

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
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July 9, 2021

The Board of Ethics met on July 9, 2021 at 9:11 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 Bãnos, Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, LaToya Jordan, Charles Reeves and Greg Thibodeaux.

Jonathan Holloway, Sr., a candidate for East Baton Rouge Assessor in the October 12, 2019 election, appeared before the Board for a waiver request in Docket No. 20-790 regarding two campaign finance late fees in amount of \$2,500 and \$800 assessed for filing his 10-P and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports 29 and 8 days late, respectively. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Hoolloway, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$1,000 for the 10-P and suspended all but \$250 for the 2019 Supplemental with payments within 90 days.

Chairman McAnelly recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 21-178 and vacated the Chair. Board Member Lavastida assumed the Chair.

J. Martin Montgomery, attorney representing IECI & Associates, LLC, appeared before the Board requesting an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-178 regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit his client, IECI & Associates, LLC, from hiring or contracting a certified building official/inspector employed by Orleans Parish, Jefferson Parish, or any other parish/municipality, for inspection services to be provided outside of the certified

building official/inspector's jurisdiction /parish. After hearing from Mr. Montgomery, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that a certified building official/inspector, who is employed by Orleans Parish, Jefferson Parish, or any other parish/municipality may perform private inspection work for IECI & Associates, LLC and be compensated for the work, if the work is performed outside of their jurisdiction of the parish/municipality for which the certified building official/inspector is employed since IECI & Associates, LLC is not a prohibited source.

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

J. Martin Montgomery, attorney representing Larry Chan, former building official for the City of New Orleans, in Docket No. 20-179 appeared before the board to formally request the withdrawal of the requested advisory opinion. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board accepted the withdrawal of the advisory opinion request.

Edward Adrian Adams, candidate for District Judge, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-300 requesting a waiver of the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. Mr. Adams asked for waiver since he experienced several family deaths due to Covid. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of six yeas by Board Members Bãnos, Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly and Scott and five nays by Board Members Colomb, Ellis, Lavastida, Roberts and Speer, the Board reduced the fine to \$200 based on future compliance. Mr. Adams was informed that a prior suspended late fee was now due and owing due to this 30-P late filing issue and these late fees are not reflected in this motion.

Ardi Scott, former member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-216 requesting a waiver of three \$1500 fines totaling

\$4,500, assessed for filing each of his 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 71 days late. After hearing from Mr. Scott and since this is his first late filing and he is no longer a member of the District, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all three \$1500 fines based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Logan J. Hunt appeared before the Board in Docket No. 19-1218 to reconsider a request for an advisory opinion concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Hunt from continuing his employment with Argent Mineral Management, LLC after being elected to the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Hunt from continuing employment with AMM while serving as a member of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Hunt from continuing his employment with AMM or continuing to serve on the Lincoln Parish Police Jury if AMM entered into any contract, transaction, or other business relationship with the Lincoln Parish Police Jury.

Sanettria "Sam" Glasper Pleasant, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-332 to request the approval of a disqualification plan. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed Disqualification Plan since the plan appears to be sufficient to remove Angela Townsend from any potential violations of Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics concerning the employment of her son, Levi Townsend. Additionally, the Disqualification plan is in compliance with Chapter 14 of the Board's Rules. Furthermore, Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics is not implicated as Ms. Townsend is not an

agency head.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G5-G17 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 G5-G17, excluding item G13 taking the following action:

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-151 regarding St. Amant Gatorettes' coach Jodey Bruno.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-284 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Patrick Wright, Sr., Alderman in Simmesport, from cutting grass and picking up trash in his district at no cost or donations. The Ethics Code specifically allows a public servant to donate services, movables and funds to his agency. The Ethics Code would not prohibit private citizens from assisting in cleaning up; however, the requirement to have them sign a waiver with the Town of Simmesport is outside the jurisdiction of the Board and no opinion was rendered on this issue.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-285 for Wesley C. Pfeiffer, former Deputy Director of Ground Transportation Services and Enforcement with the City of New Orleans concluding the following: (1) Mr. Pfeiffer's agency, Ground Transportation Bureau within the Department of Safety and Permits for the City of New Orleans, would be considered an agency as defined by Section 1102(2)(a)(vi) of the Code of Governmental Ethics; (2) Under Section 1102(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Mr. Pfeiffer would be considered an agency head of the Ground Transportation Bureau when he was Deputy Director of Ground Transportation Services and Enforcement; (3) As a former agency head, Section 1121A(1) of the

Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Pfeiffer until November 16, 2022, from assisting persons, for compensation, in a transaction involving Ground Transportation Bureau; however, he would not be prohibited from assisting persons in transactions involving other departments, such as persons seeking permits or licenses for construction projects; (4) Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Pfeiffer from assisting persons in transactions involving the City of New Orleans in which he participated during his tenure as a public employee; (5) Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics would apply if Mr. Pfeiffer would become an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee of a legal entity assisting another person in a transaction in which he participated during his public service involving the Ground Transportation Bureau; and, (6) since Mr. Pfeiffer would no longer be a public servant, Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would no longer apply to Mr. Pfeiffer.

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-286 submitted by three Natchitoches Council members.

The Board adopted the advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-338 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Jackie C. Rouse, an employee of the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office, from seeking the elected office of Catahoula Parish Coroner. The Board cautioned that campaign activity must occur outside the normal working hours, or Jackie Rouse must take annual leave to prevent a violation of Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Mrs. Rouse was advised to seek an opinion from the Attorney General as to the applicability of the dual-office holding laws.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-339 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Karla Courtade from applying for and accepting the

Executive Director of Louisiana Operation Lifesaver (“LAOL”) after she retires from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“LaDOTD”) as the Statewide Highway Safety Improvement Program Manager. Section 1121(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits former public servants from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, in an appearance in connection with a transaction that the former public employee was involved with while employed at the governmental entity, or rendering a service previously rendered to the governmental entity for a period of two (2) years. As the LAOL Executive Director, Ms. Courtade would not be assisting LAOL with a transaction or rendering a service in which she was involved while the Statewide Highway Safety Improvement Program Manager for the LaDOTD.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-340 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit John Salter, Natchitoches Parish Councilman, from participating in a recall petition to change the form of government in Natchitoches Parish. However, the Board advised that if Mr. Salter makes expenditures or accepts contributions in support of a proposition election, the reporting requirements of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act will apply.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-363 concluding that at this time, the members of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Although the Mississippi River Parkway Commission is a board or commission as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Commission does not meet the \$10,000 threshold for investments, expenditures or disbursements set forth in Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-365 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Christopher Pulaski's wife's sister's husband from being recommended for appointment and subsequently appointed to the Zoning and Land Use Commission and the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission while Mr. Pulaski serves as the Director of Planning and Zoning for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government since his wife's sister's husband is not immediate family as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-366 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. James S. Knight, Town Attorney for Town of Franklinton, from serving as the attorney to a client in a proceeding against a Town employee to the extent that the proceeding is not related to Town business. The Board expresses no opinion as to whether such representation would be prohibited under the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-367 concluding that Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jared Green, a Neighborhood Liaison for District E, for the City of New Orleans in the Office of Neighborhood Engagement, from soliciting donations from any person who would be considered a prohibited source to Mr. Green. This includes any person who has a contractual, business, or financial relationship with the Office of Neighborhood Engagement, any person who conducts operations which are regulated by the Office of Neighborhood Engagement, and any person who has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance of his duties as a Neighborhood Liaison. Should Mr. Green have any concerns about a specific potential conflict of interest, he should seek an additional advisory opinion. Further, Mr. Green should be cautioned that Section

1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from using the authority of his position with the Office of Neighborhood Engagement in a manner intended to compel or coerce any person to provide him, or BMM Cares, anything of economic value.

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 deferred the matter until next meeting when more information is presented.

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

The Board considered a Personal Financial Disclosure Answer in Docket No. 21-049 submitted by Walter Leger, Jr., a member of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, regarding whether he needs to disclose certain income. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to next meeting.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 19-750 signed by Jacquetta Grayson agreeing to a civil penalty of \$100 in connection with a Consent Opinion for violation of Sections 1113 and 1121 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.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 19-796 signed by James Gibson and Gibson Entities, LLC (d/b/a Gibson Entities Auto Repair) agreeing to a civil penalty of \$500 in connection with a Consent Opinion for violation of Section 1113B 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-160 regarding Don Menard, candidate for St. Landry Parish President, 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. 21-163 regarding Barnell L. Williams, candidate for Sheriff, West Baton Rouge 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. 21-174 regarding Warren "Biscuit" Basco, candidate for Sheriff, St. Landry Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 40-G campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to not assess penalties and close the file since Mr. Basco filed the 40-G report.

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 deferred the matter to next month.

The Board reviewed the 2021 Regular Legislative Session- Enacted Legislation Chart and the veto measure from Governor Edwards on Senate Bill 203. Ms. Allen highlighted legislation that will affect current processes.

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. 21-296, 21-301, 21-305, 21-307, 21-309, 21-312, 21-371, 21-372, 21-374, 21-375, 21-377, 21-380, 21-381 and 21-399 taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 21-189 from William "Bill" Spencer, Jr., 10-P of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-189 from William "Bill" Spencer, Jr., 10-G of a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 21-192 from Reginald T. Badeaux, III, 90-P of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-302 from Betty Ward Cooper, 40-G of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-304 from Randy P. Angelle, 30-P of a \$540 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-306 from Brent Hawkins, 2019 Annual of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-308 from Suzanne deMahy, 30-P of a \$840 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-310 from Glynn Shelly Maturin, III, 30-P of a \$60 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-314 from Barney Arceneaux, 30-P of a \$280 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-315 from Pam Blakely, 30-P of a \$680 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-315 from Pam Blakely, 10-P of a \$500 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-315 from Pam Blakely, 10-G of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-317 from Danny Lee Burleigh, 10-P of a \$420 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-318 from Philip Earl Gilligan, 10-P of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-319 from Tammy D. Lee, 30-P of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-320 from Ree J. Casey-Jones, 30-P of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-323 from Sherman Jackson, 30-P of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-324 from Bobby Holmes, 2019 Annual of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-373 from Everett Baudean, 10-P of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-376 from Charlene Gordon, 30-P of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-376 from Charlene Gordon, 10-P of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-378 from Pammela Lattier, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-379 from Jamey Maxwell, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-382 from Robert L. Wyatt, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-385 from Valinicia Renee Washington, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-386 from J. Gregory Vidrine, 30-P of a \$540 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-388 from Tim Marcel, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-389 from LA Families First, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-390 from John C. Hebert, 30-P of a \$840 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-393 from Toby Henry, 30-P of a \$950 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-313 from Stephen J. Gremillion, 30-P of a \$540 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$600 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-316 from John Davis Mosely, Jr.; 2018 Supplemental of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$120, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-321 from Stephen Black, 30-P of a \$280 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$100 the late fees assessed based on future compliance against the following:

Docket No. 21-370 from Kevin Williams, 30-P of a \$800 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-395 from William Dwight Landreneau, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee.

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

Docket No. 21-391 from Doris White, 10-P of a \$440 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200 the late fees assessed based on future compliance against the following:

Docket No. 21-394 from Voorhies “Jimmy” Dupuis, 30-P of a \$1,800 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-396 from Alex “Joe” Lacroix, 30-P of a \$600 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-398 from Ernest Mitchel, 30-P of a \$540 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-296 regarding Chad Comeaux, a candidate for Justice of the Peace Ward 9, Lafayette Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 34 and 14 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 and \$560 late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-301 regarding Jimmy Lestage, a candidate for District Attorney, 36<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Beauregard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fees. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of eight yays by Board Members Bãnos, Colomb, Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Lavastida, Roberts and Scott and three nays by Board Members Bruneau, McAnelly and Speer, the Board reconsidered Docket No. 21-301. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of nine yays by Board Members Bãnos, Bruneau, Colomb,

Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Lavastida, Roberts and Scott and two nays by Board Members McAnelly and Speer, the Board suspended all but \$200 of the \$480 late fee.

Board Member Scott recused herself from the matter in Docket No. 21-305.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-305 regarding Karelia R. Stewart, a candidate for District Judge, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, ES1, Div. D, Caddo Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven yays by Board Members Bãnos, Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Ellis, Grand and Lavastida and three nays by Board Members McAnelly, Roberts and Speer, the Board suspended all late fees based on future compliance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the following:

Docket No. 21-307 from Aylin Acikalin Maklansky, 10-G of a \$100 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-309 from Kevin J. Centanni, 30-P of a \$420 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-372 from Ryan Huval, 10-P of a \$60 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-372 from Ryan Huval, 10-G of a \$780 late fee;  
Docket No. 21-372 from Ryan Huval, 2019 Supplemental of a \$2,000 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 21-377 from Alfred Randall Williams, 30-P of a \$600 late fee.

Board Member Couvillon recused herself from the matter in Docket No. 21-312.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-312 regarding William J. “Billy” Bennett, a candidate for District Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Avoyelles Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$540 late fee.

Board Member Couvillon recused herself from the matter in Docket No. 21-371.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-371 regarding Gary Ortego, a candidate for District Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Division A, Evangeline Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee.

Board Member Couvillon recused herself from the matter in Docket No. 21-374.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-374 regarding Gary K. Hays, a candidate for City Judge, City Court, Rapides Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance of the \$600 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-375 regarding Raymond S. Steib, Jr., a candidate for District Judge, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, ES 2 Div. A, Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance of the \$540 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-380 regarding Jeff Cashe, a candidate for District Judge, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Div. J, Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 125 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced to \$1,000 of the \$2,500 late fee based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Act and declined to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-381 regarding Richard “Richie” Lewis, a candidate for Councilman at Large, Western Division, St. Bernard Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 148 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced to \$600 of the \$2,000 late fee based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Act and declined to waive.

Board Member Couvillon recused herself from the matter in Docket No. 21-399.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-399 regarding Mary Lauve Doggett, a candidate for District Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. C, Rapides Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-295, for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Kathleen Gordon for the late filing of her March 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 Mrs. Gordon’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. 21-035, 21-120, 21-217, 21-218 and 21-219 taking the following action:

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

Docket 21-214 Cynthia Marie Clark, amended 2018 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee; Docket 21-214 Cynthia Marie Clark, amended 2019 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee; and, Docket 21-226 Robert Farnsworth, 2018 Tier 2.1, 236 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$650 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements and offered a payment plan against the following:

Docket 21-227 Roxanna F. Foret, 2018 Tier 2.1, 148 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-035 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Betty S. Ward Cooper, Monroe City School Board / District 5 / Ouachita Parish, for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 154 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. 21-120 for a waiver of two \$50 late fees assessed against Dr. James Gilmore, Jr., a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, for filing his 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 1 day 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 for both the 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 late fees.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-217 for a waiver of the three \$1,500 late fees assessed against Danny Harper, a former member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, for filing each of his 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 71 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all three late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.



The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-218 for a waiver of the three \$1,500 late fees assessed against Dezmon Barrow, a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, for filing each of his 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 45 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all three late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-219 for a waiver of the three \$1,050 late fees assessed against Gary Chambers, a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, for filing each of his 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all three late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 21-297 submitted by Dewayne Wooten, a candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, regarding two \$1,000 late fees assessed for filing his 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 172 and 197 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board with respect to 30-P, declined to consider the waiver request and with respect to 10-G, declined to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a request for a hearing involving Elzey Jeff Perrilloux in Docket No. 5121-035. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to file a motion to dismiss the Board of Ethics' request for a hearing, filed on May 26, 2021, for an alleged violation of 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act for Elzey J.

Perilloux's failure to timely file his 10G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report in November 25, 2020, in connection with the November 3, 2020 election.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 11:29 A.M.

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Secretary

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Chairman