

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
MARCH 14, 2013
1:00 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on March 14, 2013 and continue to March 15, 2013.

Executive Session

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

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of Denise and Robert Rome, the sister and brother-in-law of Michel Claudet, President of Terrebonne Parish, entering into transactions that are under the supervision of Terrebonne Parish.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 12-943

Waiver request submitted by Vickie Briscoe regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 266 days late.

G2. Docket No. 12-1900

Appearance in connection with a request for a reconsideration that the Board waive the \$540 late fee assessed against Yvette Alexander, a candidate for City Court Court, City of Baton Rouge in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P campaign finance report was filed 9 days late.

G3. Docket No. 12-2085

Waiver request submitted by Arthur Leonard, Jr. regarding a \$1,250 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 candidate pfd 25 days late.

G4. Docket No. 12-2086

Waiver request submitted by Havis Drummond regarding a \$1,350 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 27 days late.

G5. Docket No. 12-2139

Appearance in connection with a waiver request submitted by Marlin Gusman regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 301 days late.

G6. Docket No. 12-2160

Advisory opinion regarding whether Gregory St. Etienne may resign from the Board of Directors of FirstLine Schools, Inc., and accept employment with a nonprofit, and provide services to FirstLine Schools, Inc., through the nonprofit.

G7. Docket No. 13-019

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against Claston Bernard, a candidate for Gonzales City Council, District D, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 34 and 5 days late.

G8. Docket No. 13-131

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Regina Bartholomew, a candidate for Judge, Orleans Civil District Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 134 days late.

G9. Docket No. 13-138

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Justin L. Conner, Sr., a candidate for State Representative, District 21, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 404 days late.

G10. Docket No. 13-145

Advisory opinion request from Murphy Pontiff, a St. Mary Parish School Board member, inquiring about post-employment restrictions.

G11. Docket No. 13-169

Advisory opinion regarding whether Baldwin Ready Mix, Corp., a company in which Representative Stuart Bishop owns a controlling interest, may provide concrete and concrete materials to private and public works projects in Louisiana.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions &
Items Requiring No Board Action

Consideration of a consent order regarding St. Charles Parish Councilman, Paul Hogan, participating in discussions and votes involving a neighbor's rezoning request before the St. Charles Parish Council.

G13. <u>Docket No. 12-341</u>

Charges involving Mr. Charles Sullivan of Many, Louisiana and his failure to file an EDE-P report.

G14. Docket No. 12-1904

Advisory opinion request from Juanita Forbes, a member of the Louisiana Senior Olympic Games Board, regarding another member of the Board being interested in serving as the Executive Director.

G15. Docket No. 13-099

An advisory opinion request from the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission regarding the Vermilion Parish Police Jury appointing a Police Juror, Ronald Darby, to sit on the board of the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission.

G16. Docket No. 13-100

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Gentry Major can be employed by Veolia Water when his mother, Barbara Major, works for The Regional Transit Authority.

G17. <u>Docket No. 13-101</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether Dr. Rebekah Gee may become the Louisiana Medicaid Medical Director for the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, while employed with the LSU School of Public Health.

G18. Docket No. 13-102

Advisory opinion request regarding whether it would be a violation of the Code if the Caddo Parish District Attorney Administrator, Gary Gaskinto, provided an uncompensated testimonial for Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC., a company who audits the books for the District Attorney's Office.

G19. Docket No. 13-105

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the son of the Fire Administrator for Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire District #2 may be employed as a part-time employee of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.

G20. Docket No. 13-116

Advisory opinion request from Ms. Judith Bell a former employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding any post employment restrictions that would prevent her from opening a driving school.

G21. Docket No. 13-117

Advisory opinion regarding Savoy's Bail Bonding Service, LLC, owned by Ville Platte Police Officer Nathaniel Savoy, producing bail bonds in parishes other than Evangeline Parish.

G22. Docket No. 13-119

Advisory opinion request regarding whether an Assistant District Attorney for the 39th Judicial District in Red River Parish may accept a private counsel position with the City of Coushatta and/or the Red River Parish Port Commission.

G23. Docket No. 13-120

Advisory opinion regarding whether a newly hired Assistant District Attorney for

St. Landry Parish, David Pitre, may lease office space from the retired Assistant District Attorney for St. Landry Parish who is also his mother-in-law.

G24. Docket No. 13-121

Consideration of a disqualification plan regarding the Cottonport Town Clerk, Theresa Anderson and the Chief of Police, Ernest Anderson, submitted to avoid violations of La. R.S. 42:1112.

G25. Docket No. 13-123

Advisory opinion request from Alderman Robert Owens from the Town of Welsh asking if he is in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics for continuing to serve as a volunteer reserve police officer for the town after being elected as Alderman.

G26. Docket No. 13-139

Advisory opinion request regarding whether John Ray Crispino is required to file a R.S. 42:1114 disclosure statement.

G27. Docket No. 13-140

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Mayor of the Village of Forest Hill may operate a private business and advertise it with the Louisiana Municipal Association.

G28. Docket No. 13-148

Advisory opinion request regarding the propriety of Plaquemines Parish dredging a canal partially owned by public servants of Plaquemines Parish.

G29. Docket No. 13-149

Advisory opinion request regarding Julie Burleigh, the wife of Kirk Burleigh, a Police Juror from Cameron Parish, serving on one of the appointed boards in Cameron Parish.

G30. Docket No. 13-171

Advisory opinion request regarding Ms. Tammy Conner an employee of the Department of Public Safety & Corrections regarding any post employment restrictions that would prevent her from opening a driving school.

G31. Docket No. 13-199

Advisory opinion request regarding whether J.P. Morgan Chase can contract with the Morehouse Parish School Board when School Board member Tamika Farrell is employed by Chase Mortgage.

Disclosure Reports

G32. Docket No. 11-1539

Charges issued against James Goode, Jr., Mayor of Sicily Island, for his failure to file his 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement.

G33. Docket No. 11-1540

Charges regarding the Mayor of Sicily Island, James Goode, Jr.'s, failure to file his 2009 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure statement.

G34. Docket No. 12-1046

Charges regarding the failure to file a 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd, 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd and a 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd by Errol Domingues, a member of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, District 8.

Regular Business

G35. Docket No. MINUTES

February 2013 Board Minutes

G36. Docket No. 10-1111

Additional information in connection with a request for reconsideration of the \$300 (with \$500 suspended) late fee and \$900 late fees assessed against John F. Schwegmann, a candidate for Public Service Commissioner, Dis. 3, Jefferson Parish in the October 2, 2010 election, whose 30-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 9 days late.

G37. Docket No. 12-533

Request for reconsideration that the Board waive the \$1,560 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Earl F. Dauterive, III, a candidate for St. Bernard Council, Western Division in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 26 and 6 days late.

G38. Docket No. 12-1898

Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerald A. Cvitanovich, a candidate for Coroner of Jefferson Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late

G39. Docket No. 12-1899

Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jason Coleman a candidate for Orleans Parish School Board, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

G40. Docket No. 12-1901

Request for reconsideration by the Board of a waiver of the \$700, \$300 and \$100 campaign finance late fees assessed against Caroline Fayard, a candidate for Lt. Governor, in the October 2, 2010 election, whose two (2) Special and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 3, and 1 day(s) late.

G41. Docket No. 13-106

Advisory opinion regarding whether Judge Robert Murphy, of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, may use his campaign funds to reimburse his employees the cost of COBRA expenses and to pay an employee two weeks worth of pay.

G42. Docket No. 13-172

Advisory opinion regarding whether a newly elected member of the St. Tammany Parish Council, Maureen O'Brien may use her campaign funds to pay for several organizations in which she is a member and the broadcast of her radio show.

G43. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. CHART

March 2013 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 13-127

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tracey Flemings-Davillier, a candidate for Judge, Orleans Criminal District Court, Sec. B, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 13-128

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joseph Roger Bergeron, a candidate for Mayor of Port Allen, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 45 days late.

Docket No. 13-129

Request that the Board waive the \$420, \$120, and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Emile Hurts, Jr., a candidate for Alexandria City Council, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 2, and 8 days late.

Docket No. 13-130

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ronald Berry, a candidate for Morgan City Council, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 13-133

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Myron K. Lawson, a candidate for Alexandria City Council, in the September 30, 2006 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 694 days late.

Docket No. 13-135

Request that the Board waive the \$160 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee, a political action committee, whose 40-G campaign finance report was filed 36 days late.

Docket No. 13-136

Request that the Board waive the \$60 and \$180 campaign finance late fees assessed against James E. Slaughter, Jr., a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro City Council, District 2, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 10-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 3 day(s) late.

Docket No. 13-137

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Milton Gordon, a candidate for Alexandria City Council, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 13-185

Request that the Board waive the \$160 campaign finance late fee assessed against Scarlett Milton Major, a candidate for Aldermen, City of Walker, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

G44. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

March 2013 Lobbying Waiver Chart

Docket No. 12-1944

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$1,000 late fees assessed against Robert Stephens for his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

Docket No. 13-161

Request that the Board waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Kelli Bottger for failure to timely a lobbyist expenditure report.

Docket No. 13-162

Request that the Board waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Camille Conaway for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

G45. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. CHART

March 2013 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 12-1432

Waiver request submitted by Frank Mitchell regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 230 days late.

Docket No. 12-2092

Waiver request submitted by Beverly Huey regarding two \$1,400 (\$2,800) late fees assessed for filing her 2009 and 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfds 28 days late.

Docket No. 13-085

Waiver request submitted by Richard Artigue regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2008 Tier 2 annual pfd 565 days late.

Docket No. 13-091

Waiver request submitted by Bryan Wooley regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 15 days late.



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Appearances

GS1. Docket No. 13-200

Advisory opinion request regarding whether appointed commissioners of the Bunches Bend Protection District or entities partially owned by these commissioners may sell dirt to the Bunches Bend Protection District.

GS2. Docket No. 13-289

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Elijah "Stepper's" Banks, a candidate for Alderman for the Town of Ferriday, District B, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions

Items Requiring No Board Action

GS3. Docket No. 10-705

Consent opinion concerning Mario Brown, the Police Chief of White Castle, accepting tickets from an informant in connection with "Operation Blighted Official".

GS4. Docket No. 13-110

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dinah Davis, a Right of Way agent with DOTD may provide contract services after she retires from DOTD.

GS5. Docket No. 13-114

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Rhonda Bedgood, a Right of Way agent with DOTD may provide contract services after she retires from DOTD.

GS6. Docket No. 13-170

Advisory opinion request regarding whether members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and a member of the Louisiana Board for Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) who act as event speakers may receive complimentary travel and lodging accommodations.

GS7. Docket No. 13-201

Advisory opinion regarding Ken Slocum, a Union Parish Sheriff's Deputy, selling puppies born to his personal dog, which was sired by a male K-9, owned by the Sheriff's Office.

GS8. Docket No. 13-268

Advisory opinion request regarding whether a Fire Prevention Officer for the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department and a Justice of the Peace in St. Bernard Parish, may open a private driving school in St. Bernard Parish.

GS9. Docket No. 13-277

Advisory opinion request from Ms. Sonya LaComb, regarding whether she may serve on the National Historic Register (NHR) review committee when she owns a NHR structure.

Disclosure Reports

GS10. Docket No. 11-1463

Charges regarding Henry Barham's failure to file his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement.

GS11. Docket No. 11-1468

Charges regarding Alfred Bickham's failure to file his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement.

Regular Business

GS12. Docket No. 12-2076

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Tabitha McCloud may apply for a grant from the First Time Homebuyers Program in the Parish of Terrebonne when her brother, Antoine Foret, serves as the HOME/Homeless Manager for Terrebonne Parish.

GS13. Docket No. 13-095

Advisory opinion request regarding Mr. Cade Cole's recent appointment to the Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) while his wife is employed by a

company appealing a matter before his agency.