

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
June 5, 2025

The Board of Ethics met on June 5, 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, Colomb, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grimley, Nowlin, and Speer present. Board Members Bryant, Grand, Huval, Roberts, Scott and Whipple were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jessica Meiners, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Mr. Bordelon introduced and administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board Members Joel G. Davis and Brandon J. Fremin. Mr. Bordelon also announced that Mallory Guillot gave birth on May 4 to a healthy baby boy.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and other matters deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board exited executive session and adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

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The Board of Ethics met on June 6, 2025 at 9:01 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Nowlin, and Speer present. Board Members Colomb, Huval, Roberts, Scott and Whipple were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jessica Meiners, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Board Member Colomb arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Alesia Ardoin, representing Lafayette Republican Parish Executive Committee, a political action committee, its committee chairperson, Tim M. Breaux, and treasurer, Charles Buckels, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-097 regarding the waiver of four, \$3,000 campaign finance late fees, for a total of \$12,000, assessed against the Lafayette Republican Parish Executive Committee and its officers, whose 30-P and 10-P have not been filed and whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were inaccurately filed, in the October 14, 2023 election. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the August 8, 2025 meeting to allow time for an advisory opinion to be completed.

Kimberly Annette Taylor Fralick, Council Member, District 3, Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-184 regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2023 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 133 days late. After hearing from Ms. Fralick, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

Board Member Fremin recused himself from voting on Docket No. 25-195.

Chauna Banks, a former member of the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-195 to discuss an advisory opinion request as to whether the Plan of Government for the City of Baton Rouge of East Baton Rouge Consolidated Government currently has in place provisions that are more restrictive than the restrictions set forth in Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion due to lack of jurisdiction. The Board agreed to issue a letter reaffirming their advisory opinion on a related matter.

Maggie Campbell, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of Westwego, Jefferson Parish, in the March 29, 2025 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-251 requesting that the Board waive the \$360 and \$200 (\$560 total) campaign finance late fees assessed because her 2024 annual and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 10 days late, respectively. After hearing from Ms. Campbell, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all fees based on future compliance.

Ryan French, on behalf of Taylor Porter Law Firm, and Grant Willis appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-325 relating to an advisory opinion request regarding the post-employment restrictions involving attorney Grant Willis in connection with a contract with the State of Louisiana for legal services. After hearing from Mr. French and Mr. Willis, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded **ISSUE NO. 1: POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GRANT WILLIS:** As the Criminal Appeals Section Chief, Mr. Willis was an agency head pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1102(3). His agency was the Criminal Appeals Section pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1102(2)(a). Accordingly, Grant Willis is prohibited, for a period of two years following the termination of his employment with the Attorney General's Office, from

assisting Taylor Porter for compensation in any transaction involving the Criminal Appeals Section. Mr. Willis is also prohibited from rendering any services on a contractual basis to the Criminal Appeals Section. Should any matters arise under the contract involving the Criminal Appeals Section, Grant Willis is prohibited by R.S. 42:1121 from assisting Taylor Porter in those matters. Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Grant Willis, for a period of two years following the termination of his employment with the Attorney General's Office, from assisting Taylor Porter in any transaction involving the State of Louisiana in which Mr. Willis participated or in which Mr. Willis is deemed to have participated as supervising attorney. As such, Mr. Willis is prohibited from assisting Taylor Porter for compensation on any case in which he participated while employed by the Attorney General or in which he acted as supervisor, which would include the matter involving Frank Ford Cosey.

ISSUE NO. 2: POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS ON TAYLOR PORTER: Taylor Porter is not providing services to an individual or legal entity. Rather, Taylor Porter is providing services directly to the Solicitor General's Division within the Attorney General's Office. Accordingly, Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Taylor Porter from rendering services under the contract.

ISSUE NO.3: PROHIBITED CONTRACTS: John Murrill, as the spouse of the statewide elected Attorney General, and any legal entity in which he owns an interest greater than 5%, is prohibited by La. R.S. 42:1113D(1)(a)(i) from entering into contracts with any agency within the State of Louisiana. However, in this specific situation, since John Murrill does not own an interest greater than 5% in Taylor Porter, Taylor Porter is not prohibited from entering into contracts with the Solicitor General's Division of the Attorney General's Office.

ISSUE NO.4: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES: Since John Murrill derives compensation or other forms of payments from Taylor Porter, and since Taylor Porter has a contractual relationship with the Attorney

General's Office, John Murrill is required by Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics to file a financial disclosure form with the Board by May 15th of each year the contract is in effect. Form 405 can be located at ethics.com/disclosures.

Board Member Crigler left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 24-756 from Travis Harrington, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District E, Rapides Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding three campaign finance late fees of \$1,000, \$840 and \$520 for a total of \$2,360 assessed by the Board because his 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 40, 21 and 13 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to hear the untimely request for reconsideration and with respect to the 30-P, reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 late fee and with respect to the 10-P and 10-G, reaffirmed its decision to reduce each to \$400 and decline to waive the late fees.

The Board deferred until a future meeting the reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-824 from John Lane Ewing, Jr., a former member of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District, that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$1,050 of a \$1,500 late fee for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure report 77 days late.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board deferred until a future meeting the reconsideration request Docket No. 24-828 from Tyler L. Daniel, chairperson for New Solutions Political Action Committee, that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive two campaign finance late fees of \$3,000 each for a total of \$6,000 assessed because the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports for the November 8, 2022 election that were filed 169 and 139 days late, respectively.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board deferred until a future meeting the reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-964, from W. Thomas Barrett, III, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 38th Judicial District Court in the November 3, 2020 election, that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce to \$1,200 and \$600 and decline to waive two campaign finance late fees of \$2000 each for a total of \$4,000 assessed because his 2022 and 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 663 and 30 days late, respectively.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G8-G19 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-G19, excluding items G11 and G15, taking the following action:

The Board considered the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-013 regarding Charlene Daniels, a City of Ponchatoula employee, receiving a real estate commission for representing the seller of property being purchased by the City while her son, J. Wesley Daniels, is the Mayor of the City. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the City of Ponchatoula to withdraw its advisory opinion.

The Board considered the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-172 regarding the proposed outside employment of Anna DiPerna, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Education. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed Ms. DiPerna to withdraw her advisory opinion request because her question is no longer relevant.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-188 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits vendors of the Lafayette Parish School Board from sponsoring customer appreciation nights at a bar owned by Jeremy Hildago, a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Hildago, directly or indirectly through his company, from soliciting and receiving any sponsorship from any person that has or is seeking to have any contractual or other business or financial relationship with the Lafayette Parish School Board or any school under its jurisdiction.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-196 as to whether Kayla Breaux, the elected Coroner of Lafourche Parish, can also serve as a reserve deputy with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mrs. Breaux from serving as the elected Coroner of Lafourche Parish while also serving as a reserve deputy with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. However, serving as an elected official and working as a reserve officer for the same parish may present an issue concerning Louisiana Dual Office Holding and Dual Employment prohibitions, which are not under the jurisdiction of the Board but are under the Attorney General's jurisdiction. The Board suggested that Ms. Breaux contact that office regarding the application of those laws. A copy of her request and this opinion will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-208 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jessica Irvin from providing services to a school within the East Feliciana Parish School System through Kelly Services, a temporary staffing company, while her mother Peidera Sims-Matthews, serves as a member of the School

Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Irvin from providing services to any school within the East Feliciana Parish School System through a contract between Kelly Services and East Feliciana School System while her mother serves as a member of the East Feliciana Parish School Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-209 from Representative Charles Owen relating to his appointment to a board of Stephenson Technologies (“Company”), a non-profit corporation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Owen from being appointed to the Company’s board of directors. Further, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him, while serving as a director of the Company, from participating in matters in which the Company has a substantial economic interest.

The Board considered the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-223 regarding the resignation of Jay Callegari, a state university faculty member who intends to run for an elected office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the correspondent to withdraw the advisory opinion.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-242 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Emily Ford, the former Superintendent of City Cemeteries for the City of New Orleans, from assisting persons in transactions with the Division of City Cemeteries. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Ford, for a period of two years from the date of termination of her employment, from assisting any person in obtaining a permit from the

Division of City Cemeteries, Department of Property Management with the City of New Orleans.

The Board considered the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-253 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an assistant district attorney who is the IV-D Support Enforcement Prosecutor for her office from also contracting with the Louisiana District Attorneys Association (“LDAA”) to serve as the IV-D Liaison Staff Attorney with the Department of Children and Family Services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the request for withdrawal as the LDAA indicated that they chose another applicant and the point is moot.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 25-256 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Loansteady/Core Lending from participating in the Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”) programs within two years of its employee, Kristen O’Keefe, resigning from the Louisiana Housing Corporation Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Ms. O’Keefe from transacting with the LHC until April 21, 2027. Further, it prohibits her employer from processing any transaction that was started during her service on the Board. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit her employer from starting new loans.

Board Member Crigler returned to the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Board Member Fremin left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-189 from Robert C. McCorquodale, employee of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff’s Office (“CPSO”), relating to post-employment restrictions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board

concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. McCorquodale, for a period of two years, from performing legal services for the CPSO on a contractual basis. Further, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him, for a period of two years, from receiving compensation to provide assistance to persons in matters with the CPSO if he worked on such matters during his employment with the CPSO.

Board Member Fremin returned to the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-222 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Patterson Housing Authority from issuing a \$25 gas card to each Patterson Housing Authority Commissioner each month. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that if the Patterson Housing Authority determines that each Commissioner who serves on the Patterson Housing Authority Board is duly entitled to a benefit of a \$25 gas card per monthly meeting it would not violate the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 1st, 2025 and May 2nd, 2025 meetings.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 24-083 regarding a nepotism issue involving the employment of Kenyata Lands, sister of Dadrius Lanus, with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board while he serves as a member of the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the proposed consent opinion for publication.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-224 from Jill Lane, Council Member for the City of Mandeville ("City"), as to whether the Code of Governmental

Ethics permits her business, 347 Girod LLC (“Company”), to enter into certain transactions with persons who do business with the City. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the Company from receiving donations from persons who do business with the City, but the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Company from receiving compensation for services rendered to persons who do business with the City. Further, the Company would be prohibited from accepting gifts from persons who do business with the City if she receives compensation from the Company.

The Board heard Administrator’s Notes from David Bordelon in Docket No. 3125-01:

1. Next Ethics Meeting: Wednesday July 2 and Thursday, July 3rd. due to the July 4th Holiday.
2. The Personal Financial Disclosure Staff were recognized for their excellence in processing over 6,000 filings timely: Alvin Coleman, Tammy Frazier, Dina Schwarzenbach and Ashley Wimberley.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered Docket No. 3125-09, approval of Campaign Finance Disclosure Forms in connection with closed party primary elections. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the draft package.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in item G26, 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 G26, excluding Docket Nos. 25-205, 25-244, 25-248 and 25-249, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 25-025 from The Voice of the People LLC, PAC, 2020 Annual of a \$3000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-025 from The Voice of the People LLC, PAC, 2022 Annual of a \$3000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-025 from The Voice of the People LLC, PAC, 10-P of a \$3000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-025 from The Voice of the People LLC, PAC, 10-G of a \$3000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-185 from Marc Mercer, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-185 from Marc Mercer, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee;

Docket No. 25-186 from Paula Brown, 2019 SUPP of a \$100 late fee;

Docket No. 25-204 from Jessica C. Ledet, 90-P of a \$800 late fee;

Docket No. 25-246 from Joseph “Tony” Guillory, 2024 SUPP of a \$120 late fee; and,

Docket No. 25-247 from Brenda G. Jackson, 2024 SUPP of a \$200 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$500 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 25-185 from Marc Mercer, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$600 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 25-231 from John R. “Dick” Gibbs, 2023 SUPP of a \$2,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-205 regarding the \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Patients First Political Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Tyrone Hughes, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

Board Member Nowlin recused himself from voting in Docket No. 25-244.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-244 regarding the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jules R. Green, a successful candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 2024 Supplemental

campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance.

Board Member Bryant left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-248 regarding the \$1,600 campaign finance late fee assessed against the American Institute of Architects, LA PAC, a political action committee, its chairperson, Fredrick Embaugh, and its treasurer, Kathleen Gordon, for filing their February 2024 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive since filer fails to state good cause which is outside of the control of filer, as required under La R.S. 42:1157(A)(1)(b).

Board Member Bryant returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-249 regarding the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against John C. "Clay" Hamilton, a successful candidate for District Judge, 5th JDC, Division A, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed with a vote of nine yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand and Grimley, and two nays by Board Members Nowlin and Speer, the Board waived the \$240 late fee.

The Board considered Lobby Waiver Guidelines in Docket No. 3125-10. The Board took no action.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-207 regarding the \$50 late fee assessed against Ryan Duffy for the late filing of the February 2025 Lobbying Expenditure

Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$50 late fee since this is her first filing and she has taken measures to ensure untimeliness will not recur.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-221 regarding the \$50 assessed against Bill Robertson for the late filing of the February 2025 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

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 item G28 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 G28, excluding Docket Nos. 25-202, 25-203, 25-227 and 25-254, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance for the following:

Docket 24-927 David A. Johnson, 2023 Tier 2, 76 days late of a \$2500 late fee;
Docket 25-170 Jamie L. Barney, 2022 Tier 2.1, 245 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-201 Krystal Anne Boyance, Amend 2023 Tier 3, 112 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 25-225 Michael “Mike” J. Miller, 2021 Tier 2.1, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee;
and,
Docket 25-229 Jimmy Challis Gore, Amend 2021 Tier 2.1, 118 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

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

Docket 25-148 Charles Reldon Owens, 2022 Tier 2.1, 124 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-165 Kristen “Krissy” Sienna Carter Jolly, 2023 Tier 3, 162 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 25-166 Ronnie Harvey, Jr., 2022 Tier 2, 469 days late of a \$2500 late fee;
Docket 25-166 Ronnie Harvey, Jr., 2023 Tier 2, 168 days late of a \$2500 late fee;
Docket 25-169 Phyllis Hart, 2023 Tier 2.1, 36 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-200 Shanel Handy, 2020 Tier 3, 92 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 25-206 Paul R. Mouton, Amend 2022 Tier 2, 26 days late of a \$2500 late fee;

Docket 25-206 Paul R. Mouton, 2023 Tier 2, 216 days late of a \$2500 late fee; and Docket 25-245 Cohen B. Guidry, 2023 Tier 2.1, 192 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$2500 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 25-030 Joey Strickland, 2023 Tier 1, 100 days late of a \$12500 late fee.

The Board considered waiver requests in Docket No. 25-202 submitted by Grant Crochet, Lower Delta Soil & Water Conservation, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 284 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

The Board considered waiver requests in Docket No. 25- 203 submitted by Jessie Martin Bellard, Parish President, St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$1,000 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2023 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-227 submitted by Alexis Robert "Alex" Edwards, Springhill Board of Alderman, District 4, Webster Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure report filed 476 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-254 submitted by Russell W. Allen, Ernest N. Morial - New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure report filed 14 days

late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 25-118 submitted by Aaron C. Williams, former member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #7, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure report filed 35 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 25-226 submitted by Stacie Marie Tinsley, Commission for Women of Bossier City, regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

Board Member Fremin recused himself from voting on Docket No. 24-775.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 24-775 regarding to decline to waive a \$3,000 late fee and reduce to \$2,000 each (\$8,000 total) and decline to waive four \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Restore Our Coast PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson, John Carmouche, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 180-P, 90-P, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 381, 290, 231, 211 and 176 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board with respect to 180-P, reaffirmed its decisions to decline to waive the late fee. With respect to 90-P, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G, reaffirmed its decision to reduce each late fee to \$2,000 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and decline to waive.

The Board considered the following items on the General Supplemental Agenda.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-173 regarding whether the post-employment provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Wayne Picou, a former City of Baton Rouge employee from participating in sales for his new employer, Creative Employee Benefit Services, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Picou or his employer, Creative Employee Benefit Services LLC. from selling new insurance policies to the Baton Rouge Fire Fighters Union or Baton Rouge City employees.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-302 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits, Douglas Lawrence, the Superintendent of the Monroe City School District from promoting Dr. Cassandra Shelling from the position of certified teacher to the position of principal while her mother, Brenda Shelling, serves as a member of the school board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Dr. Cassandra Shelling to apply for a principal position before she has been employed for one year as a certified teacher teaching in a classroom. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics only permits the promotion to the position of principal one year after her date of hire in August 2024 if she possesses the qualifications and certifications for the position of principal. In addition, Brenda Shelling shall recuse herself from any action involving the promotion of her daughter or assignment of job location.

Board Member Davis recused himself from voting in Docket No. 22-054.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 22-054 relating to charges filed against Hope Laborde, former employee of Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, related to violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Ms. Laborde has signed the consent opinion and paid a civil penalty of \$250. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges pending against Ms. Laborde before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 22-724 regarding St. Landry Parish Sheriff Bobby Guidroz relating to participation and prohibited payments. Guidroz has signed a consent opinion for violation of the Code, and has paid the civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges pending against Sheriff Guidroz before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-1078 submitted on behalf of Senator Adam Bass regarding his renewal application as a Public Tag Agent. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Senator Bass to renew his application since the renewal is not prohibited based on exceptions.

The Board considered a Public Records Redaction request in Docket No. 9025-013. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board authorized staff to request an opinion from the Attorney General's Office.

The Board discussed pending legislation in Docket No. 3125-02 filed for the 2025 Legislative Session as to the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics. The Board took no action.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and other matters deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into General Session and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman