



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
JUNE 15, 2017
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on June 15, 2017 and continue to June 16, 2017.

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 regarding Paulette Bruno, Principal of the Robert Moton Charter School in New Orleans in Docket No. 2011-1442.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding pending charges against Fallon Frederick in Docket No. 2015-697.

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**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
JUNE 16, 2017
9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** 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.
- G2.** Docket No. 17-009

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Chandra Scarber, a member of the Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD 10 days late.

G3. Docket No. 17-365

Advisory opinion request by Linda Deville, CEO of Bunkie General Hospital, regarding whether Dr. Mohit Srivastava, physician and Chief of Staff of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Avoyelles d/b/a Bunkie General Hospital, can contract with Beacon Behavioral Hospital (Beacon Hospital) and Bayou Vista Nursing Home (Bayou Vista) to provide Medical Directorship and also be available on-call for medical clearance for admission to the unit.

G4. Docket No. 17-390

Advisory opinion request by Blake Relle regarding whether he may provide genealogy research and scan materials for potential clients for compensation while he is employed as an archives specialist for the Louisiana State Archives.

G5. Docket No. 17-447

Request that the Board waive the \$1000 and \$520 campaign finance late fees assessed against the Friends of the Natchitoches Library, its chairperson, Tony C. Smith, and treasurer, Dudley R. Pitt, for the March 25, 2017 election, whose 30-P and 10-P reports were filed 33 and 13 days late, respectively.

G6. Docket No. 17-632

Request for approval of disqualification plan regarding Riley Berthelot, West Baton Rouge Parish President.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent June 2017 Agenda.

G8. Docket No. 17-232

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Jacob Colby Perry, Alderman for the Town of Welsh, may purchase tax sales titles at public tax sale auctions within Jefferson Davis Parish or the Town of Welsh.

G9. Docket No. 17-282

Advisory opinion request from Barry Laiche, the President of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, regarding whether the Commission and /or its members are prohibited from performing compensated services for a person who leases property from the Commission.

G10. Docket No. 17-338

Advisory opinion request from St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office employee, Christopher Scheeler, regarding whether his business, Pelican Emergency Response Training Systems, is prohibited from providing services to both private and public sectors, school systems and citizens in and around the community.

G11. Docket No. 17-360

Advisory opinion regarding whether Meghan Duplechin, the daughter of Frederick Stelly, a member of the St. Martin Parish School Board, may accept employment with the school board if she holds a practitioner license.

G12. Docket No. 17-413

Advisory opinion request by Michael LeBlanc regarding the application of the post employment provisions since his termination as a Planning Manager from

Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) and Acadiana Planning Commission.

- G13.** Docket No. 17-423
Advisory opinion request regarding the PFD filing requirements of members of the following commissions: (1) Agricultural Chemistry & Seed Commission, (2) Horticulture Commission, (3) Advisory Commission on Pesticides, (4) Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, (5) Structural Pest Control Commission, and (6) Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission.
- G14.** Docket No. 17-431
Advisory opinion request from Louisiana Department of Education employee, Kelly McClure, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her from serving as a Trustee of an Orleans Parish Charter School Board.
- G15.** Docket No. 17-441
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Rebecca Taylor, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control, is prohibited from processing her Medicare supplemental benefits that she earned as a library employee.
- G16.** Docket No. 17-445
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Marrero-Ragusa Volunteer Fire Department may hire Mark Martin as a paid administrative employee of the Fire Department.
- G17.** Docket No. 17-449
Advisory opinion by Clifton T. Speed, counsel for the Town of Greensburg, St. Helena Parish, regarding whether Annie Ficklin may be employed as the Town Clerk in Greensburg.
- G18.** Docket No. 17-454
Advisory opinion request by John Veazey, the legal liaison for the Deaf Grassroots Movement of Louisiana, regarding an annual Deaf Rights Rally at the State Capitol.
- G19.** Docket No. 17-455
Advisory Opinion request regarding the appointment of Mark Buntyn to the Lake Providence Port Commission (East Carroll Parish) while he is employed with the Louisiana Delta Bank and the Port Commission maintains accounts with the Louisiana Delta Bank.
- G20.** Docket No. 17-502
Advisory opinion request as to whether Patrick Furlong may provide compensated services to a developer for private engineering work not related to the City of Shreveport.
- G21.** Docket No. 17-505
Advisory opinion request from Gregory Reggie regarding whether R.S. 42:1113A would prohibit his wife's company, Platinum Realty, from serving as the broker on a real estate transaction for the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission (LMVC) while he has a contract to supply legal services to the LMVC.
- G22.** Docket No. 17-536
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Town of Vivian, Caddo Parish, can continue to use Welch's Printing for its local printing services.

Disclosure Reports

- G23.** Docket No. 16-1007
PFD Answer filed by Nancy Marshall, member of the Andrew H. Wilson Charter School Board, in response to a NOD received requesting she file her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.
- G24.** Docket No. 16-1054
PFD answer filed by Kenneth Ross, a member of the Hammond Airport Authority.
- G25.** Docket No. 17-490
PFD Answer submitted by Tyrone Casby, a former member of the Algiers Development District, in response to a NOD received requesting he file a 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD.
- G26.** Docket No. 17-493
PFD Answer submitted by Melissa Ehlinger, a former member of the New Orleans Workforce Development Board, in response to a NOD received requesting she file a 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD.

Regular Business

- G27.** Docket No. MINUTES
May 2017 Board Minutes
- G28.** Docket No. 14-1546
Consent opinion regarding Savant Construction, LLC, a construction company owned by Alderman Tim Savant, entering into a subcontract with a company to install a building for the Village of Estherwood.
- G29.** Docket No. 15-617
Consent opinion involving potential ethical violations by Robert Crafton, Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth, Allen Parish.
- G30.** Docket No. 15-1449
Consent opinions regarding Sheriff Ricky Moses, Chief Deputy Joe Toler and Chief Detective Mark Herford of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office using coercion to influence deputies to support Sheriff Ricky Moses in his re-election and into signing a document showing support for the Sheriff in his re-election.
- G31.** Docket No. 16-226
Consent order regarding the employment of Dennis Bell as a custodian at Vinton Elementary School - Calcasieu Parish - while his daughter, Lori Bell, served as principal.
- G32.** Docket No. 16-527
Consent opinion regarding violations of the Ethics Code by Anthony J. "Buddy" Amoroso, a member of the East Baton Rouge Metro Council, and his employer, Prime Properties, LLC.
- G33.** Docket No. 17-356
Advisory opinion request from Governor John Bel Edwards regarding whether La. R. S. 42:1119 would prohibit Kaleb Reeves, a cadet in the Louisiana State Police Training Academy, from being employed by the Louisiana State Police if his father, the interim Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Superintendent of State Police, Kevin Reeves, was permanently appointed to that position.
- G34.** Docket No. 17-419
Advisory opinion request by Lester J. Gauthier, Jr. regarding whether it is appropriate for State Representative Vincent Pierre to utilize campaign funds

to pay for the cost of legal services in responding to a public records request.

G35. Docket No. 17-453

Advisory Opinion request of Alex Suffrin, a member of the St. Charles Parish School Board, regarding the employment of his daughter-in-law with the school board.

G36. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation for the 2017 Regular Legislative Session.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

June 2017 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-1199

Request that the Board waive the \$4,000 (\$2,000 each) campaign finance late fees assessed against Beth Mizell, a candidate for State Senator / 12th Senatorial District in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2015 and 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were not filed.

Docket No. 17-079

Request that the Board waive the \$1,200 and \$1,200 campaign finance late fees assessed against the Fork PAC, and its committee's chairperson, Charles S. Long, in connection with the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P and 10-G reports were filed 6 and 6 days late.

Docket No. 17-083

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stuart Boykin, in his capacity as a candidate for City Judge, City Court, Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 17-170

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Joe Dorsey, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilman, Metro District 5, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 8, 2016, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure report were filed 111, 90 and 61 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-417

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Leslie Draper, III, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Simmesport, Avoyelles Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-G and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 77 and 69 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-420

Request that the Board waive the \$2000 campaign finance late fee assessed against the Louisiana Rising PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Allan Durand, whose 2016 Annual report was filed 62 days late.

Docket No. 17-421

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mary-Sharon Howland, a candidate for Kenner City Council, Jefferson Parish, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 17-446

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Aaron Paul Natali, in his capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Calcasieu Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 17-496

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Woody Koppel, in his capacity as a candidate for School Board Member, District 6, Orleans Parish, in the October 4, 2008 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late.

Docket No. 17-497

Request that the Board waive the \$2000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Timothy "Tim" Larkin, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilmen at Large, City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish, in the March 25, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 91 days late.

Docket No. 17-498

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Eligha Guillory, Jr., a candidate for Mayor, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, in the March 25, 2017 election, for the late filing of the 2016 Annual campaign finance report that was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 17-499

Request that the Board waive \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Terence Vinson, in his capacity as a candidate for State Representative, 2nd Representative District, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 17-503

Request that the Board waive \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Adam Lambert, in his capacity as a candidate for Clerk, 2nd City Court, Orleans Parish in the November 6, 2012, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 17-504

Request that the Board waive the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Recall Yenni, Inc., as a recall effort, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Robert B. Evans, III, October 12, 2016 election, for the late filing of the 135-P campaign finance report, which was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 17-539

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lester M. Ezidore, a candidate for Sheriff, St. James Parish in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 547 days late.

Docket No. 17-541

Request that the Board waive the \$1,380 campaign finance late fee assessed against John A. Brown, Sr., in his capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Orleans Parish in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 23 days late.

Docket No. 17-543

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Albert "Ali" Burl, III, in his capacity as a candidate for State Senator, 2nd Dist, St. John the Baptist Parish in the April 29, 2017 election, whose 30-P

campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 17-544

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Scott Sartin, a candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Winnsboro, Franklin Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 17-548

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Melinda Ward Crawford, a candidate for Council Member II, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the March 5, 2016 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 63 days late.

Docket No. 17-549

Request that the Board waive the \$160 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mary Morris, a candidate for Councilman, District A, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, in the March 25, 2017 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4 and 10 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-550

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Germaine Simpson, a candidate for State Representative, 41st Representative District (Acadia, Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes) in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 63 days late.

Docket No. 17-571

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward Jude Bruski, III, in his capacity as a candidate for Mayor, New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

June 2017 Chart for Lobbying Waiver Requests

Docket No. 17-448

Request from Anita Begnaud to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing a late registration and \$350 late fee assessed for the late filing of the February 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 17-494

Request from Carrie Griffin Monica to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed for the late filing of a supplemental registration and \$700 late fee assessed for the late filing of the January 2017 Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 17-557

Request to waive the \$700 late fee assessed against Jason Redmond for the late filing of the February 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

June 2017 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 17-267

Waiver request submitted by Trudy Luke, member of the Louisiana Crab Task

Force, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 pfd 146 days late.

Docket No. 17-478

Waiver request submitted by Maurice Williams, candidate for the Clinton Town Council - East Feliciana Parish, in the November 2016 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 candidate pfd 200 days late.

Docket No. 17-479

Waiver request submitted by Lasonya Pearson, Montgomery Town Council - Grant Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 91 days late.

Docket No. 17-480

Waiver request submitted by Taranza Arvie, Ville Platte Board of Aldermen - Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 105 days late.

Docket No. 17-481

Waiver request submitted by Edwina Ricks, Central Louisiana Human Services District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 153 days late.

Docket No. 17-482

Waiver request submitted by Carrie Modica, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #6, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 42 days late.

Docket No. 17-483

Waiver request submitted by Jessie Edwards, Winnfield City Council- District 5, Winn Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 175 days late.

Docket No. 17-484

Waiver request submitted by Jay Banks, Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, regarding a \$1,350 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 27 days late.

Docket No. 17-485

Waiver request submitted by James Cormier, member of the Lafayette Parish Communications Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 99 days late.

Docket No. 17-486

Waiver request submitted by Mauricio Sierra, a member of the Einstein Charter School Board - Orleans Parish, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 9 days late.

Docket No. 17-487

Waiver request submitted by Doreatha Nelson, Arcadia Town Council District 1- Bienville Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 231 days late.

Docket No. 17-488

Waiver request submitted by Brandie Arabie, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection - District 10, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 17-489

Waiver request submitted by George William Moore, Mooringsport Town Council-Member at Large- Caddo Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 293 days late.

Docket No. 17-491

Waiver request submitted by Robert Beebe Jr., Constable for Rapides Parish, Ward 7, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 13 days late.

Docket No. 17-492

Waiver request submitted by Eileen "Candy Jasmin", candidate for the St. James Parish School Board - District 6, in the November 2016 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 candidate PFD 215 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 17-268

Waiver request submitted by Moses Wilkins, member of the Richland Parish School Board-District 3, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 School Board Disclosure Statement 140 days late.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 16-954

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$1,250 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Donald A. "Don" Shea, a former member of the Workforce Investment Board, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 239 days late.

Docket No. 16-1246

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a 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. 17-172

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Frank Duson, Jr., in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.