

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
November 4, 2022

The Board of Ethics met on November 4, 2022 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 Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Grimley, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb and Lavastida were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Mallory Guillot, LaToya Jordan, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Board Member Colomb arrived at 9:02 A.M.

Docket No. 22-515 and Docket No. 22-548 were moved to later in the meeting.

Randy Paul Broussard, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Fourth Planning Consortium, appeared before the Board to consider the untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-594 regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 198 days late. After hearing from Mr. Broussard, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely waiver request and suspended all late fees based on future compliance.

Harold Bartholomew, Jr., appeared before the Board to consider a waiver request in Docket No. 22-626 regarding a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against him, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division F, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Bartholomew, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee.

Keith Anthony Baudin appeared before the Board to consider a waiver request in Docket No. 22-714 regarding a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against him, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 46th Representative District, Iberia, St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Baudin, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$240 based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board moved to the General Supplemental Agenda for an appearance.

Hilary Wooley and Gray Sexton, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 22-776 on an advisory opinion request on behalf of Dr. John George, CEO of the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana (“BRF”), in connection with a bid submission to the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation (“LEDC”). After hearing from Mr. Sexton and Ms. Wooley, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the advisory opinion with editorial changes on page 2, but not amending page 4, concluding that BRF is not prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into a contract with LEDC, since Dr. George did not participate in the Request for Qualifications or the SSCBI Program funding while a member of LEDC. However, Dr. George is prohibited by Section 1121(A)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from rendering assistance to BRF or any outside entities in connection with the LEDC contract. Further, Dr. George is prohibited by Section 1121(A)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from rendering any services to or on behalf of LEDC in connection with the contract. Finally, Dr. George, both individually and on behalf of BRF, is prohibited by Section 1121(A)(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into the contract with LEDC. Dr. George’s prohibitions are in place for two years from his resignation as an LEDC Board member on January 12, 2022.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-515 regarding the \$540, \$1,140 and \$180 campaign finance late fees assessed against Barbara Norton, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, and 2020 & 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 19 and 3 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive all three campaign finance late fees.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-548 regarding whether the daughter of a Franklin Parish School Board member may be employed as a paraprofessional and/or substitute teacher with the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dr. Jacqueline Johnson's daughter, Tyana Johnson, from being employed as a paraprofessional or a substitute teacher at Winnsboro Elementary School while Dr. Johnson serves as a member of the Franklin Parish School Board.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G4-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 G4-G19, excluding items G4, G7, G9, G12 and G13 taking the following action:

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-386 regarding a transaction between Orleans Parish District Attorney and a non-profit organization which employs the District Attorney's wife, since the Center for Resilience did not receive the grant and the requester asked that it be withdrawn.

The Board declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 22-462 regarding the request

from Crystal Washington, an employee of Louisiana Department of Education, as to post-employment matters, since there has been no response to the multiple attempts to get additional information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 22-592 submitted by Natalie Aguillard, Director of Human Capital with Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her daughter, Morgan Aguillard from continuing her employment as a teacher. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Morgan Aguillard from being employed as a 5th grade teacher at Rosenwald Elementary School while her mother is the Director of Human Capital, since Natalie Aguillard is not Morgan Auillard's agency head.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-615 from Philip Qualls, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Treasury, regarding the post-employment restrictions following his service on behalf of Treasurer John Schroder on the Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121(A)(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Qualls from being employed by the Louisiana State Police Retirement System for a period of two years from the date of his last service as Treasurer Schroder's designee on March 23, 2022.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-642 from Victoria Burise, Executive Director of the Marksville Housing Authority, as to the possible hiring of a current tenant and the hiring of a Board Member's grandchild as employees. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 22-642. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board advised the following: Question No. 1) The Board concluded that once employed by the Housing Authority, Ms. Ashley Augustine would be prohibited by Section 1113(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into a contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Housing Authority. Therefore, if Ms. Augustine is employed, and her

compensation results in the renegotiation of her lease provisions, then she would be prohibited from entering into a lease agreement with the Housing Authority. Question No. 2: The Board concluded that as a grandchild of Carol Gagnard, Garrett Gagnard is not an “immediate family member” pursuant to Section 1102(13) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Therefore, Section 1119(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Garrett Gagnard from being employed with the Housing Authority.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket 22-664 submitted on behalf of the Physical Plant Office of Northwestern State University (“NSU”), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Physical Plant Office of NSU from contracting with Real Carpet Cleaning of Natchitoches, LLC (“RCCN”) while Erin Dupree, the daughter of the RCCN owner, is employed at NSU. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit RCCN from entering into a contract with NSU Physical Plant Office while Erin Dupree is employed as the Office Manager of University Affairs.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request and disqualification plan in Docket No. 22-680 regarding employees Joshua Bertrand and Chris Bertrand of Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government (“LCG”). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119(C)(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows Chris Bertrand to continue his employment with LCG at the Ambassador Caffery Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant, since he has been employed for more than one year prior to his brother, Justin Bertrand, becoming his agency head as Chief Operator. The Board also approved the proposed disqualification plan since it meets the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Title 52 of the Louisiana Administrative Code-Rules of the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-681 from Kem Jones, on

behalf of Thomas Jones, Jr., Mayor of Mansfield, as to certain questions related to the employment of family members. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mayor Jones' brother is prohibited from being employed in any capacity, with or without compensation, by the City of Mansfield, since Mayor Jones is the agency head for the City. The Board declined to render any opinion as to the ability of the Louisiana Legislature to pass any law and the Board declined to render any opinion as to the ability of the Mansfield City Council to pass any ordinance. However, any ordinance that purports to amend or affect the Code of Governmental Ethics would not be deemed to supersede the language of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-699 submitted by Shawn Hotstream, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from accepting employment as the Executive Director for Service District Hospital Association after terminating his public employment with the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office in the Health and Social Services Section. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Hotstream from accepting employment as the Executive Director for the Service District Hospital Association after terminating his public employment with the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office in Health and Social Services Section.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-705 submitted by Arthur Hickman Jr., DDS, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry ("LSBD"), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the selected LSBD member from serving on the CDCA/WREB/CITA Board of Directors. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the selected LSBD member from serving on the CDCA/WREB/CITA Board of Directors.

The Board approved the disqualification plan set forth in Docket No. 22-706 involving the

Human Resources Manager of Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and her husband, a horticultural attendant for the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.

The Board took no action on Docket No.18-1180.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-582 from Erik Smith as to whether the post-employment provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from providing engineering services to the Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”), through a consultant who has existing contracts or may attempt to obtain future contracts, for both design and maintenance services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Smith for a period of two years following his retirement, from providing the engineering services to other sections within ITS-Section 56 of DOTD through a consultant that has or intends to do business in the future with DOTD because Mr. Smith will not be contracting with his former agency, the Maintenance and Communications Section nor will he be working on any project he participated in as a public servant.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-593 regarding whether any board member of the Louisiana Shrimp Association (“LSA”) would violate the Code of Governmental Ethics if the LSA were to accept funds from the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force Marketing Fund pursuant to HB 1 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that if LSA were to accept funds from the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, Acy J. Cooper would be in violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics by virtue of his and Marla Cooper’s receipt of a salary from LSA. Further Acy J. Cooper and Rodney Olander, as members of the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, would be prohibited from participating in any transaction involving the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force and LSA.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-643 from Gary LeBlanc, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”), regarding the

post-employment restrictions in connection with engineering services provided to the DOTD, local municipalities, or parish governmental entities. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that for a period of two years following Gary LeBlanc's retirement, he is prohibited by Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from assisting Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for compensation in any transaction involving the State of Louisiana in which he participated while employed by DOTD. Mr. LeBlanc is further prohibited from rendering, on a contractual basis through his employment with Neel-Schaffer Inc., any service to the DOTD Traffic Section, if he rendered that service while employed by the DOTD Traffic Section. However, the Board further concluded, that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit him from assisting Neel-Schaffer Inc. in new transactions involving the State of Louisiana. Additionally, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. LeBlanc from rendering new services to the DOTD Traffic Section on a contractual basis through his employment with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Finally, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. LeBlanc from rendering services to local municipalities or parish governmental entities.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-644 regarding the Touro Bouligny Security District ("TBSD") contracting with a company that may be represented by a law firm that employs the husband of the Chairman of the security district. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Samantha Guichet does not exercise control over or have an ownership interest in excess of twenty-five percent in her husband's firm, no violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would occur if the TBSD were to secure insurance through Travelers or another company that her husband's firm may represent. However, if TBSD does secure insurance through Travelers or another company that her husband's firm represents, she and her husband should file the requisite disclosure pursuant Section 1114A of 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 October 6th and 7th, 2022 meetings.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 19-1167 regarding Vana Acker, an employee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, participating in the processing and paying of a claim for damages to a vehicle owned by her daughter, Davanya Tabb. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Ms. Acker and Ms. Tabb admit to violations of Sections 1112(B)(1) and 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, respectively; and, agreeing to pay a \$2,473.54 civil penalty. The Board dismissed the charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 21-405 regarding the Dean of the College of Business at Nicholls State University, Marilyn Macik-Frey. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion for Marilyn Macik-Frey admitting to a violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-586 from Cara Chance as to whether she may accept funds donated to a GoFundMe account while employed by the Lafayette Public Library. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Cara Chance may accept the donated funds, as long as the donated funds are not from persons who either (a) have or are seeking to have business or financial relationships with the library, or (b) conduct operations or activities which are regulated by the library. As she has indicated that she is not aware of any donors meeting these criteria, the receipt of the donated funds would not violate Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Kathleen Allen presented an Administrator's Report to the Board on the following:

1. Report on staff's research efforts on crypto-currency in response to HR 180 of the 2022

Regular Legislative Session. Ms. Allen advised the Board that staff would provide the Board with a draft report at the Board's December meeting.

2. Handout for discussion regarding 2023 Proposed Legislative Recommendations from staff with discussion on options the Board would like to propose. The Board, after considering the various proposals, agreed to suggest legislation concerning the following topics:

- a. Allow for summary proceedings with respect to charges that are issued by the Board of Ethics and filed with the Division of Administration Law, Ethics Adjudicatory Board, provided there is no object by the respondent.
 - b. Codify the procedure that the notice of the hearing date is mailed by the Division of Administrative Law, Ethics Adjudicatory Board to the respondent to the address to which the respondent was served with the notice of the charges by the Board of Ethics, or to a subsequent address provided by the respondent or his attorney of record.
 - c. In situations where a candidate or political committee has received a contribution in excess of the permissible limits, provide that the excess contribution shall be returned to the contributor. However, if the returned funds are not negotiated within 6 months, the funds shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state.
 - d. Allow for a per day penalty to be assessed for each day that a statement of organization is not timely filed by a political committee.
3. Reminder on annual training requirements for Board Members. Ms. Allen reminded Board members about the annual training requirements.
4. Board Handbook, waiver guidelines and laws available on NOVUS. Ms. Allen advised that staff was working on providing links to the waiver guidelines and laws when the Board receives the links for the December agenda.

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 included in item 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, excluding Docket Nos. 22-645, 22-708, 22-709 and 22-712 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

- Docket 22-259 Adline Lockett, 30-P, 17 days late of a \$600 late fee;
- Docket 22-259 Aldine Lockett, 10-P, 7 days late of a \$420 late fee;
- Docket 22-259 Aldine Lockett, 10-G, 9 days late of a \$540 late fee;
- Docket 22-553 Billy Spikes, 10-P, 20 days late of a \$800 late fee;
- Docket 22-553 Billy Spikes, 10-G, 6 days late of a \$240 late fee;
- Docket 22-553 Billy Spikes, 40-G, 42 days late of a \$1,000 late fee;
- Docket 22-554 Voters Organized to Educate, 30-P, 66 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
- Docket 22-554 Voters Organized to Educate, 10-P, 45 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
- Docket 22-555 Clint Cradeur, ANN2021, 100 days late of a \$1,000 late fee;
- Docket 22-556 Francis J. Plaisance, 10-G, 13 days late of a \$520 late fee; and,
- Docket 22-715 Jefferson "Jeff" Joyce, 30-P, 8 days late of a \$480 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the campaign finance late fee to \$1,000 based on Rule 1205C; and, declined to waive that late fee against the following:

- Docket 22-625 Luke Fontana, 90-P, 14 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-645 regarding the \$1000 and \$450 campaign finance late fees assessed against John Ray LeBlanc, candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 20, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 247 and 16 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the December meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-708 regarding the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Community Organization for Urban Politics, a political action committee, its chairperson and treasurer, Lambert Boissiere, Jr in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-P

campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to December meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-709 regarding the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Manny “Chevrolet” Bruno, candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to December meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-712 regarding three \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jamar Gailles, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016, 2017 and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1652, 1287, and 922 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the December meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the 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 No. 22-589, 22-591, 22-596, 22-599, 22-602, 22-603 and 22-605, taking the following action:

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-587 submitted by Earlin Fruge, Constable, Ward 2, Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 272 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously

passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee and instructed staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees for the following:

Docket 22-595 Michael T. LaGarde, 2019 Tier 2, 512 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 22-595 Michael T. LaGarde, amended 2020 Tier 2, 4 days late of a \$400 late fee;
Docket 22-597 Matthew W. Warren, 2019 Tier 2, 418 days late of a \$2,500 late fee; and,
Docket 22-606 Michael W. Stockwell, 2020 Tier 3, 219 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all late fees based on future compliance for the following:

Docket 22-598 Brian Dean Kuehne, 2020 Tier 2.1, 7 days late of a \$350 late fee; and,
Docket 22-600 Tara Nunez Smith, 2020 Tier 2.1, 26 days late of a \$1,300 late fee.

The Board voted to suspend all of the late fee based on future compliance with Board Member Couvillon's vote recused for the following:

Docket 22-601 Paul B. Gladden, MD, 2019 Tier 2.1. 7 days late of a \$350 late fee.

Board Member Couvillon left the meeting at 10:47 A.M.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-589 submitted by Paul Ogden Johnson, Louisiana Rice Promotion Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 390 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-591 submitted by Robin A. Barnes, New Orleans Sewage and Water Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 319 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-596 submitted by Steven P. Hebert, Louisiana Real Estate Commission, Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission, Lafayette Planning and Zoning Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1

Annual personal financial disclosure 252 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-599 submitted by Judy W. Wagner, former member of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 72 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Board Member Couvillon returned to the meeting at 10:52 A.M.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-602 submitted by Robbie Andrew Siadek, Jonesboro Board of Alderman, District B, Jackson Parish, regarding two \$500 late fees assessed against him for filing his amended 2019 and 2020 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosures 225 days late for both. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, regarding the 2020 disclosure, the Board suspended all of the \$500 late fee late fee based on future compliance and regarding the 2019 disclosure, the Board suspended all but \$350 of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-603 submitted by Alfred Lee “Al” Doyle, Constable, District 1, Beauregard Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 134 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$500 late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-605 submitted by Frederick “Pos” Douglas, Oakdale City Council, District 2, Allen Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 205 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$500 late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-612 submitted by Gary Smith, Sr., regarding the \$700, \$800, \$400 and \$100 late fees assessed for the late filing of four initial Disaster Contract Disclosures. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fees.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-588 submitted by Brandon Delshawn "BJ" Johnson, Monroe City School Board, District 6, Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure report 224 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$2,100 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2020 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-590 submitted by Nicholas Edward "Nic" Hunter, candidate for Mayor, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish in the March 20, 2021 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure report 64 days late. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 22-590. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely waiver request and suspended all of the \$2,500 late fee.

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

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-803 regarding Integrity Marine, LLC, which is a company owned by the son of Senator Robert L. "Bret" Allain, II, entering into a contract with the Port of Iberia. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Integrity Marine, LLC, from entering into a contract with the Port of Iberia.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-811 regarding whether the spouse of a candidate for Beauregard Parish School Board would be permitted to continue employment with the school board if the candidate is elected to the school board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Jennifer Sandifer’s continued employment at Singer High School, if her husband is elected as a member of the Beauregard Parish School Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-828 regarding whether the Town of Urania may continue to make purchases at a store owned by the son of a candidate for the office of Mayor for the Town of Urania if elected and requests approval of a purchasing plan for the Town of Urania pursuant to Section 1123(22)(b) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the Town of Urania from making purchases from Ivy’s LLC, a store owned by Thad Ivy, son of Jay Ivy, if Jay Ivy is elected to the office of Mayor for the Town of Urania, and the Board approved the proposed purchasing plan submitted by the Town of Urania.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairwoman