

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
August 6, 2021

The Board of Ethics met on August 6, 2021 at 9:07 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, Ellis, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Baños, Colomb, Couvillon and Roberts were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, LaToya Jordan, Suzanne Mooney, Charles Reeves, and Greg Thibodeaux.

Board Member Colomb arrived at 9:09 a.m.

The Board allowed the withdrawal of Docket 21-049 regarding a consideration of an Annual personal financial disclosure answer submitted by Walter Leger, Jr., a member of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, regarding whether he needs to disclose certain income.

Donald R. Dobbins was not present for appearance in Docket No. 21-127 so the Board chose to hold the matter until later in the meeting in case he shows up.

Aylin Acikalin Maklansky, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, 1st City Court, Section B, Orleans Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, appeared before the Board with her Campaign Finance Manager, Mr. Gremillion regarding Docket No. 21-307. Mr. Gremillion mentioned that there was a computer glitch when preparing the report and the time that the 10-G report was submitted was at 12:05 a.m. on August 6, 2020, which was filed 1 day late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Ms. Maklansky, on motion made and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board members Bruneau, Colomb, Ellis, Grand, Lavastida and McAnelly and two nays by Board members Scott and

Speer, the Board rescinded the \$100 late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred a waiver request in Docket No. 21-309 until the September meeting.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-353 from Richard L. Traina, an Assistant Attorney General, relative to providing legal services to the State Land Office upon his leaving the Louisiana Department of Justice. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Traina from assisting the Office of State Lands, for compensation, once Mr. Traina leaves his employment with the Louisiana Department of Justice. Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Traina rendering on a contractual basis legal services to the Office of State Lands in connection with the same litigation that he previously was involved in as counsel for the Office of State Lands. The Board further concluded that the Ethics Code would prohibit Mr. Traina from handling new litigation matters for the Office of State Lands because new litigation involves the same service that Mr. Traina provided during his term of employment. Finally, the Board concluded that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Traina from handling litigation matters for other state entities, provided that he did not participate in those matters while employed with the Department of Justice.

Ryan Huval was not present for appearance in Docket No. 21-372 so the Board chose to hold the matter until later in the meeting in case he shows up.

Alfred Randall Williams, candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, appeared before the Board for a waiver request in Docket No. 21-377 regarding a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory

Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Williams, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

Lynelle Johnson, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, 3<sup>rd</sup> Justice Court, Ascension Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, appeared before the Board for a waiver request in Docket No. 21-392 regarding two campaign finance late fees in the amount of \$1,000 and \$480 assessed for filing her 10-G and 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports 97 and 12 days late, respectively. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Ms. Johnson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced all but \$400 based on Rule 1205C for the 10-G and declined to waive the \$480 for the 2020 Supplemental.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely request in Docket No. 21-513.

Melissa Barrett O' Neal, former member of the Metairie Business Development District, appeared before the Board for an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-513 regarding two \$1,500 late fees assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 531 days late and for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 194 days late. After hearing from Ms. O'Neal, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

Sanettria "Sam" Pleasant, attorney for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, appeared before the Board regarding a request for an advisory opinion and disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-484. After hearing from Ms. Pleasant, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the hiring of Ronnie Anderson as a Mobile Equipment Operator 1 within the

Department of Transportation and Development, District 5, while his brother is employed as a Mobile Equipment Operator 1/Heavy within the same department (District 5). In addition, the Board concluded that the disqualification plan submitted complies with Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Rules of the Board of Ethics.

Rebecca Sanders, a certified teacher for the Calcasieu Parish School Board, appeared before the Board for an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-585 regarding whether Ms. Sanders may be promoted to an administrative position while her father, Alvin Smith, serves as a member of the school board. After hearing from Ms. Sanders, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119B(2)(a)(v) of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Sanders' promotion within the Calcasieu Parish School System to any administrative position while her father, Alvin Smith, serves as a member of the Calcasieu Parish School Board since Ms. Sanders is currently employed as a certified teacher and as long as she possesses the qualifications and certifications required for such a position.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline a waiver request in Docket No. 21-127 regarding \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donald R. Dobbins, an unsuccessful candidate for City Judge, City Court, Division C, City of Baton Rouge in the July 11, 2020 election, whose EDE-P Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 224 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the Board's prior decision to decline to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-372 regarding the \$60, \$780 and \$2,000 campaign

finance late fees assessed against Ryan Huval, an unsuccessful candidate for Clerk of Court, Iberia Parish, for Regular and Unexpired Term in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P, 10-G and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1, 13 and 276 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the 10-P and with respect to 10-G and 2019SUPP, reduce each to \$240 and decline to waive.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-260 regarding whether Dr. Shelta Richardson, St. Tammany Parish School Board, commits malfeasance if she is not allowed to inquire into background checks of employees of the St. Tammany Parish Schools. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not address the issue of malfeasance, so the Board is without jurisdiction to render an advisory opinion. The Board also instructed the staff to refer Dr. Richardson to the local district attorney and the Attorney General's Office.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G11-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 G11-G25, excluding item G11, G12, G14, G15, G19, G20 and G22 taking the following action:

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-409 regarding Office of Conservation Commissioner Richard P. Ieyoub's request for approval of a disqualification plan, since the matter has been resolved.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-475 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Haley M. Delery from providing outside landscape architectural services to ILSI Engineering while remaining employed by the New Orleans City Planning Commission since the services that Ms. Delery is providing to ILSI Engineering are not substantially devoted to the responsibilities, programs, and operations of the Commission, and provided ILSI Engineering does not have a contractual, financial, or business relationship with the Commission.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-476 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Revathi Hines, professor at Southern University, from seeking employment with Louisiana State University while also being employed by Southern University. The Board instructed the staff to refer Professor Hines to the Office of the Attorney General since opinions on dual-office holding and dual-employment laws are within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

The Board adopt an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-477 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Police Juror Jeffrey Davidson from entering into transactions that are under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, while he serves as an elected member. However, Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides an exception which will allow Mr. Davidson to donate rock and gravel, as well as his personal services in spreading the materials, for the maintenance of roads in District 5.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-480 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the Acadian Heritage and Culture Foundation, Inc. from entering into the Grant Agreement with DCRT while the Director, Mr. Warren A. Perrin,

serves as a Board Member of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana ("CODOFIL"). First, the Grant Agreement would not constitute a violation of Section 1111(C)(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and neither Mr. Perrin nor the Foundation are rendering any service in exchange for the DCRT Grant. Next, the Foundation's acceptance of the DCRT Grant would not constitute a violation of Section 1111(E) of the Code of Governmental Ethics because neither Mr. Perrin nor the Foundation is assisting any person in a transaction with CODOFIL, his agency. Since, Mr. Perrin has no involvement with the decision to award the Foundation the DCRT Grant and did not participate in the Grant award consideration or decision, there is no violations of Section 1112B(3), Lastly, Section 1113(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Perrin does not have a substantial economic interest in the Foundation as he does not receive a salary or any other compensation from the Foundation, the Foundation's acceptance of the DCRT Grant would not constitute a violation of Section 1113(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-483 regarding an advisory opinion request from St. John Parish Library Director Tullos regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent the St. John Parish Council from appointing Peyton Falgoust, who is employed by Riverlands Insurance Agency, to serve on the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control ("Library Board"). The Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Peyton Falgoust, while serving as a member of the Library Board, from receiving compensation from Riverlands, since Riverlands has a contractual or business relationship with the Library Board.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-485 regarding an advisory opinion request from Peter G. Bowen, Deputy CAO for the Office of Business and External

Services (OBES) with the City of New Orleans, regarding his ownership of stock in Sonder USA, Inc. The Board concluded that, generally, Section 1111C(2)(d) prohibits Mr. Bowen from receiving anything of economic value from Sonder in exchange for services rendered, while he is employed by the City in OBES and while Sonder has a business relationship with, and is regulated by, the Short-Term Rental Division within OBES. However, since Mr. Bowen's ownership of Sonder stock occurred prior to his employment with the City, and was for services rendered to Sonder prior to his employment with the City, Mr. Bowen's continued ownership of the stock presents no issues under Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Mr. Bowen should be cautioned that in the event he is able to dispose of his stocks at a future date, Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics will require him to disclose any income received from the sale of the stock. The Board concluded that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Bowen from participating in any transaction involving the City in which Sonder has a substantial economic interest, while he has substantial economic interest in Sonder through his stock ownership. The Board concluded that the disqualification plan meets the requirements of Chapter 14 of Title 52 of the Louisiana Administrative Code – Rules of the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-351 from Rachel Bertrand regarding participation by a drainage district board member. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion since the request did not provide sufficient information to issue an opinion and Ms. Bertrand has not responded to requests for additional information. The Board noted that the request was forwarded through Rep. John Stefanski's office on May 18, 2021, and directed staff to provide him with a copy of the letter.



Board Members Bruneau and Lavastida left the room at 10:28 a.m. and were absent for the vote on Docket No. 21-364.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-364, submitted by Michael E. Parks, Attorney for the Pointe Coupee Fire Protection District No. 3, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a variety of scenarios. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to next month in order to get more information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-410 from Corey Oubre, Director of Legal Services for St. Charles Parish, relative to St. Charles Parish entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with P.A.C.E., a non-profit corporation of which St. Charles Parish President, Matthew Jewell is an officer. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-411 submitted by Dr. Amy Henke, Psy.D., regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the continued service (on a volunteer basis) of members of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("Board") after their terms expire. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the following answers to Dr. Henke's questions: 1. Can a former Board member donate his/her services to the board by volunteering for a Board committee or work group within a period of two (2) years following the termination of his/her public service? Yes. Section 1121(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a former Board member from: 1) assisting another person for compensation in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction involving his former agency; 2) rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for his former agency; 3) contracting with his

former agency; 4) being employed in any capacity by his former agency; and, 5) being appointed to any position by his former agency. A former Board member who donates/volunteers his services would not be in violation of Section 1121(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics because the former Board member will not be: 1) assisting another person for compensation in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction involving the Board; 2) rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for the Board; 3) contracting with the Board; 4) being employed in any capacity by the Board; and, 5) being appointed to any position by the Board. Additionally, Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows former Board members to donate their services.

2. Can a former Board member receive travel expenses and other reimbursements within a period of two (2) years following the termination of his/her public service? Yes. See the response to Question No. 1. The Code allows former Board members to be reimbursed for any travel and other expenses incurred while volunteering their services to the Board.

3. Can a former Board member receive a per diem under existing statutory authority, state travel guidelines or policy in the same manner as current Board members within a period of two years following the termination of his/ her public service? Yes. See the response to Question No. 2.

The Board also advised the staff to state that opinions on the proper use of public funds are within the jurisdiction of the Office of the Attorney General.

The Board considered a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-478 from Dr. Cathy S. Banks, Board Chairman of the Thrive Community and Development Board in Calcasieu Parish, that has applied for charter school approval relative to whether she can lease property to the school once the charter is approved. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-479 from Lionell Lawson, Director of the Sewer Department for the City of Zachary, regarding the City hiring his son in the Gas and Water Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered a request of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-481 from Jack Skaggs, former member of Bossier Parish Police Jury, relating to whether a non-profit entity of which he is an officer, may contract with the Parish of Bossier. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Skaggs would be prohibited from receiving a thing of economic value for assisting The Coordinating and Development Corporation (CDC) in any transaction or in any appearance in connection with a transaction involving his former agency, Bossier Parish.

The Board took a recess from 10:50 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reconsidered Docket No. 21-364.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-364, submitted by Michael E. Parks, Attorney for the Pointe Coupee Fire Protection District No. 3, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a variety of scenarios. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded based on the facts presented, that: 1. Since the District's part-time fire chief fiancé is not an immediate family member, as defined by Sections 1102(13) and 1119(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the fiancé from working as needed as a contract firefighter. However, once they are married, if the fire fighter is with the agency for one (1) year prior to the marriage, the continued employment would not be prohibited. 2. Since the contract firefighter is not an immediate

family member, Section 1112(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not be violated by the promotion of the contract firefighter to Lieutenant. However, when they are married, the part-time chief should take care to avoid a potential violation of Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, and a Disqualification Plan should be submitted to and approved by the Board. Without additional information, the Board declines to issue an opinion as to all other contract firefighters. 3. The assistant chief is not an agency head, so Section 1119A does not prohibit his brother's employment. However, the assistant chief should take care to avoid a potential violation of Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics by submitting a Disqualification Plan to and approved by the Board. 4. The District not obtaining three (3) bids on a project to build a storage building is not an issue addressed by the Code. 5. The District hiring a person to pressure wash the buildings without obtaining three (3) quotes for the proposed project is not an issue addressed by the Code. 6. An agreement between the volunteer firefighter and the District to allow the placement of a vending machine on District property is considered an oral contract that violates Section 1113(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. 7. It would not make a difference if the vending machine is mechanically-operated and did not use electricity. 8. If the volunteer firefighter was later appointed to the District's Board, the Code of Governmental Ethics would still prohibit such an agreement pursuant to Section 1113(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. 9. A District Board member, who is also a dive team member, traveling out of the state to obtain dive team training at the expense of the Fire District, is not an issue addressed by the Code. 10. If a volunteer firefighter travels out of state, on a personal trip, and use diving equipment belonging to the Fire District, this would be prohibited by Section 1111(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. 11. If the Board were to use funds belonging to the Fire District to purchase a plaque to dedicate a flag pole to a current board member, secretary,

other officer, or current firefighter of the Fire District, this would not present an issue addressed by the Code.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G28-G34 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 G28-G34, excluding items G28, G30 and G34 taking the following actions:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-167 regarding Bub Tucker II, candidate for Mayor, City of Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports in the amount of a \$10,000 penalty for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-566 regarding Jerry Lee Dunn, Jr., candidate for Sheriff, Claiborne Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports in the amount of a \$10,000 penalty for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-567 regarding Pamela Burleigh, candidate for State Representative District 40, in the October 24, 2015 election, for her failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in the amount of a \$10,000 penalty.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-568 regarding Roger Z. Toney, candidate for Mayor, Town of Ball, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-G Campaign finance disclosure report in the amount of a \$10,000 penalty.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 20 -718 signed by David and Brenda Ferguson agreeing to a civil penalty of \$500 each in connection with a Consent Opinion for violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion

and instructed staff to dismiss the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

Chairman McAnelly recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 21-352 and vacated the Chair. Board Member Lavastida assumed the Chair.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-352 submitted by John C. Hopewell, III, City Attorney for the City of Zachary, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit his law firm from subleasing an office to a third party contractor of the City of Zachary while he is the City Attorney for the City of Zachary. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the third party contractor is a prohibited source of income for the city attorney, therefore, the contractor may not sublease the city attorney's building.

Board Member Lavastida vacated the Chair and Chairman McAnelly resumed the Chair.

The Board considered the language on the Candidate's Report Form advising district and major office level candidates that they must electronically file the report. The Board advised staff to put "You must file electronically" as the first bullet and in bold on the instruction page.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-412, for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against John Wyble for his late filing of the April 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee pursuant to the Board's guidelines since this was Mr. Wyble's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-413 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Jamie Freeman for her late filing of the April 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee pursuant to the Board's guidelines since this was Ms. Freeman'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 Nos. 21-488, 21-493 and 21-496 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$750 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements and the \$750 is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-489 Daniel Weaver, 2019 Tier 2, 167 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-490 Jerry Barnum, Jr., 2019 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$150 late fee;  
Docket 21-491 Kimaron Moore, amended 2018 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$650 late fee;  
Docket 21-492 Andrew Sims Sr., amended 2018 Tier 3, 11 days late of a \$550 late fee;  
Docket 21-495 Claude Bromley, III, 2019 Tier 3, 4 days late of a \$200 late fee;  
Docket 21-500 Patricia Adams, 2016 Tier 3, 237 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-501 Bobby Milner, 2019 Tier 3, 10 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 21-502 Thomas Patton, 2019 Tier 3, 4 days late of a \$200 late fee;  
Docket 21-503 Sandra Long, amended 2016 Tier 2.1, 1216 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-504 John Crowell, Jr., 2019 Tier 3, 10 days late of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket 21-505 Teddy Barton, Jr., 2019 Tier 3, 8 days late of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket 21-506 Anne Famoso, amended 2017 Tier 2.1, 25 days late of a \$1,250 late fee;  
Docket 21-507 Nancy Gomez, amended 2018 Tier 3, 94 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-507 Nancy Gomez, amended 2019 Tier 3, 94 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 21-509 Michael Harris, 2018 Tier 2, 211 days late of a \$2,500 late fee; and,  
Docket 21-511 Ingrid Labat, 2016 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$400 late fee.

The Board rescinded the late fee based on Rule 1205C(2) for the following:

Docket 21-494 Billy Billings, 2019 Tier 3, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$1,000 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements and the \$1,000 is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:



Docket 21-508 Rebecca Cook, 2018 Tier 3, 242 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$650 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements and the \$650 is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-498 Ronald Carrere, Jr., 2016 Tier 2.1, 140 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$800 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements and the \$800 is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-499 Patrick Martin, V, 2018 Tier 3, 211 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the fee for the following:

Docket 21-510 Norman Craig, 2019 Tier 2, 10 days late of a \$1,000 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-488 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Cleve Dunn, Jr., successful candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council / District 6 / in the November 3, 2020 election for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 25 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-493 for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Terry Ralph Brown, House of Representatives / District 22, for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-496 submitted by Verna C. "Teta" Smith, Jean Lafitte Town Council regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015

Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1,655 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-514 submitted by Tokyahaha Bernette Wright, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Area #83, regarding two \$1,500 late fees assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 47 days late and for filing her Amended 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 127 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely request. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive but offered a payment plan for the 2018 Annual personal financial disclosure statement and to suspend all based on future compliance for the 2018 Amendment.

The Board considered a reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee after considering an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-088 submitted by Rodneya Melene Hart, former member of the Louisiana State Arts Council, assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 31 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the Board's prior decision to decline to waive.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session at 11:42 a.m. to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session at 11:53 a.m.

The Board considered charges in Docket No. 19-053 against James Wayne Richard, Patrick Richard, and Ricky Richard for violations of Section 1119(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and passed with 5 yeas by Board members Colomb, Ellis, Lavastida, Scott and Speer and 3 nays by Board members Bruneau, Grand and McAnelly, the Board dismissed the charges.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-649 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mayor Ray Ivory, Sr., Town of Gibsland, from entering into a transaction with the Town of Gibsland to repair an air conditioning unit at Gibsland Town Hall. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the exception in Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will allow Mayor Ivory to enter into a transaction with the Town of Gibsland while serving as the Gibsland Mayor, since the Town has a population less than 5,000. The Board further approved the Town's plan with regard to the transaction and advised Mayor Ivory that the required affidavit must be filed with the Town Clerk and the Board upon completion of the transaction.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman