fire Department, may accept a paid position with the Luling Volunteer Fire Department.
- G10. Docket No. 16-1045**
Advisory opinion regarding whether Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc.'s employees and members of its Board of Directors are required to take the annual ethics training, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:1170A.
- G11. Docket No. 16-1111**
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Telford Williams may continue participating as a landlord in the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish's Section 8 program, at a time when he is married to Shenika Robinson.

- G12.** Docket No. 16-1200
Advisory opinion by Rita Hudson regarding whether she would be prohibited from contracting as a consultant with the Lafayette District of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) on the I-49 Connector Project after retiring from the DOTD.
- G13.** Docket No. 16-1201
Advisory Opinion request of Wendy Fremin, an employee of the Health Standards Section of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), regarding the application of the post employment restrictions if she were to start a consulting business for health care providers.
- G14.** Docket No. 16-1202
Advisory opinion request of Blake Bordelon regarding the post-termination employment restrictions after he ends his employment with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Underground Storage Tank and Remediation Division.
- G15.** Docket No. 16-1204
Advisory opinion request by Shawn Toranto, Chief Executive Officer of Einstein Charter Schools, regarding whether it would be a conflict of interest for David Alvarez to provide services to Einstein Charter Schools through a federal grant while Mr. Alvarez is a candidate in an election to become an Orleans Parish School Board member or serves in such capacity.
- G16.** Docket No. 16-1205
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Roxanna Womack can continue her employment with the Denham Springs Police Department while her husband, J. Shannon Womack, serves as Police Chief.
- G17.** Docket No. 16-1237
Advisory opinion request of Michael Brocato, Jr., Operations Manager for the St. Mary Levee District, as to his ability to run and serve as an elected St. Mary Parish Councilman at large.
- G18.** Docket No. 16-1239
Advisory opinion request of Reginald H. Smith, Jr., a board member of the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation, which is a sub-division of the City of New Orleans regarding his ability to place his name on a waiting list for a slip lease in anticipation of availability in 2018.
- G19.** Docket No. 16-1271
Advisory opinion request by Kriss Fortunato regarding her potential employment with SMG within two years of leaving Jefferson Parish Government as a public information officer.
- G20.** Docket No. 16-1272
Advisory Opinion request as to any potential ethics violations as to the purchase of the local newspaper "The Banner Democrat," which serves as the official paper of record for legal notices and advertisements for the Town of Lake Providence, by the Lake Providence Town Clerk, LeeAnn Clement, and her husband, Roger Clement.
- G21.** Docket No. 16-1273
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Darrin Guidry, an elected member of the Terrebonne Parish Council, may vote on matters in which South Louisiana Financial Services, LLC, has a substantial economic interest.
- G22.** Docket No. 16-1280

Advisory opinion request from Christian Creed regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit certain transactions by GB Cooley Hospital Service District Board members. (GB Cooley Hospital is located in Monroe, La.)

G23. Docket No. 16-1296

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Arlanda J. Williams, an elected member of the Terrebonne Parish Council, may participate in transactions in which Gilsbar, LLC, has a substantial economic interest.

G24. Docket No. 16-1309

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Blake Beldsoe from purchasing a 10 acre tract of land from the DeSoto Police Jury while his father John Bledsoe serves on the E-911 Board.

G25. Docket No. 17-002

Disqualification plan regarding the employment of Adrienne Oakley at Iowa High/Middle School while her husband serves as its principal.

G26. Docket No. 17-003

Disqualification plan regarding the employment of Dielle Barrentine at Sulphur High School while her husband serves as its principal.

G27. Docket No. 17-004

Disqualification plan regarding the employment of Angela Guillory at Oak Park Middle School while her husband serves as its principal.

G28. Docket No. 17-005

Disqualification plan regarding the employment of Megan Clemons at Washington-Marion Magnet High School while her mother serves as its principal.

Disclosure Reports

G29. Docket No. 16-1096

PFD Answer filed by Larry Rancher, former member of the Delhi Board of Aldermen - District A - Richland Parish, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

G30. Docket No. 16-1097

PFD Answer submitted by Jimmy Champagne, former member of the Duson Board of Aldermen - Acadia and Lafayette Parishes, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

G31. Docket No. 16-1099

PFD Answer submitted by Thomas Stewart, former Mayor of the Town of Albany - Livingston Parish, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

G32. Docket No. 16-1100

PFD Answer submitted by Imon Jones, former member of the Sabine Parish School Board - District 1, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

G33. Docket No. 16-1179

PFD Answer submitted by Kenneth Matassa, Ascension Parish President, in response to a NOD requesting he amend his 2014 Tier 2 annual pfd.

G34. Docket No. 16-1238

Answer submitted on behalf of Kirk Boudreaux, a Gonzales City Councilman,

in lieu of filing an amendment to his personal financial disclosure statements in response to notices of delinquency.

- G35.** Docket No. 16-1248
PFD Answer submitted by Paige Melancon, a former member of the Leonville Town Council - St. Landry Parish, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.
- G36.** Docket No. 16-1249
PFD answer submitted by Anthony Buras, Jr., a former member of the Plaquemines Parish Council - District 5, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 pfd.
- G37.** Docket No. 16-1254
PFD answer submitted by Martha Smith, former member of the Tullos Board of Aldermen - LaSalle Parish, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 pfd.
- G38.** Docket No. 16-1256
PFD answer submitted by Wilhelmina Pickett, a former member of the Doyline Board of Aldermen - Webster Parish, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 3 pfd.
- G39.** Docket No. 16-1257
PFD answer submitted by Lynn Giordano, former member of the Jefferson Parish Housing Authority, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 2.1 pfd.
- G40.** Docket No. 16-1258
PFD answer submitted by Willie Doherty, former member of the Sparta Ground Water Commission, in response to a NOD requesting a 2015 Tier 2.1 pfd.

Regular Business

- G41.** Docket No. MINUTES
December 2016 Board Minutes
- G42.** Docket No. 15-1124
Consent opinions from Helen Tucker and Regan Pyle regarding their contracting to perform services for Downsville Charter School while their immediate family members served as a board member and president of Downsville Charter School.
- G43.** Docket No. 15-1173
Consent opinion regarding the participation of LaToya Jackson participating in transactions involving her sister and sister's company contracting with her agency, the Vision Academy Charter School.
- G44.** Docket No. 15-1385
Consent opinion regarding the Louisiana State Troopers Association making campaign contributions in the name of its executive director and then later reimbursing him for those contributions.
- G45.** Docket No. 16-079
Consideration of a consent opinion regarding Kurt Becnel, a successful candidate for the office of Councilman, District 1, in St. John the Baptist Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, who appears to have received excessive contributions.
- G46.** Docket No. 16-910

Advisory opinion request by Kirk Quinn, Cameron Parish Police Juror District 3, regarding whether he may be employed with Cameron Fisheries when Cameron Fisheries has a lease agreement with the West Cameron Port.

G47. Docket No. 16-1169

Advisory opinion request regarding the potential appointment of Liberty Bank employee, Kenneth Johnson, Jr., to the Success Preparatory Academy Charter School Board.

G48. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of a suggestions to propose legislation for consideration during the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.

G49. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

January 2017 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-1221

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vincent Alexander, a candidate for Council Member / District 7 in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

Docket No. 16-1223

Request that the Board waive the \$2000, \$2000 and \$2000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Oddist H. Lambrecht, as a person supporting/opposing a candidate for in the October 24, 2015 Election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G reports were filed 153, 390, and 361 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 16-1268

Request that the Board waive the following late fee assessed against LA River Pilots Association PAC, committee chairperson, James Cramond and treasurer, Stephen Hathornin, of \$2,000 for the September 2016 monthly report that was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 16-1269

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lonny Myles, in his capacity as a candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Zachary in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 27 days late.

Docket No. 16-1270

Request that the Board waive the \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dennis W. Moore, in his capacity as a candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section D, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 16-1274

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kennedy Ugbo, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilman, Metro District 9, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

Docket No. 16-1275

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Blake Miguez, candidate for State Representative / 49th Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign

finance disclosure report was not filed, but the 2015 Annual report was filed on November 2, 2016.

Docket No. 16-1276

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Eric Turner, in his capacity as a candidate for Marshal, Town of Farmerville, in the November 8, 2016, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

Docket No. 16-1277

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against East Baton Rouge Parish Library PAC, chairperson, Emilie Smart, and treasurer, Jo Ellen Kearny, for the 10/24/2015 Proposition Election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 16-1278

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against the Association for LA Public Health Advocates, it's committee's chairperson, Barry Bernhard, and it's treasurer, Henry Heier, whose March 2015 Monthly report was filed 31 days late.

G50. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

January 2017 Lobbying Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 16-1198

Request that the Board waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Deidra Jackson for her failure to timely file a Lobbyist Supplemental Report.

Docket No. 16-1265

Request to waive the \$800 late fee assessed against Barry Goldwater, Jr., for the late filing of the September 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 161266

Request to waive the \$1,500 and \$450 late fees assessed against Jeremy Shane Spillman for the late filing of the July and August 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Reports, respectively.

Docket No. 16-1267

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Michael Paternostro for the late filing of the July 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G51. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

January 2017 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-960

Waiver request submitted by William Earl Maddox, Constable - Claiborne Parish, 1st JP Court, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for not filing his amended 2012 Tier 2 annual PFD as of this date.

Docket No. 16-1224

Waiver request submitted by Timmy Thomas Hymel, Morgan City - City Council (St. Mary Parish), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 34 days late.

Docket No. 16-1225

Waiver request submitted by Jackie M. Womack, Merryville Board of Aldermen -

Beauregard Parish, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 12 days late.

Docket No. 16-1226

Waiver request submitted by Carrie Phillips, Lake Bullard Homeowners Improvement District, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 16-1246

Waiver request submitted by Chris Guedry, Morganza Town Council - Pointe Coupee Parish, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 5 days late.

Docket No. 16-1247

Waiver request submitted by Jean Guy Celestin, New Orleans Board of City Trust, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 6 days late.

Docket No. 16-1250

Waiver request submitted by Richard Paul Myers, former member of the Mermentau River Harbor and Terminal District, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 2 days late.

Docket No. 16-1251

Waiver request submitted by Patrick Charles Williams, former State Representative - District 4, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2 annual PFD 2 days late.

Docket No. 16-1252

Waiver request submitted by Jeffery Wayne Elmore, former member of the State Board of Commerce and Industry, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 2 days late.

Docket No. 16-1253

Waiver request submitted by Bryan Johnson Bertucci, Coroner - St. Bernard Parish, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2 annual PFD 6 days late.

Docket No. 16-1255

Waiver request submitted by Elliot Charles "Pete" Jordan, Jr., Marksville City Council - District 3 (Avoyelles Parish), regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 5 days late.

Docket No. 16-1259

Waiver request submitted by James Terry "Bippy" Hoof, Cullen Board of Aldermen - Webster Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for not filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD as of this date.

Docket No. 16-1260

Waiver request submitted by David L. Barton, former member of the Richland Parish School Board - District 9, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 29 days late.

Docket No. 16-1261

Waiver request submitted by Justin Kyle Cox, Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury - District 11, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 4 days late.

Docket No. 16-1262

Waiver request submitted by Martha Viguerie Thibodeaux, former member of the South Louisiana Discovery Center Commission, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 3 days late.

Docket No. 16-1263

Waiver request submitted by Roger F. Shoemaker, Sr., former member of the East Carroll Parish School Board - District 5, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 4 days late.

Docket No. 16-1264

Waiver request submitted by Arthur C. "Boots" Hackney, unsuccessful candidate for the Farmerville Board of Aldermen - District B (Union Parish) - in the November 2016 election, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 candidate PFD 1 day late.

G52. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 16-635

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Benjamin E. Bowie, former member of the Lafayette Downtown Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 273 days late.