

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
February 6, 2025

The Board of Ethics met on February 6, 2025 at 2:33 p.m. in the LaBelle Room on the first floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin and Roberts present. Board Members Scott and Speer were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Council Tracy Barker, Mallory Guillot, Jessica Meiners, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Honorable Vanessa G. Whipple was given her oath of office presented by David Bordelon, after which she was introduced to the Board and Staff.

Board Member Scott arrived at 2:35 p.m.

David Bordelon read the letter dated January 31, 2025 from Governor Jeff Landry, appointing Jason P. Amato to serve as Chair on the Board of Ethics effective January 31, 2025.

Chair Amato introduced himself and thanked Board Member Roberts for her service as Chairwoman. Chair Amato asked everyone to introduce themselves.

David Bordelon introduced all staff that was present at the meeting and also announced the resignation of Slava Sereda, IT Manager, who has accepted a position at Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana. Mr. Sereda has served Louisiana Board of Ethics since 2008. The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board exited executive session and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
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February 7, 2025

The Board of Ethics met on February 7, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin, Roberts, Scott and Whipple present. Board Member Speer was absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mallory Guillot, Jessica Meiners, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Donelson T. Caffery, III, chairperson of Natural Resources Management Association PAC, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-203 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Natural Resources Management Association Political Action Committee, whose August 2023 monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Caffery, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Amato, Colomb, Crigler, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin, and Whipple and 5 nays by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Grand, Roberts and Scott, the Board reduced the late fee from \$1400 to \$500.

Alan L. Kirkpatrick, of the West Feliciana Planning and Zoning Commission, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-548 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$700 late fee assessed against him, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 14 days late. After hearing from Mr. Kirkpatrick, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$700 late fee based on future compliance.

Charlene Trusclair, Workforce Development Board #21 member, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-567 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Ms. Trusclair, for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 56 days late. After hearing from Ms. Trusclair, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance.

Ken Todd DeMoss, Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District member, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-692 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee assessed against him, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 256 days late. After hearing from Mr. DeMoss, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$1,500 late fee.

Larry McNutt, administrator for the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission, (“LPFC”) appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-827 on behalf of LPFC Board Member Noel Patrick Cassanova regarding a waiver request for the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mr. Cassanova, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 478 days late. After hearing from Mr. McNutt, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 10 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Scott and Whipple and 2 nays by Board Members Nowlin and Roberts, the Board suspended all of the \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered Docket No. 24-317 regarding a request to reconsider its decision to reduce from \$2,000 to \$600 the original campaign finance late fee assessed against Patrice Sentino, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Orleans Parish in the November

3, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 387 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to reduce to \$600 based on Rule 1250C and decline to waive the fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 24-690 regarding that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$150 late fee assessed against Alex Baker, III, Lecompte Board of Alderman /Rapides Parish, for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$150 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-879 submitted by Rykert O. Toledano, Jr., St. Tammany Parish Council / District 5, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 79 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G8-G17 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G8-G17, excluding items G8, G11, G16 and G17, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-889 from Josh Guillory as to whether the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (the "CFDA") permits a host of a radio show to be a candidate for the Louisiana State Senate. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that if Mr. Guillory were to serve as State Senator, the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit him from receiving compensation for hosting

the Radio Show provided that his employer does not have business relationships with the agency. The CFDA would require disclosure of any in-kind contributions from the Radio Show on campaign finance disclosure reports.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-921 regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Matthew Alexander within one year after his service as Mayor of St. Joseph to contract with Tensas Water Distribution Association Incorporated. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Mr. Alexander was the agency head of St. Joseph, if Mr. Alexander accepts employment with the Tensas Water Distribution Association, he is prohibited from rendering water services to St. Joseph, his former agency, for two years from December 31, 2024.

The Board considered the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-937 regarding the use of public funds to purchase and send holiday cards from McNeese University's Medical Laboratory Science Program. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to allow the withdrawal of the advisory opinion request.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-938 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a member of the Berwick Town Council from purchasing immovable property owned by the Berwick Development District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Councilman Hebert from purchasing the parcel of land adjacent to his home from the Berwick Development District while he serves as an elected member of the Town Council.

The Board considered a disqualification plan request in Docket No. 24-952 submitted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, relating to the promotion of Paula Lang the spouse of a current employee, Jerrie Lang. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the disqualification plan as it meets the Board's requirements pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402, and it is sufficient to prevent violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-953 regarding John Heinen's employment with the Crowley Fire Department while his father, Ricky Heinen, serves as District Chief. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed disqualification plan as it meets the Board's requirements and is sufficient to prevent violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-671 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Darryl Hurst to serve as a member of the Crime Prevention & Improvement District while also serving as a councilman for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Hurst from being appointed by the East Baton Rouge Council to the Crime Prevention and Improvement District. Additionally, this may present an issue addressed by the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding Laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General. The Board instructed staff to advise Mr. Hurst to contact that office regarding the application of those laws.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-936 regarding Melanie Mann, employee of Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS"), as to whether she may receive compensation for services provided to DCFS clients in her private

practice. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Mann from receiving compensation from persons who submitted calls to the Unit. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit her or her company from receiving compensation from persons who have relationships with DCFS that do not involve the Unit.

The Board considered a disqualification plan review request in Docket No. 24-963 regarding Judy Jones's promotion to the Assistant Director of Nursing at Eastern Louisiana Mental Health Systems (“ELMHS”) while her sister, Laura Williams, serves as the Director of Nursing for ELMHS. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to gather additional information.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-003 regarding as to whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Vincent Guillory, an employee with the Capital Projects Section of the Planning, Design & Construction Department of Louisiana State University, following his retirement from working with a private consulting company that contracts directly with the Louisiana Department of Facility Planning and Control to manage projects at Louisiana State University. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Guillory from accepting employment with a private consulting company that contracts with the Louisiana Department of Facility Planning and Control provided he does not manage any project involving Louisiana State University on which he participated while employed with the Capital Projects Section; and, provided he does not render the same management services provided while employed with the Capital Projects Section under the

contract between the private consulting company and the Louisiana Department of Facility Planning and Control involving projects with the Capital Projects Section.

The Board took a recess from 10:36 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

Board Member Whipple recused herself from voting on approval of all three minutes.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the December 6, 2024, January 9, 2025 and January 10, 2025 meetings.

The Board considered an opinion rendered by the Attorney General's Office in Docket No. 24-383 regarding whether the Board should redact the home address disclosed by state employees on annual personal financial disclosure statements filed pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 11 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin, Scott and Whipple and 1 nay by Board Member Roberts, the Board decided to maintain currently redacted records of the 7 state employees until further notice. On a motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Amato, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin, and Whipple and 5 nays by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Roberts and Scott, the Board authorized staff to redact upon written request of any state employee until further direction from legislation.

The Board moved agenda items G20-G22 to the end of the meeting for discussion.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-829 regarding the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA Padiapac, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Keith Perrin, M.D., whose June 2024 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6

days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,200 late fee since the filer fails to state good cause which is outside of the control of filer.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-830 regarding the \$40 and \$880 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$920 assessed against NoLaToya (Recall), a recall effort, its committee's chairperson, Eileen Carter and treasurer, Angele Dassell, for the August 26, 2022 election, whose 200-P and 135-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 day and 22 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee with respect to Ms. Dassell only since Ms. Dassel provided documentation that Eileen Carter was both Chairperson and Treasurer.

The Board considered a lobbying waiver request in Docket 24-922 regarding the \$250 late fee assessed against John Christopher Alexander Sr. for the September 2024 Lobbyist Expenditure Report filed 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$250 late fee since this is Mr. Alexander's first late filing and the report contained no expenditures.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals contained in items G25 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G25, except for Docket Nos. 24-380, 24-820, 24-823, 24-825, and 24-902 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics for the following:

Docket 24-778 Janice Brown Sneed, Amend 2021 Tier 2.1, 7 days late of a \$350 late fee;  
Docket 24-780 Hannah Wenninger, Amend 2021 Tier 2.1, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee;  
Docket 24-826 Mildred E. "Mimi" Methvin, 2022 Tier 2.1, 82 days late of a \$1500 late fee;

Docket 24-881 Sarah Lauren Murphy, 2022 Tier 3, 185 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 24-883 Dominick F. Impastato, III, Amend 2020 Tier 2, 13 days late of a \$1300 late fee;

Docket 24-884 Erin Shane Smiley, 2023 Tier 2, 2 days late of a \$200 late fee;  
Docket 24-885 Hubert Reeves Yarborough, Jr., Amend 2021 Tier 2.1, 64 days late of a \$1500 late fee;

Docket 24-900 Jodi Dawn Taylor, 2021 Tier 2.1, 559 days late of a \$1500 late fee; and,  
Docket 24-901 Mandi J. Hrabley, Amend 2022 Tier 2.1, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive all of the personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against the following:

Docket 24-778 Janice Brown Sneed, 2022 Tier 2.1, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket 24-779 Gregory Guy Hill, 2021 Amend Tier 3, 3 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 24-822 Bence Ann Nicholas, 2023 Tier 3, 5 days late of a \$75 late fee;  
Docket 24-869 Jimmy Milton Thomas, Amend 2021 Tier 3, 607 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 24-870 Clarence Fusilier, 2022 Tier 3, 387 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 24-880 Genoria Denise Tilley, 2022 Tier 2.1, 36 days late of a \$1500 late fee;  
Docket 24-881 Sarah Lauren Murphy, 2021 Tier 3, 185 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 24-882 Stephen "Steve" Tyler, 2020 Tier 3, 451 days late of a \$500 late fee; and,  
Docket 24-886 Jimmy Paul Lafont, 2022 Tier 2, 3 days late of a \$300 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$200 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 24-781 Brittney Joseph Meredith, 2021 Tier 3, 27 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$1050 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 24-821 Richard Zeringue, 2022 Tier 2.1, 81 days late of a \$1500 late fee; and,  
Docket 24-824 John Lane Ewing, Jr., 2022 Tier 2.1, 77 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 24-871 Darryl "Schuster" W. Lawrence, Sr., 2022 Tier 2, 28 days late of a \$2500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$650 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 24-885 Hubert Reeves Yarborough, Jr., 2022 Tier 2.1, 57 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived all of the personal financial disclosure late fee assessed against the following:

Docket 24-903 Wayne McCarthy, Jr., Amend 2022 Tier 2, 6 days late of a \$600 late fee.

Board Member Bryant recused herself from voting on Docket No. 24-904.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 24-904 submitted by Juanita G. Woods, Monroe City Council / District 3 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2022 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 163 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 24-380, submitted by Arthur S. Williams, Ph.D., Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts Board of Directors, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 16 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the late fee to \$400.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 24-820 submitted by Adren O. Wilson, former Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Governor, regarding a \$12,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 1 annual personal financial disclosure 37 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 24-823 submitted by Lanny Stancil Parker, former member of the Union Parish Police Jury / District 2, regarding a \$500 late fee

assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 967 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 24-825 submitted by Jeremy Wayne Stroud, Hearing Aid Dealers Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 143 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 231 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the late fee to \$1500.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-902 submitted by Heather Robertson, Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 197 days late, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 amended Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 183 days late, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 197 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 51 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees and instructed staff to offer a payment plan.

Board Member Baños left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-887 submitted by Brad Soileau, Allen Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2024 School Board Disclosure 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee since the filer failed to state good cause which is outside of the control of the filer, as required under Section 1157(A)(1)(b) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-888 submitted by Robert "Pete" Allen Cavenah, Allen Parish School Board, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing his 2024

School Board Disclosure 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$450 late fee since the filer failed to state good cause which is outside of the control of the filer, as required under Section 1157(A)(1)(b) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for reconsiderations of waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals contained in items G27 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G27, except for Docket Nos. 24-497, taking the following action:

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 23-710 regarding to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Dennis Switzer, former member of the Lafourche Parish Water District #1, for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 420 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-226 regarding to decline to waive a \$1,100 late fee assessed against Thomas L. Scott, Jr., East Baton Rouge Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 d/b/a Lane Regional Medical Center, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 22 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-438 regarding to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Stacy Earl Weldon, Alderman for the Town of Elizabeth / Allen Parish, for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 169 days

late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-459 regarding to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Tan'Keia Palmer, Natchitoches Parish School Board, District 2, for filing her amended 2021 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 41 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-460 regarding to decline to waive a \$1200 late fee assessed against Jeffery Allen "Red Dog" Morgan, Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 2, for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-539 regarding to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Mattie Sampson, Newellton Board of Alderman / District 4 / Tensas Parish, for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 264 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive and instructed staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-540 regarding to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Raymond Todd Riley, Sr., former member of the Concordia Parish School Board / District 2, for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 252 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$250 based on future compliance.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-568 regarding to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Joel Patrick McSpadden, Workforce Development Board, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 425 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-497 regarding to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against John K. McTear, Lake St. Joseph Recreation and Water Conservation District, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 235 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

The Board considered the General Supplemental Agenda.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for advisory opinions contained in Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions in the General Supplemental Agenda en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-866 from Coley Johnson, former employee of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits his company to provide services to DOTD after his retirement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Johnson or the Company from entering into transactions for the purchase and sale of solar equipment in which he

did not participate as an employee of DOTD.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-939 from Jon Guice, on behalf of the Acadia Parish School Board (the “School Board”) as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits a School Board member to be appointed head coach of an athletic team for Crowley Middle School (the “School”). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Mr. Quebedeaux to volunteer his services to assist the School’s baseball team, but prohibits the School from formally appointing Mr. Quebedeaux to such position.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 25-045 submitted by Kimberly Gill, Alderman/Town of Killian/Livingston Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 205 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved to consider the untimely waiver request. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges pending against Reggie James, Jr., in Docket No. 22-350.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges pending against Darrin Collins in Docket No. 22-684.

David Bordelon announced that the March Executive and General meetings will be in the LaBelle room. David mentioned that Southern University Law Center has showed interest in hosting a future meeting. More planning is necessary regarding a specific room location since the first room that was suggested did not have adequate space.

The Board considered suggestions to the Louisiana Legislature in Docket No. 3125-02

regarding changes and amendments to the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the changes.

The Board considered Docket No. 3125-03 regarding Chapters 1-7 of the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics (LAC 52:1). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the March meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman