

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
August 17, 2018

The Board of Ethics met on August 17, 2018 at 9:00 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 Bruneau, Dittmer, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Mouton-Allen, Roberts and Smith present. Absent were Board Members Brandon, Couvillon and Lavastida. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson, and Greg Thibodeaux.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-603 for a waiver of the Board's suspension of all but \$450 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Vincent P. Borrello, Jr., a member of the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 108 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to suspend all but \$450 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to offer Mr. Borrello a payment plan.

The Board temporarily deferred consideration of Docket No. 17-774 since Wysinger Cleveland was not present when called for an appearance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-682 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Reginald "Reggie" Laurent, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division H, St. Tammany and Washington Parishes in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 147 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously

passed, the Board deferred the matter to the September meeting.

Board Member Lavastida arrived at the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Ms. Sharon Green, a member of the Workforce Development-First Planning District, appeared before the Board in connection with an untimely request in Docket No.18-717 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing the 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 82 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to reconsider the untimely waiver request. After hearing from Ms. Green, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly and Smith and 3 nays by Board Members Meinert, Mouton-Allen and Roberts, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$750 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Robert Toale, a member of the Attorney Fee Review Board, and Ms. Lauren Rocha, Deputy Judicial Administrator/General Counsel for the Louisiana Supreme Court, appeared before the Board in connection with Answers submitted in (1) Docket No. 18-771 by Mr. Toale in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement; (2) Docket No. 18-773 by Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson, a member of the Attorney Fee Review Board, in response to receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement; and, (3) Docket No. 18-772 by Craig Morrow, a member of the Attorney Fee Review Board, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. After hearing from Mr. Toale and Ms. Rocha, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Toale, Chief Justice Johnson and

Mr. Morrow are not required to file Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statements in connection with their service on the Attorney Fee Review Board, since the board does not have the requisite spending authority.

Mr. Robert J. Sanderson, Jr., in his capacity as an other person in the April 29, 2017 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-754 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against him for filing the 10-E campaign finance disclosure report 314 days late. After hearing from Mr. Sanderson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred action regarding the waiver request and suggested that the prior advisory opinion be revised according to new information.

The Board recessed at 10:45 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:00 a.m.

The Board considered an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-774 by Wysinger Cleveland, a member of the Richwood Board of Aldermen, Ouachita Parish, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he amend his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to advise Mr. Cleveland that he must disclose all information required pertaining to both himself and his wife regardless of their separation. If he cannot provide his wife's information, he must attach a letter with an explanation.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to on items G8-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 items G8-G25, excluding Items G8 and G19, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-731 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gwendolyn Griffin becoming a bail bondsman through the Department of Insurance while she is employed by the Tangipahoa Parish Assessor's Office, since the services she would perform as a bail bondsman are outside of the hours she is required to work for the Assessor's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-732 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Kaye Cupp from being employed by the City of Winnsboro for two years after her resignation as an Alderwoman for the City of Winnsboro. This prohibition includes an appointment as City Clerk and employment as a full-time bookkeeper.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-733 from Bernard Duhon on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of Vermilion Parish, since the issue was moot.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-735 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Rene JeanLuc Borrel from performing permitting/inspection work for the Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission while his brother, Mark Borrel, serves as an Avoyelles Parish Police Juror, since the Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury and Rene JeanLuc Borrel or Borrel Engineering contracting to perform the permitting/inspection services with the Planning Commission would be considered entering into a transaction with Mark Borrel's agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-738 regarding post-employment restrictions that apply to Eli Wilson, who retired as a Network Specialist with the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of

Court's office, concluding the following: (1) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Eli Wilson from being compensated for performing general computer hardware and software support on systems utilized by local attorneys, title companies or members of the general public who subscribe to the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's public records website so long as the support did not involve assisting those persons with problems accessing the Clerk's public records website. Because Mr. Wilson's job duty while working for the Clerk of Court was to assist people with problems accessing the Clerk's public records website, he would not be prohibited from assisting people with computer hardware and software issues, provided those issues were not related to accessing the Clerk's public records website; (2) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Eli Wilson from working as a salesperson for a company that sells computer hardware or software to the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office. As Mr. Wilson's position with the Clerk's office involved no sales duties, the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit him from selling computer hardware and software to the Clerk's office; and, (3) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Eli Wilson from becoming employed by Netchex. Since Mr. Wilson did not provide computer support relative to Netchex at the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's office, there would be no prohibition for him to provide computer or network support for Netchex.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-739 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Andrew Martin entering into a transaction with the Port Commission while he is a candidate for a position on the Port Commission, since as a candidate, Mr. Martin is not a "public servant" subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. However, in the event Mr. Martin is elected to the Port Commission, once he is sworn into office,

Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Martin, his immediate family members, and any legal entity in which he has a controlling interest, from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Port Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-740 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit David Jarreau, President of the Board of Directors for the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourism Commission (Tourism Commission), from receiving anything of economic value from any person through advertising, or other sources of income, which involve any actions in which he has participated through his position as president of the Pointe Coupee Tourism Commission and involve Pointe Coupee Magazine, since promoting tourism is part of the responsibilities, programs, and operations of the Pointe Coupee Tourism Commission. Additionally, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Jarreau from receiving compensation from any person who has or is seeking to obtain a contractual, or other business or financial relationship with the Tourism Commission or who has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the Tourism Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-753 concluding that (1) Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association (LIDEA) would not be prohibited from providing the costs of meals for Louisiana Economic Development (LED) employees, provided that the total value per public employee does not exceed \$61 for a single event; and, (2) LIDEA would not be prohibited from providing travel expenses for LED employees, provided the requirements of newly enacted La. R.S. 42:1115.2 are met.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-767 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kirtland Rush, an employee in the City of New Orleans Construction Unit, applying for funding through the Soft Second Program, since the Soft Second Program is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency, the Office of Community Development (OCD) Construction Unit. The Board further concluded that Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Rush from participating in any transaction with OCD in which he has a substantial economic interest. However, Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows a disqualification plan to be developed in accordance with rules adopted by the Board to remove a public servant from participating in transactions that would otherwise present violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Additionally, Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Rush's sister, Barbra Rush, from having her house repaired by the City of New Orleans Health and Safety Program as the application is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of her brother's agency. Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Rush from participating in any transaction involving the inspection of Barbra Rush's property. The Board also approved the disqualification plan which was submitted providing that either Kerry Romain, OCD Construction Unit Supervisor, or Emmanuel Boutte, Construction Manager, would be assigned to handle any transactions involving inspections of either Mr. Rush's property or the property of Barbara Rush. The proposed plan satisfies the requirements set forth under Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Rules for the Board of Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-768 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Hubert E. Graves, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), providing services directly to city and local governments

as he would not be assisting "persons" in connection with transactions involving his former agency, DOTD Real Estate Section. In addition, Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Graves from assisting GCR, Inc. or Graves Public Services, LLC as an independent contractor on any projects provided they do not involve a transaction before the DOTD Real Estate Section and that the services are not rendered to or for the DOTD Real Estate Section.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-776 regarding whether a construction company which employs Dale Rogers, a member of the St. Mary Parish Council, can transact business with St. Mary Parish, concluding the following: (1) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Pelican Contractors of Louisiana, a construction company which employs Mr. Rogers, from transacting business with the parish. Since Mr. Rogers has no ownership interest in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) and his salary would not be affected by the contractual relationship between the company and the parish, the exception in BD 82-02D would apply. However, Mr. Rogers would be required to annually file a disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics; and, (2) absent specific information, declined to address the question of whether a construction company owned by a parish councilman with more than 25% ownership interest may submit bids or proposals for construction work.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-788 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Nicholas Degueyter, who currently serves as a council member of the Town of Leonville in St. Landry Parish, from serving as Mayor for the Town of Leonville while his father, Bobby Degueyter is employed by the Town of Leonville, since Bobby Degueyter's employment with the Town meets the one year requirement in Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of



Governmental Ethics would prohibit Nicholas Degueyter, as Mayor, from participating in any transactions in which his father has a substantial economic interest. Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Nicholas Degueyter to recuse himself from participating in any transaction which would present a possible violation of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-789 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Clifton Gremillion becoming employed with LaTech following his retirement from the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The Board further advised that Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Gremillion from assisting LaTech in transactions with Angola and providing services on a contractual basis for Angola through his employment with LaTech for two years following his retirement.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-808 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Bruce Anzalone serving on the Board of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 while his employer, Medical Practice Software, Inc., has clients who are physicians on the staff of the hospital or who are tenants of the Board, since neither Mr. Anzalone nor his employer, Medical Practice Software, Inc., are bidding on or entering into any contracts with Mr. Anzalone's agency, St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-809 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lisa French, an employee of the Department of Education, becoming a candidate for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board in an upcoming election.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-813 concluding that no violation of the Campaign Finance

Disclosure Act is presented by Centralspeaks.com, LLC, a limited liability company owned by Dave Freneaux, a candidate for Central City Council in the November 6, 2018 election, making unlimited in-kind contributions to his campaign in the form of newspaper ads, since wholly-owned subchapter S corporations and wholly-owned limited liability companies, because of their tax status and the interests of a stockholder in those legal entities, cannot be distinguished from its individual owner for purposes of contribution limits. Therefore, because Mr. Freneaux owns 100% of Centralspeaks.com, LLC, it may make unlimited in-kind contributions to his campaign in the form of newspaper ads.

Deferred consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No.18-148 regarding the purchase of property between Paul J. Hogan, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council, and St. Charles Parish.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-769 regarding the employment of Steven Williams as a firefighter with Winn Parish Fire District #3 while his father-in-law serves as one of its appointed board members, since the request involved past conduct.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 18-770 by Louis Voiron, Jr., a member of the Teacher Certification and Appeals Council, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Voiron that he is not required to file as a member of the Teacher Certification and Appeals Council, since the Teacher Certification and Appeals Council is advisory only and has no spending authority.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the

July 19-20, 2018 meetings with the correction to the minute excerpt in Docket No. 17-674 of the July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-1395 regarding Joyce Weiner, a former employee of the City of Shreveport Finance and Compliance Department, regarding her performance of the same services back to her former agency through contracts within the two year period following the termination of her public service. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Joyce Weiner agrees that a violation of Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by rendering to the City of Shreveport Finance and Revenue Department, on a contractual basis through the contract between ADECCO Staffing and the City of Shreveport, the same services she performed as a Revenue Specialist with the City of Shreveport Finance and Revenue Department within two years following the termination of her public employment with the Finance and Revenue Department as a Revenue Specialist and in which Ms. Weiner agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment in full of any balance due.

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 the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart 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 the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-1253 from Aaron Christopher of a \$200 late fee;

Docket No. 18-742 from Ellen M. Hazeur of a \$1,200 and a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 18-759 from David Weathersby of a \$760 and a \$120 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 18-760 from Tonya S. Lurry of a \$360 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1253 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against Aaron Christopher, a candidate for Council Member at Large, Division 2, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended \$600 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-049 for a waiver of the \$540 late fee assessed against Thomas Thaddeus "Thad" Cossabone, a candidate for Council Member, District D, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$540 late fee, since the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report had \$0 activity and Mr. Cossabone submitted financial documentation showing his limited income.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-482 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,000 late fees assessed against Pamela K. Alonso, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, 2nd Justice Court, in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 432 days late and for failure to file the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made,

seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report, but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing; and, (2) rescinded the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report, since it was not required to be filed as the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report closed out the campaign.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-517 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Brad Clifton, a candidate for Mayor of the Village of Loreauville, Iberia Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 69 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, since Mr. Clifton had no other late filings; he had less than \$1,000 in activity for the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report; and, Mr. Clifton submitted financial information as requested.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-737 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Michael "Mike" Koonce, a candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish in the March 24, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and

provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-747 for a waiver of the \$180 late fee assessed against Royce Duplessis, a candidate for State Representative, District 93, in the March 24, 2018 election; the committee's chairperson, Hedy Duplessis; and treasurer, Ashton M. Jackson, for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board authorized the staff to rescind the \$180 late fee for the Special campaign finance disclosure report provided that the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report is amended to correctly show the date the contribution was received.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-760 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Tonya S. Lurry, a candidate for District Judge, 18th JDC, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes, in the March 24, 2018 election; her committee's chairperson, Jamie E. Fontenot; and treasurer, Donovan Dugas, for filing the Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$300 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-734 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Daryn Bovard for the late filing of the April 2018 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$200 late fee, since it was Mr. Bovard's first late filing.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of

late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart 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 the Personal Financial Disclosure waiver chart, excluding Docket No. 18-729, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 18-721 from Benjamin Bellard of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 18-722 from Edward Beaver, III of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-718 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Rebecca A. Grady, former Constable, District 2, Madison Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 75 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,300 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-719 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Sandra Jo Garlington, a member of the Dry Prong Board of Aldermen, Grant Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 64 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,500 late fee, since medical documentation was submitted indicating that Ms. Garlington was under a doctor's care for the 2017 calendar year for treatment of cancer.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-720 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against David Charles Bass Jr., a former member of the Beauregard Parish Tourist Commission, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 348 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$450 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-723 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Dorothy Denise Costin, a member of the Eros Board of Aldermen, Jackson Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 107 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,100 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-724 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against James Carl "Jim" Davis, a former member of the St. Francisville Board of Aldermen, West Feliciana Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 97 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee, since it does not appear that Mr. Davis was properly served with the Notice of Delinquency and he is no longer a member of the board of aldermen.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-725 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Deshonda Monee' Coleman, a former member of the Louisiana Connections Academy - Charter School, for filing her amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure



statement 295 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee, conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Ms. Coleman is no longer a member of the charter school board, this is her first late filing and it involves an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-726 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John David Henry Jr., a former member of the Coushatta Town Council, Red River Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 79 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,300 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-728 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mary "Honey Gal" Odenwelder, a former member of the Grand Cane Board of Aldermen, DeSoto Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 60 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,300 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-729 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against George W. Sewell, Constable, District 4, Concordia Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 68 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-727 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Vera Meadors, a member of the Claiborne Parish School Board, District 7, for filing her 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 194 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee, since medical documentation was submitted which supports that Ms. Meadors was undergoing treatment throughout 2017.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-1136 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Gregory Burton, a former member of the Kentwood Town Council, Tangipahoa Parish, for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-218 for a waiver of the Board's suspension of all but \$650 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Susan Kraus McNeil, a former member of the First Planning District - Workforce Development Board, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 157 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee, conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Ms. McNeil presented information that the late fee would create a financial hardship, she has no other late filings and she is no longer a member of the Commission.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-267 for a waiver of the Board's suspension of all but \$1,050 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Cynthia C. Simms, with the Baton Rouge Charter Academy, for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 262 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to suspend all but \$1,050 suspended upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of the proposed rule to define statutory language and remove confusion in the enforcement of Campaign Finance Disclosure requirements. Following discussion, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to proceed with promulgation of the Rule regarding Louisiana Revised Statute Title 18, Section 1511.11(B).

Ms. Allen provided an overview of Rules for Motion for Summary Judgment in connection with the procedure before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB). Following discussion, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to proceed with promulgation of the Rule regarding Motion for Summary Judgment in connection with EAB procedures.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of Sections 1701 and 1719 of the Rules for the Board of Ethics which should have been repealed since the corresponding statutory provisions have been repealed. Following discussion, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board recommended the repeal of Sections 1701 and 1719 in Title 52 of the Administrative Code.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman