

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
May 18, 2012

The Board of Ethics met on May 18, 2012 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 Backhaus, Blewer, Duffin, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly, Monroe, and Schneider present. Absent were Board Members LaFleur, Lemke, and Stafford. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Aneatra Boykin, Brent Durham and Deidra Godfrey.

Vice Chairman Monroe presided as Acting Chairman.

Ms. Allen administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Renea Austin-Duffin.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board elected Mr. Monroe as Chairman. The Board unanimously resolved to add the election of the Board's Vice Chairman to the general business agenda. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board elected Mr. Schneider as Vice Chairman.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-388 regarding whether Sheriff Royce Toney of Ouachita Parish, may use his campaign funds to pay legal fees that he incurred in connection with the defense of charges contained in an indictment. Ms. Allen advised the Board that a request had been received to convert this matter to a Declaratory Opinion. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

Mr. Buddy Collins, Ms. Alesia Ardoin, attorney for Mr. Buddy Collins, and Mr. Darrell Glasscock, attorneys for the Grant Parish Police Jury, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 12-391 in connection with a request for an advisory opinion regarding a company owned by Mr. Collins, who serves as a newly-elected member of the Grant Parish Police Jury, working for a company that has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the parish.

Board Member Lemke arrived at the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

After hearing from Mr. Collins, Ms. Ardoin and Mr. Glasscock, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rejected the emergency opinion that was previously proposed, since Mr. Collins had resigned from his position as a member of the Grant Parish Police Jury and the opinion was moot. Based upon Mr. Collins' interest in possibly running for a seat on the Grant Parish Police Jury in the future, the Board instructed the staff to draft an opinion stating that the contractual relationship described in the request in this specific circumstance fits an exception with the inclusion of restrictions with respect to Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Danny Trull, Sr., a representative of the Louisiana UAW, Mr. John Ward, report preparer for Louisiana UAW, and Mr. Glenn Vincent, Vice President of Louisiana UAW, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 12-451 in connection with a request for reconsideration of a request to waive the \$12,200 late fees assessed against the committee for filing the 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 15, 18, and 6 days late. After hearing from Mr. Trull, Mr. Ward and Mr. Vincent, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the following general consent agenda items agreeing to take action on items G4-G23 en globo, excluding item #s G6, G9,

G11, G12 and G16. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G4-G23 , excluding item #s G6, G9, G11, G12 and G16, taking the following action:

Adopted for publication, a consent opinion in Docket No. 09-557 in which Ayers Lawn & Fence, LLC, a sole proprietorship owned by James Ayers, agrees that a violation of Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by installing a fence for the Bossier Parish School Board while James Ayers was employed as a carpenter for the Bossier Parish School Board and in which Ayers Lawn & Fence, LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Adopted for publication, a consent opinion in Docket No. 10-717 in which (1) Charlene Lewis, an alderwoman for the Town of Cotton Valley, agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her employment with Charles Jacobs, the town attorney, while she served as a member of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Cotton Valley and in which Ms. Lewis agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000; and, (2) Charles Jacobs, the town attorney for the Town of Cotton Valley, agrees that a violation of Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his contracting with the Town of Cotton Valley to provide legal services and in which Mr. Jacobs agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 11-1935 regarding whether Mark DeBord, Regional Administrator for the Region VIII Office of Behavioral Health (Region VIII), may serve on non-profit boards or advisory boards that have contracts with Region VIII.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 11-1936 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Shane E. Romero, Jr., from serving as an appointed

member of the board of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish while his father, Errol Romero, serves as parish president, since his appointment would be a transaction under the supervision and jurisdiction of his father's agency, Iberia Parish.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-053 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Michael Ricca, for a period of two years following his termination from the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) on July 22, 2012, from assisting a consulting engineering firm in any transaction involving the Structural Construction & Structural Fabrication, Section 40 Gang 005, of DOTD. The Board further advised that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Ricca from assisting a person in a transaction involving any matter in which he participated while employed with the DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-187 concluding that (1) Lt. Charles Curry, Winnfield Police Department, is not an agency head as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Lt. Curry is not the chief executive or administrative officer of the Winnfield Police Department; (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Angie Curry, wife of Lt. Charles Curry, being employed as a full-time patrol officer by the Winnfield Police Department, since Lt. Curry is not the agency head of the Winnfield Police Department; and, (3) Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Lt. Curry from participating in personnel decisions in which his wife, Angie Curry, would have a substantial economic interest.

Due to a lack of standing, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-384 regarding the application of the Supreme Court case, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-398 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Stacie Massey, a Mineral Production Supervisor employed by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, accepting outside employment with a company that turns in bids and nominations to the Office of Mineral Resources, since the work that Ms. Massey will perform as a courier for Theopholis Oil, Gas, & Land Services, LLC is not substantially devoted to the responsibilities, programs or operations of her agency, the Office of Conservation, nor does the company have a business, financial or contractual relationship with her agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-458 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by David Wayne Romero, a member of the Iberia Parish Council, continuing to work for Fremin's Food and Furniture, Inc. when it transacts business with Iberia Parish and its agencies, since Mr. Romero meets the four (4) criteria in the exception created by 82-02D. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Romero from participating as a member of the Iberia Parish Council in any matter involving Iberia Parish and Fremin's Food and Furniture, Inc. which comes before the Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-460 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Sharon Schaefer as a paralegal for the St. Bernard Parish Indigent Defender's office for the 34th Judicial District Court following her marriage to David Peralta, St. Bernard Parish President, since Ms. Schaefer has been employed with St. Bernard Parish for more than a year prior to her marriage to Mr. Peralta. The Board further concluded that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Peralta from participating in any transactions in which his spouse may have a substantial economic interest.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-463 concluding that Matthew Edmonds,

spouse of Louisiana Board of Examiners of Interior Designers Executive Director Sandy Edmonds, is not required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Edmonds' company, Commercial Design Interiors, LLC, is not regulated by the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Interior Designers.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-470 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Marty Trahan, a member of the Iberia Parish Council, continuing to work at Office Mart, Inc. while it transacts business with Iberia Parish and its agencies, since Mr. Trahan meets the four (4) criteria in the exception created by 82-02D. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Trahan from participating as a member of the Iberia Parish Council in any matter involving Iberia Parish and Office Mart which comes before the Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-485 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Vermilion Tourist Commission appointing a parish accommodations owner as a member of the Tourist Commission Board, since it appears that as a member of the Commission, an accommodations owner will participate in decisions regarding marketing and promotions for tourism in Vermilion Parish and the decisions do not appear to be transactions in which an accommodations owner would have an interest. The Board further concluded that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit accommodations owners, as member of the Commission, from participating in discussions and votes on matters in which their accommodations have a substantial economic interest.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-513 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Cody Conarro, an applicant for a teaching position at

Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU), accepting employment at the university while he continues to date an employee of the University, since Mr. Conarro is not the immediate family member of the SLU employee.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-521 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the St. Helena Parish Police Jury entering into an agreement with ConneXions of Louisiana, LLC while an employee of the Police Jury, Virginia Bell, is a board member and part owner of ConneXions, since Ms. Bell does not have a controlling interest in ConneXions of Louisiana. The Board further concluded that Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Bell from entering into a contract with St. Helena Parish and that Ms. Bell will be required to file a disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 11-455 in which Sgt. Elisa Lewis, a former employee of the LSU Police Department, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her acceptance of \$400 as a reward for assisting an individual in finding his lost wallet and in which Sgt. Lewis agrees to pay a fine of \$400. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the consent opinion for publication with a revision in the date in the first paragraph of the opinion.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-030 regarding members of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District and the Bayou DuLarge Volunteer Fire Company. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by members of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District Board

#10, who are also volunteers with the Bayou DuLarge Volunteer Fire Company, or children of members of the District Fire Board receiving training from the District Fire Board which is paid for by taxes collected by the District Board, since the children of the District Board members or the District Board members themselves will not be entering into any proceeding, hearing, application, submission, or other claim or case that is under the jurisdiction of the District Board.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-146 regarding whether Valerie Harvey, a retired Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) employee, may become a contract employee with Northwestern State University (NSU). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-156 regarding whether Mary Gray, a part-time caseworker in the Continuing Quality Unit of the Child Welfare Department at the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), may accept part-time contractual employment with DCFS which will be administered by Northwestern State University (NSU). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-400 regarding what post-employment restrictions would apply to Evelyn Jenkins, a former Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) employee, in connection with her acceptance of a subcontract with Northwestern University as a mentor/coach at her previous agency. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the April 19-20, 2012 meetings.

The Board reconsidered a request in Docket No. 12-164 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Naomi Alexander for filing her 2010 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 208 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-465 regarding whether Lisa Cox, an employee of the Morehouse Parish School System, may serve on the Board of Directors for Prairie View Academy. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ms. Cox serving on the Board of Directors for Prairie View Academy while she is employed as Morehouse Parish School System's Grants Management Coordinator, since Prairie View's interest in the allocation of grant funds is no greater than any other school in the system.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-479 regarding whether Robert Jones, a member of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and also an employee of Wells Fargo Advisors, may participate in matters involving Wells Fargo Bank. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on the Campaign Finance Waiver Requests in Item #G28 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 the Campaign Finance Waiver Requests in Item #G28 excluding Docket Nos. 12-541 and 12-559 taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following candidates and political committees:

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

Docket No. 12-450 from Nary Smith, Sr. of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 12-529 from LA School Boards Assn. of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 12-530 from Cleveland W. Womack of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 12-531 from CALA of a \$3,000 late fee;
Docket No. 12-32 from Elizabeth Meyers of a \$1,100 late fee;
Docket No. 12-533 from Earl F. Dauterive of a \$1,560 late fee and a \$360 late fee;
Docket No. 12-534 from Jeffery Todd Spangler of a \$300 late fee;
Docket No. 12-535 from Michael Wayne “Mike” Stagg of a \$420 late fee, a \$120 late fee and a \$4,300 reassessed late fee;
Docket No. 12-536 from Shreveport Committee of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 12-537 from W. Glenn Soileau of a \$60 late fee;
Docket No. 12-538 from Fred Everhardt of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 12-539 from Lee W. Balinas of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 12-540 from Kelly Scott of a \$240 late fee and a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 12-542 from John “Randy” R. Sexton of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-543 from Patrick Bell, Sr. of a \$760 late fee;
Docket No. 12-544 from Guy E. Bradberry of a \$120 late fee;
Docket No. 12-545 from Karen W. Schmitt of a \$200 late fee;
Docket No. 12-546 from Demetrius “Coach” Franklin of a \$360 late fee;
Docket No. 12-547 from PSI PAC of a \$3,000 late fee and a \$3,000 late fee;
Docket No. 12-548 from Charles R. Jones of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 12-549 from Robert Guidry of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 12-550 from Ronnie Traylor of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 12-551 from Allen Joyner of a \$720 late fee;
Docket No. 12-552 from Brian Thompson of a \$1,740 late fee;
Docket No. 12-554 from Blair Briggs of a \$280 late fee;
Docket No. 12-555 from Terry A. Doughty of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 12-556 from Charles Ponstein of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-557 from LA Legislative Leadership of a \$3,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-537 for a waiver of the \$540 and \$540 campaign finance late fees assessed against W. Glenn Soileau, a candidate for St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court in the

October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two \$540 late fees but suspended \$440 of each late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-541 for a waiver of the \$1,260 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Herman Ray Love, a candidate for Sabine Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 21 and 1 day(s) late. On motion made seconded and unanimously passed the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting at Mr. Love's request to make an appearance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-553 for a waiver of the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Douglas Day, a candidate for State Senate, District 38 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-558 for a waiver of the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a candidate for Judge, 22nd JDC in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$540 late fee but suspended \$440 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-559 for a waiver of the \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sonja Spears, a candidate for Judge, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, Div. B in the October 5, 2002 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$100 late fee but suspend the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-560 for a waiver of the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Johnny C. Crain, Sr., a candidate for Washington Parish Clerk of Court in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended \$20 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals in connection with the failure to timely file lobbying expenditure reports:

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

Docket No. 12-174 from John Morgan of a \$250 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-471 from Deidra Jackson of a \$850 late fee.

Chairman Monroe vacated the Chair. Vice Chairman Schneider assumed the Chair.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements Waiver Requests in Item #G30 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 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements Waiver Requests in Item #G30 excluding Docket No. 12-407 taking the following action:

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals in connection with the failure to timely file personal financial disclosure reports:

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

Docket No. 12-415 from Charles Fontenot of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-416 from Darryl David Berger of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-418 from Darrell Rivere of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-419 from Stanley Washington of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-420 from Alcide Champagne of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-424 from Ellen Thompson of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-427 from Ann Breland of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-453 from Ernest Broussard, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-496 from Calvin Fayard, III of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-497 from John Thomas Cole of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-498 from Kenneth Ray Dawson of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-500 from Robert Bruno of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-503 from Thomas Atkinson, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-505 from Charlie Trimble of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 12-507 from Lisa Houston of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-508 from Arnie Fielkow of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-407 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Donald Cravins, Sr. for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial statement 55 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June agenda.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-417 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Victor Ukpolo for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement

1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-421 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Wilson O'Bannon for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-422 for a waiver of two \$300 late fees assessed against Russell Bordelon for filing his 2009 and 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statements 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two \$300 late fees but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-425 for a waiver of the \$1,450 late fee assessed against Kendall Thompson for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 29 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,450 late fee but suspended \$950 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-455 for a waiver of the \$550 late fee assessed against Keith Howard for filing his 2008 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$550 late fee but suspended \$250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of

Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-501 for a waiver of the \$850, \$850 and \$200 late fees assessed against Rydell Turner for filing his Tier 3 2009 annual, 2010 annual and 2010 candidate personal financial disclosure statements 17, 17 and 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two \$850 late fees but suspended \$550 of each late fee and declined to waive the \$200 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-409 for a waiver of the \$1,700 late fee assessed against Alfred Olinde for filing his 1114.2 disclosure statement 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board unanimously agreed to consider the following supplemental agenda items:

The Board considered, for discussion purposes only, the Judgement rendered by the Ethics Adjudicatory Board in Docket No. 10-383 regarding Neal Clulee, a member of the St. Charles Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, and his spouse, entering into transactions with the Commission.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-518 regarding whether Thomas Clark may submit a bid to become a drayman for Bossier Parish while his mother, Jeanene Clark, is employed with the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Thomas Clark submitting a bid and contracting with the Louisiana Secretary of

State's Office to provide drayman services while his mother is employed with the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters, since Mr. Clark would be submitting his bid and subsequently contracting with the Secretary of State's Office and not the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jeanene Clark from participating in any transaction involving the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters in which her son has a substantial economic interest.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 12-689 for April, 2012.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of legislation introduced during the 2012 Regular Legislative Session affecting the laws administered by the Board of Ethics. Following discussion of the legislation, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to oppose House Bill 1034 with reasons stated.

Ms. Allen provided a status report with respect to litigation in the 19th JDC involving East Baton Rouge City-Parish Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden and former Senator Robert Marionneaux. Chairman Monroe recused himself from the Marionneaux matter.

The Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:31 a.m.

The Board issued a commendation for the outstanding achievements and years of public service to former Board Members Gary Hymel, Dr. Cedric Lowrey and Frank P. Simoneaux. Mr. Simoneaux appeared to receive his commendation from the Board.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman