

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
August 13, 2019

The Board of Ethics met on August 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Absent were Board Members Bruneau and Dittmer. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Deputy Ethics Administrator, Kristy Gary.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive business session to conduct interviews for the Executive Secretary position to be vacated by Ms. Grier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board recessed at 12:35 p.m. and resumed back into executive business session at 1:45 p.m. with staff attorneys Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Matthew DeVille, LaToya Jordan, Jennifer Land and Greg Thibodeaux joining the meeting to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

The Board considered the objections to candidacy lawsuits in Docket No. 19-819 to be filed

against Steven Jackson and Jerry Landrum. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of five yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio and McAnelly and 4 nays by Board Members Colomb, Meinert, Roberts and Smith, the Board instructed the staff to pursue the objection to candidacy lawsuit with respect to Steven Jackson. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to pursue the objection to candidacy lawsuit with respect to Jerry Landrum.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive business session to discuss the candidates for the Executive Secretary position.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board delegated to Chairman McAnelly the authority to set the salary and the effective date of employment for the new Executive Secretary. Following discussion and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to offer the Executive Secretary position to Ashley Simmons and if the offer is rejected by Ms. Simmons, the offer should then be made to Carolyn Landry.

The Board further instructed Ms. Allen to convey to the candidates the Board's appreciation for their interest in the position and the Board's recognition of the impressive credentials possessed by each candidate.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
August 16, 2019

The Board of Ethics met on August 16, 2019 at 9:00 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 Bruneau, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Absent were Board Members Colomb, Couvillon and McAnelly. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, LaToya Jordan, Jennifer Land and Greg Thibodeaux.

Mr. Terry L. Myers, a member of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisal Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 19-314 of the Board's decision to suspend all but \$650 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 140 days late. After hearing from Mr. Myers, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision of the Board to suspend all but \$650 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Ethics. The Board further instructed the staff to establish a monthly payment plan with Mr. Myers.

Mr. Joel W. Clement, a member of the Sherwood Forest Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 19-727 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 76 days late. After hearing from Mr. Clement, 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.

Ms. Alesia Ardoin appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-755 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Vance J. Normand, Jr. from receiving retirement benefits from and owning stock in Entergy while serving as a member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Mr. Normand receiving retirement benefits or owning stock in Entergy while serving as a member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission, since he is not providing a service to Entergy. Due to a lack of standing, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion as to (1) whether a Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission board member who is employed by and receives compensation from an entity who has a contractual relationship with the agency or who conducts operations or activities regulated by the agency may serve on the Board; and, (2) whether a Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission board member who has a substantial economic interest in an entity that either has a contractual relationship with the agency or conducts operations or activities regulated by the agency may serve on the Board.

Staff attorney Jennifer Land provided information to the Board in connection with the Objection to Candidacy lawsuit to be filed against Steven Jackson in Docket No. 19-819.

Mr. Steven Jackson, a candidate for Caddo Parish Commission in the October 12, 2019 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with the Objection to his Candidacy based on the reassessment

of campaign finance disclosure late fees. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to reconsider the Objection to Candidacy with respect to Steven Jackson. After hearing from Mr. Jackson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded its prior decision to file the Objection to Candidacy lawsuit against Mr. Jackson, since Mr. Jackson never received notice of the reassessed late fees and was unaware of the late fees when he qualified to run in the October 12, 2019 election.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G4-G18 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-G18, excluding Items G6, G9, G16 and G18, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-691 concluding that based on the facts presented, Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Patrick J. Hebert, a member of the St. Mary Parish Council, District 6, from purchasing adjudicated property (which is the only property currently available) via a tax sale conducted by CivicSource on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, since the purchase would be under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency. The Board further advised that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Hebert from entering into a transaction involving any properties made available for an annual online tax sale for St. Mary Parish via CivicSource.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-692 concluding that based on the facts presented, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Marcella Elliot serving

as a volunteer for Gov. John Bel Edwards' re-election campaign while serving on the Governor's Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-694 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Rose Gilbert, Chairperson of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority (JPHSA) Board of Directors, receiving a thing of economic value from Lifeline Advocacy while she serves on the Board of the JPHSA, since it does not appear that Lifeline Advocacy will provide the same services as JPHSA. The Board further advised that even if some of the services are similar, Ms. Gilbert, in her capacity as a board member of the JPHSA, does not participate in the services provided by that agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-695 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Corey Arbourgh, employed as the general manager of the Four Seasons Care Wash & Oil Change in Belle Chasse, from serving as a member of the Plaquemines Parish Council while the Four Seasons Car Wash & Oil Change does business with Plaquemines Parish Government.

In connection with a disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 19-719 by Cindy L. Manasco, Sabine Parish Assessor, regarding Grace Thomas continuing her employment with the Sabine Parish Assessor's Office, concluded that no disqualification plan was required to be filed, since Ms. Manasco is an elected official and not a public employee. The Board further advised that if a transaction in which Grace Thomas has a substantial economic interest arises in the future, an advisory opinion request should be submitted before taking any action.

In connection with a disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 19-720 by Mayor Joe Peoples, City of Westwego, regarding Georgia Cox continuing her employment with the City of

Westwego, concluded that no disqualification plan was required to be filed, since Mayor Peoples is an elected official and not a public employee. The Board further advised that if a transaction in which Georgia Cox has a substantial economic interest arises in the future, an advisory opinion request should be submitted before taking any action.

Accepted for filing, a disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 19-724 by Angela Westerburg, Elementary Special Education Supervisor for the Ouachita Parish School Board, in connection with the employment of her son, Justice Layton Westerburg, as a paraprofessional assisting visually impaired students by the Ouachita Parish School Board, since the proposed disqualification plan would provide for the supervision of Justice Layton Westerburg to be handled by other employees of the Ouachita Parish School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-754 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by employees of Delgado Community College accepting complimentary admission, lodging, or reasonable transportation from a current or potential vendor provided the other requirements of Section 1115.2 of the Code of Governmental Ethics are met.

Allowed the withdrawal of the advisory opinion request in Docket No. 19-759 submitted by Robert Gentry, with Baldrige-Dumas Communications in Many, Sabine Parish, regarding issues of nepotism involving a parish official (no specific parish provided), since Mr. Gentry asked that his request for the advisory opinion be withdrawn and he would not provide additional information to which would be necessary to render an opinion relative to the vague facts provided.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-762 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mark Leiker working for United health Group as its Regional Executive Director, Product Strategy and Growth, Southeast Region following the

termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) provided he does not work on any compliance issues that arose while he was employed as a Medicaid Program Manager 1-A with the LDH.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-693 concluding that an advisory opinion from the Attorney General should be sought regarding whether the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office could award employees through a drawing held for employees who document certain healthy practices since it may involve a proper use of public funds. If it is determined that it is a proper use of public funds, there would be no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics because it is a benefit provided by the agency. If it is determined to be an improper use of public funds, then it would not be viewed as a benefit from the agency and the employees would not be entitled to receive the award, thus violating Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-698 regarding whether the St. Mary Parish Library System can bank with First National Bank of Jeanerette while the husband of Ashton Gaither, the business manager for the library, serves as an Assistant Vice-President of the bank, concluding that once Ashton Gaither and Robert Myers are married in October 2019, they will become immediate family members and Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Gaither from receiving anything of economic value for services provided to or for a person that has or seeks a contractual relationship with her agency. When Mr. Myers receives income from the bank, Ms. Gaither would violate the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Deferred consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-761 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit employees of the Lafayette Parish School

System from contracting with vendors who have current contracts with the school system and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

Deferred consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-769 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Roland Degeyter, a member of the Franklin Foundation Hospital Board of Commissioners, from participating in discussions and voting on the employment terms and conditions of Dr. Steven McPherson and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the July 18-19, 2019 meetings.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G20-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 G20-G25 taking the following action:

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-1412 regarding Harry Pastuszek, Jr. & Associates LLC and prohibited contracts with the St. Tammany Parish School Board for the provision of legal services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Harry Pastuszek, Jr. & Associates LLC agree that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of its prohibited transactions with the St. Tammany Parish School Board and in which Harry Pastuszek, Jr. & Associates LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$38,000 and that Harry P. Pastuszek, Jr. is duly entitled

to receive his accrued retirement benefits because it is compensation and benefits he has received as a result of his employment as an Assistant District Attorney. The Board further dismissed the charges against Harry Pastuszek, Jr. & Associates LLC and Harry P. Pastuszek, Jr. pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-885 regarding Daphne Levenson receiving funds from Project Celebration while being employed by the Town of Many and Northwestern State University. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Daphne Levenson agrees that (1) a violation of Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her receipt of a \$4,000 check from the Project Celebration account at Mid-South Bank operated by Project Celebration, Inc. to which she was not duly entitled to receive for services she performed as director of Northwestern State University's Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations; and, (2) a violation of Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her participation as director of Northwestern State University's Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations in her request to pay herself \$4,000 from the Project Celebration account and in which Ms. Levenson agrees to pay a fine of \$3,000 in eighteen (18) monthly installments of \$166.67, with the final payment being \$166.61, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Confession of Judgment and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board of Ethics may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board further dismissed the charges against Daphne Levenson pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 16-949 regarding Jerry Jones in connection with a violation relative to nepotism involving the Lafourche Parish Government

while he was a member of the Lafourche Parish Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Jerry Jones agrees that a violation of Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of Gerald Jones, Jerry Jones' biological brother, being employed as an Equipment Operator with the Lafourche Parish Government while Jerry Jones served as an agency head of Lafourche Parish Government in his capacity as a member of the Lafourche Parish Council and a violation of Section 1119B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of the employment of Gerald Jones, Jerry Jones' biological brother, as an Equipment Operator with the Lafourche Parish Government while Jerry Jones served as a member of the governing authority of Lafourche Parish Government as a member of the Lafourche Parish Council and in which Jerry Jones agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board of Ethics may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board further dismissed the charges against Jerry Jones pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 16-1177 regarding James Charpentier and Houma Tractor and Equipment Inc. in connection with a prohibited transaction involving the East St. Charles Volunteer Fire Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which James Charpentier agrees that a violation of Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his entering into a transaction with the East St. Charles Parish Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a pressure washer and attachment at a time when his son, Jarad Charpentier, was a member of the East St. Charles Parish Volunteer Fire Department and in which no fine is to be imposed. The Board further dismissed the charges against James Charpentier and

Houma Tractor and Equipment Inc. pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 18-044 regarding Dennis Hill, the Chief of Police for the Town of Killian, submitting false time sheets for hours he did not work and using the town credit card for personal purchases. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Dennis Hill, Chief of Police for the Town of Killian, agrees that violations of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by making the following purchases for his personal use: (1) gas using a Town of Killian Fueltrac gas card; (2) a suit from Men's Wearhouse using a Town of Killian credit card; and, (3) a personal NRA membership, all of which he was not duly entitled to receive for the performance of his duties and responsibilities as Chief of Police; and by virtue of his receipt of overtime pay during the period of May 23, 2015 through May 28, 2017, for work that he did not perform, and which he was not duly entitled to receive for the performance of his duties and responsibilities as Chief of Police and in which Mr. Hill agrees to pay a fine of \$500 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board of Ethics may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board further dismissed the charges against Dennis Hill pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed joint consent opinion in Docket No. 18-1406 regarding Charles Prothro and William Prothro in connection with a prohibited transaction with the Natchitoches Parish Fire District No. 1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Charles Prothro and William Prothro agree that a violation of Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by entering into or being in any way interested in contracts, subcontracts, and/or transactions that were under the

supervision and jurisdiction of the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 while their brother, Joseph Prothro, served as an appointed board member of the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 and in which Charles Prothro and William Prothro agree to pay a joint fine of \$5,000 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board of Ethics may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-664 regarding the continued employment of Mike Dowden, Town Clerk for the Village of Hall Summit, and his wife, Jenny Dowden, as the Clerk of the Water and Sewerage Department for the Village of Hall Summit. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the particular set of facts provided, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Mike Dowden as the Town Clerk for the Village of Hall Summit and Jenny Dowden, as the Clerk of the Water and Sewerage Department for the Village of Hall Summit due to Mr. Dowden's lack of supervisory duties in the town. However, the Board cautioned the Village of Hall Summit as to the provisions of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics concerning any participation in certain transactions involving the governmental entity. Should Mr. Dowden's duties change, an additional opinion would need to be requested.

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, excluding Docket Nos. 19-

721 and 19-744,taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-275 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Janice Fultz Richards, a candidate for Tangipahoa Parish School Board, District A, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 43 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 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. 19-659 for a waiver of the \$360 and \$240 late fees assessed against Meghan Garcia, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council, District E, in the March 30, 2019, election, for filing the 10-P and Special campaign finance disclosure reports 9 and 6 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$260 and declined to waive the \$240 late fee in connection with the Special campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$140 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. 19-722 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Alsie Dunbar, a candidate for State Representative, District 58 in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing

the 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 95 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended \$1,800 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. 19-723 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Nicole Ybarra, a candidate for Leesville City Council, District 3, Vernon Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, for filing the 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 96 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,000 late fee based on medical information provided by Ms. Ybarra.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-763 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,000 late fees assessed against Benjamin Cavin, a candidate for Zachary City Council, District 4, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing the 2016 and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports 43 and 130 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$900 and declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 2018 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-764 for a waiver of the \$3,000 late fee assessed against TBI PAC Issues, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, David Rivas, Jr., and treasurer, Douglas C. Burke, for filing the 2018 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 52 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$3,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-765 for a waiver of the two (2) \$3,000 late fees assessed against Bishop PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Brad Broussard, and treasurer, Stuart J. Bishop, in the February 23, 2019 election, for failure to file the 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the two (2) \$3,000 late fees, since Bishop PAC was not required to file the 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-721 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Charles C. Julien, a candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish President in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 1227 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended \$1,700 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. 19-744 for a waiver of the \$760 late fee assessed against Patrick

Kirton, a candidate for Councilman, District C, City of Shreveport, Bossier & Caddo Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred consideration of the matter to the September meeting.

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. 19-707, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 19-715 from Stephen Mophett of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 19-728 from Kevin Couhig of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-709 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Audrey P. Johnson, with the St. Tammany Council on Aging, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 520 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. 19-711 for a waiver of the \$1,900 late fee assessed against Maurice Leo "Scooter" Keen, with the Livingston Parish Council, District 3, for

filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,900 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Keen's first late filing and it involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-712 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Dyrick "Rick" Saulsberry, with the City of Monroe School Board, District 1, for filing his 2017 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Saulsberry's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-713 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Sonya LaComb-Boudreaux, with the Preservation Commission of Lafayette, for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Ms. LaComb-Boudreaux's first late filing and she is no longer on the commission.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-718 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jennifer Leigh Stewart, a former member of the Celerity Charter School Board, for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 272 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, based on financial hardship and since it was Ms. Stewart's first late filing and she is no longer on the charter school board.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-726 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr., with the St. Tammany Recreation District 11, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 344 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. 19-729 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Norris Joseph Crappell, St. Mary Parish Levee District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 230 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$650 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. 19-730 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Marlene "Marla" L Donovan, with the Young Audiences Charter School Board, for filing her 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 \$1,300 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. 19-732 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael M. Kurth, with the Southwest Charter Academy Foundation School Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 407 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$500 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. 19-707 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Joseph Neil Standifer, with the Simpson Board of Aldermen, Vernon Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 169 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 it was Mr. Standifer's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-725 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Latoya Jackson, Superintendent of Learning Solutions, Vision Academy, for filing her 2016 and 2017 school board disclosure statements 842 and 477 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two (2) \$1,500 late fees, since no "good cause" reasons were stated in the request.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-714 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Robert V. Green, a member of the Morehouse Parish Hospital Service

District/Morehouse General Hospital, for filing his 2019 hospital service district disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$300 late fee, since it was Mr. Green's first late filing.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the untimely waiver requests in Item #31 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 Item #31 taking the following action:

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 19-708 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Constandinos John Vennis, a member of the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 517 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely request, since it did not appear that Mr. Vennis was out of the country when he received the Late Fee Order.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 19-710 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Sarah Ann Reliford, a member of the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish, for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely request, since Ms. Reliford did not submit reasons for the Board to consider her untimely waiver.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 19-716 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Dennis Wayne Smith, a member of the Springhill Board of Aldermen, District 2, Webster Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure

statement 79 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely request.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 19-717 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Lin Kiger, a member of the Virtual Academy of Lafourche Charter School Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 287 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely request, since Mr. Kiger stated that he was overwhelmed with work which is why the waiver was filed untimely.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 19-731 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jamie Roussell, State Senate, 2nd District, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 219 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to consider the waiver request and declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Roussell's confusion over the multiple letters received regarding his Late Fee Order seemed reasonable. The amendment involved his failure to disclose public income by exact dollar figure and was not reported by category.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for reconsideration waivers in Item #32 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 Item #32, excluding Docket Nos. 18-717 and 18-1452, taking the

following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-746 for a waiver of the reassessment of the \$2,200 suspended late fee assessed against Troy A. Carter, Sr., a candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, in the February 2, 2002 election, for filing the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 187 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reassess the \$2,200 suspended late fee amount based on the medical information provided; however, instructed the staff to advise Sen. Carter that if he is late filing a campaign finance disclosure report in the future, the \$2,200 will be immediately due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 19-517 for a waiver of the suspension of all but \$800 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Paula Smythe, a former member of the Cameron Parish School Board, District 8, for filing her 2017 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 190 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspend all but \$250 based on 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 for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-717 for a waiver of the suspension of all but \$750 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Sharon Green, a member of the Workforce Development, First Planning District, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 82 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred consideration of the matter to the September meeting.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-1452 for a waiver of

the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Lasonia Denise Haley, a member of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District # 2, for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 153 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred consideration of the matter to the September meeting.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-819 regarding Josey Briscoe serving as site manager of the Basile Housing Authority (BHA) following the merging of the BHA with the Kinder Public Housing Authority (KPHA) while her mother, Rebekah Bertrand, is employed as an Assistant to the Director of the KPHA. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Ms. Briscoe being employed as the BHA Site Manager while Ms. Bertrand, her mother, serves as the Assistant to the Director, since Ms. Bertrand is not an agency head and is not a member of a governing authority.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Parson and Sanderson in Docket No. 09-964.

The Board excused the members of the public and staff from the room, except for Ms. Allen, Ms. Grier and Ms. Gary, and unanimously resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

