

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
October 15, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on October 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shaddock. Absent were Board Members Larzelere and Shelton. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

Ms. Allen administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member C. Wade Shaddock, Jr.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an Order rendered by the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB) in Docket No. 10-176 granting a Motion for Summary Judgment filed by Donald Villere dismissing the charges in this matter regarding Donald J. Villere, as a candidate for the Mayor of Mandeville, distributing written material, with the intent to mislead voters, containing statements which he knew made a false statement about Trilby Lenfant, another candidate for Mayor. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board authorized the staff to appeal the EAB's decision to the First Circuit Court of Appeal.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
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The Board of Ethics met on October 16, 2015 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 Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe, Shaddock and Shelton present. Absent was Board Member Larzelere. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-601 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Henry Dean, a member of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System, for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 283 days late and his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-808 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jerome P. "Dee" Richard, a candidate for Lafourche Parish Assessor in the November 4, 2014 election, for failing to file his 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Mr. Gary Alvarez, a Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-919 regarding whether he can continue to provide contractual appraisal services to Leonard E. Pauley, Jr. if he accepts employment with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Section 23, Real

Estate as a Review Appraiser 4. After hearing from Mr. Alvarez, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter and instructed the staff to obtain additional information. Board Member Shaddock recused himself.

Mr. David Finley Jr., Hammond City Court - City Marshal (Tangipahoa Parish), appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-939 for a waiver of the \$1,600 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 16 days late. After hearing from Mr. Finley, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 8 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels Shaddock, and Shelton, 1 nay by Board Member Blewer and 1 abstention by Board Member Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$1,600 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. 15-944 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Timothy P. Kerner, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Lafitte, Jefferson Parish in the March 28, 2015 election, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 133 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Ms. Deborah "Debbie" Mabile Settoon, a former member of the Southeast Regional Airport Authority, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-956 for a waiver of the \$650 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 13 days late. After hearing from Ms. Settoon, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$650 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within

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

Ms. Stephanie Bridges, a member of the Algiers Charter School's Board of Directors, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-967 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her Amended 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 57 days late. After hearing from Ms. Bridges, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 8 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Blewer and Monroe, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee.

Mr. Barry Huggins and Mr. Gary Spillman, members of the West Baton Rouge Council, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-974 regarding whether they may subdivide a parcel of land into six (6) large lots when the land is zoned agriculture (AG). After hearing from Mr. Huggins and Mr. Spillman, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Huggins and Mr. Spillman are required to satisfy the requirements set forth in Section 1123(34) of the Code of Governmental Ethics if they desire to subdivide or re-subdivide the land while serving as members of the West Baton Rouge Council and that once the land is sold to another third party, Mr. Huggins and Mr. Spillman no longer have control over the zoning or use of the property.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-601 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Henry Dean, a member of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System, for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 283 days late and his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000. Board Member

Bruneau recused himself.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-808 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jerome P. "Dee" Richard, a candidate for Lafourche Parish Assessor in the November 4, 2014 election, for failing to file his 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee and instructed the staff to advise Mr. Richard that the Board will not consider any reconsideration of the waiver request until the 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement is filed.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-944 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Timothy P. Kerner, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Lafitte - Jefferson Parish in the March 28, 2015 election, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 133 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G10-G19 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 G10-G19 taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-719 concluding that Linda Roy may be appointed as an instructional coach for the Livingston Parish School System while her daughter, Beth Jones, is the principal of Live Oak High School (LOHS), since the appointment of a person to the position of instructional coach to the Livingston Parish School System is not considered a transaction

under the supervision of LOHS. The supervision and control over the position now lies with the Livingston Parish School System. Further, the Board approved the disqualification plan submitted by virtue of the supervision being under Livingston Parish School System through Ms. McRae.

Absent requested specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-771 regarding whether Alison Bryan must wait two years upon terminating her employment with the Office of Motor Vehicles before she may open an auto title company.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-788 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by West Cameron Port Commission entering into a contract with the Picard Group for lobbyist services while Michael Michot, an employee of the Picard Group, is married to the sister of Stephen Broussard, the West Cameron Port Director, since Mr. Michot does not have any ownership interest in the Picard Group. The Board further concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Michot from rendering any services on behalf of the Commission while his brother-in-law, Stephen Broussard, is employed as the Port Director.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-891 concluding that the Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance (NELEA) is not considered a public entity subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics, since NELEA was not created by statute or constitution and is not subject to governmental oversight or approval.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-902 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Emeric Dupuy serving on the Avoyelles Port Commission while he also serves as the Avoyelles Parish Assessor, since his agency, the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office, is not appointing him to the Commission. The Board further advised that Mr.

Dupuy should seek advice from the Attorney General's Office with respect to serving as both the Avoyelles Parish Assessor and as a commissioner on the Avoyelles Port Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-916 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Stacey Simpson, for a period of two years, from accepting a position with Acadiana Computer Systems (ACS) if she were to leave her position as business manager/chief administrative and financial officer for the LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) Department of Surgery, since ACS has previously entered into a transaction to perform the physician billing for her department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-920 concluding that (1) the exception in Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Captain Bryan Hebert, to continue his employment with the Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District #10, following the appointment of his father, Brian Hebert, by the Terrebonne Parish Council to the Fire District Board, since Captain Hebert was employed for more than one year prior to his father, Brian Hebert, being appointed to the Board. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Brian Hebert from participating in a transaction involving his governmental entity in which his son, Bryan Hebert, has a substantial economic interest; and, (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Department hiring the father of the Chief Hebert's daughter's child, since they are not married and he is not an immediate family member.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-978 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Clark Cherie, an officer employed by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission Harbor Police, from working as a sub-contractor for American

Integration Contractors LLC (AIC) while it has a contract for services with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission (Commission), since AIC has a contract with Mr. Cheramie's agency, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission Harbor Police Department, to provide it with the TACCS system.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-980 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Brian Montgomery serving as Interim Fire Chief for the City of Winnfield Fire Department while also serving as board member on the Winn Parish Fire District #3 Board (District), since Mr. Montgomery's agency is Winn Parish Fire District #3 and a completely separate agency, the mayor and city council of Winnfield, would be appointing Mr. Montgomery as Interim Fire Chief. The Board further advised that Mr. Montgomery should seek advice from the Attorney General's Office with respect to serving as both the City of Winnfield Interim Fire Chief and as a member of the Winn Parish Fire District #3 Board.

Approved the disqualification plan in Docket No. 15-1023 regarding the employment of Victor Lewis at J.S. Clark Leadership Academy while his wife, Tiffanie Lewis, serves as the chief executive officer of Outreach Community Development Corporation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation holding the charter of J.S. Clark Leadership Academy, since the submitted disqualification plan will eliminate any potential violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G20-G25 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G20-G25, excluding items G23 and G24, taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-894 by James Michael Bridges, a

former member of the both the Interstate 49 North Feasibility and Funding Task Force and Interstate 49 South Feasibility and Funding Task Force, in response to a notice of delinquency, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Bridges that he is not required to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Executive Order BJ 12-20 terminated the North Feasibility Task Force and the South Feasibility Task Force does not appear to have the authority to expend, invest or disburse \$10,000 or more according to Dr. Eric Kalivoda's letters from the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in 2013 and 2014. Also, the executive order creating this Task Force states that the support staff, facilities, and resources for the Task Force will be provided by the DOTD.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-897 by Gerald Lean Foreman, a member of the Rayne Board of Aldermen, Ward 4, Acadia Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his 2014 Annual Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Foreman that his personal financial disclosure statements are due on May 15th of each year he holds office and the year following his termination of the holding of such office.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-898 by Lydia Kingan, a former member of the Elizabeth Board of Aldermen, in response to a notice of delinquency, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Kingan she has 7 business days to file a 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement, since Ms. Kingan's service terminated on December 31, 2014 and she was therefore required to file a personal financial disclosure statement by May 15, 2015 covering the time she held the office in 2014.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-989 by Wilhelmina Breitweiser

"Willie" Pickett, a member of the Doyline Board of Aldermen, Webster Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Pickett that she is required to file a 2014 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement, since a filer must file each year during which the person holds office and the year following termination of the holding of such office.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-987 by Louis Mann, Jr., a member of the Heymann Performing Arts Center Advisory Board, in response to a notice of delinquency, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Mann that he is not required to file a 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement, since the Commission does not have the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more of funds in a fiscal year.

Deferred to the November meeting, consideration of an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-988 by David Trent, a former member of the Pilotage Fee Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the September 17-18, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 11-612 regarding George Ansardi, the Facility Project Planner for Louisiana Military Department (LMD) and his wife, Debra Ansardi, who owned companies that bid on LMD projects and entered into several construction contracts with LMD. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) George Ansardi agrees that a violation of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his participation, as the Production Control Manager at the Gillis Long Center for the Louisiana Military Department (LMD), in informing his

spouse, Debra Ansardi, and the companies in which he had an interest to bid on contracts with his agency eleven (11) times when he inspected the work of the same companies while he was employed with the LMD and by approving payments to the same companies while he was employed with the LMD; (2) Debra Ansardi agrees that a violation of Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by bidding on twenty-five (25) and entering into eleven (11) contracts with the Gillis Long Center while her husband, George Ansardi, served as the Production Control Manager at the Gillis Long Center for the Louisiana Military Department (LMD); (3) Nu Holmes Enterprises, LLC, a company owned by George and Debra Ansardi, agrees that a violation of Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by bidding on fourteen (14) and entering into six (6) contracts with the Louisiana Military Department at a time when George Ansardi served as the Production Control Manager at the Gillis Long Center for the Louisiana Military Department (LMD); and, (4) D&S Renovations and Repair, LLC, a company owned by George and Debra Ansardi, agrees that a violation of Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by bidding on fourteen (14) and entering into five (5) contracts with the Louisiana Military Department at a time when George Ansardi served as the Production Control Manager at the Gillis Long Center for the Louisiana Military Department (LMD) and in which George and Debra Ansardi agree to pay a fine of \$10,000.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 12-336 regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a)and(b) against Ronnie S. Smith, a candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish President in the October 22, 2011 election, who failed to file his 30-P, 10-P, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to issue an Order assessing the penalty of \$10,000

per report in accordance with Sections 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 12-1647 regarding Wendell Alford, the former Hospital Administrator of Madison Parish Hospital Service District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Wendell Alford, in his capacity as the Hospital Administrator of the Madison Parish Hospital Service District d/b/a the Madison Parish Hospital, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by using a Madison Parish Hospital Service District credit card/funds to provide accommodations at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas for his daughter's wedding in the amount of \$13,661; and, his use of the hospital credit card/funds to purchase airfare for both his wife and daughter in the amount of \$2,262 to which he was not duly entitled to receive and in which Mr. Alford agrees to pay a fine of \$5,000 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-900 regarding whether a Louisiana Certified Public Accountant (CPA) may receive up to four hours of continuing education credit for pro-bono service as a public official or appointee to a state or local board, commission or similar body. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented since the State Board, which is empowered to make the regulations, has established a rule which allows a Licensed CPA to receive continuing education credit for the performance of pro bono service on a state or local board or similar entity, the public servant is duly entitled to receive such credit and such receipt is not in violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-917 regarding whether Jennifer Russell, the Business Manager of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport (LSUHSC-S), Department of Neurology, may continue to work for Acadiana Computer Services (ACS) now that LSUHSC-S has entered into an emergency contract with ACS. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Ms. Russell's employment with ACS while ACS has a contract with LSUHSC-S, which involves contact between her department and ACS, is not prohibited since she meets the exception in Ethics Board Docket No. 82-02D. However, Ms. Russell is prohibited from participating as a public servant (business manager) in any transactions involving ACS. Therefore, another person would need to serve as the liaison between her department and ACS. The Board further advised that a disqualification plan should be submitted for Board approval and that Ms. Russell will also be required to file a R.S. 42:1114 disclosure statement disclosing income received from ACS.

The Board considered the proposed 2016 calendar for meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed 2016 meeting schedule.

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:08 a.m.

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 included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff

recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-746 from Asa Skinner of a \$480 late fee; and,
Docket No. 15-797 from Shonda Stone of a \$600 late fee.

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

Docket No. 15-796 from Jonathan Liberto of a \$780 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists included in the Lobbyist 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 Lobbyist Waiver Chart taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-834 from Elizabeth McCain of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 15-946 from Linda Townsend of a \$100 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded the late fees against the following:

Docket No. 15-947 from Markey Pierre of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-945 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Lobbyist Alan Bowser for the late filing of an Expenditure Report. 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 Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

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. 15-932, 15-942, 15-950 and 15-952, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-936 from Carrie Nettles of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-938 from Brandon Gilbreath of a \$150 late fee;
Docket No. 15-943 from Denise Bruno of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-957 from Myra Wilson of a \$500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-958 from Rae Trahan of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 15-960 from Jules Bordelon of a \$300 late fee;
Docket No. 15-961 from Wyatt Williams of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-963 from Lekeisha Lucas-Powell of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-965 from Sabrina Ellis of a \$300 late fee; and,
Docket No. 15-969 from Jimmy Santangelo of a \$1,200 late fee.

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

Docket No. 15-954 from Gary Courville of a \$300 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-931 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against Christopher Todd Vidrine, a member of the Health Care Commission, for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$350 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. 15-933 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jacqueline Smith, a former member of the Audubon Charter School, for filing her 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 108 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended

\$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-934 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Robert Larry Sharp, Sabine Parish Constable, District 1, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 158 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-935 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against David Edward Root, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Fire District #8, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$150 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. 15-936 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Carrie Nettles, a former member of the Workforce Investment Board, for filing her amended 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 255 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-938 for a waiver of the two \$150 late fees assessed against Brandon Gilbreath, Morehouse Parish Constable, Ward 8, for filing his amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late and his amended 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$300 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-940 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Constance Margaret Durand David, a member of the Kingswood Improvement District, for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual 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. 15-949 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Michael F. Abendroth, a former member of the Madison Parish Hospital Service District, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 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. 15-951 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Frederick Vontell Henson, a member of the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 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. 15-953 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jimmy Pickering, a candidate for Richland Parish Constable, Ward 5 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 38 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-955 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Charles “Chuck” Clack, Caldwell Parish Coroner, for filing his amended 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 272 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 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. 15-959 for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Phillip Huskey, a candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board, District 3 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived \$800 of the \$1,200 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-962 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Kenneth James Lockett, Sr., a member of the Iberia Parish School Board, District 6, for filing his 2014 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 4 days late. On motion

made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-964 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Donnie Ray Remore, a former member of the Richmond Board of Aldermen, Madison Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 164 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-966 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Charles W. Ross, a member of the St. Landry Parish School Board, District 2, for filing his 2014 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-968 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Stephen Douglas “Steve” Caraway, former Kenner Chief of Police, Jefferson Parish, for filing his 2014 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-970 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee

assessed against Randi Lynn Lowe, a member of the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission, for filing her amended 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$200 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. 15-932 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against James T. Strong, Sr., a member of the Delhi Charter School Board of Directors, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 98 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-942 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Sandra S. Duckworth, a former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 191 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-950 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Joseph W. Williams, a former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-952 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Wendy Elder Benedetto, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council, District 3, for filing her amended 2011 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 310 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on waiver request reconsiderations 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 waiver request reconsiderations taking the following action:

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-965 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Juan Hays, a member of the Bernice Board of Aldermen, Union Parish, for filing his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 345 days late and his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 43 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000 and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-294 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee of which \$1,500 was suspended assessed against O'Neal Jones, III, a former member of the New Iberia City Council, for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 570 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed

its decision to suspend \$1,500 of the \$2,500 late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan. If a payment plan is not entered into within 30 days or the reduced \$1,000 late fee paid, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-481 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Rickey Dean Ables, a member of the Sweet Potato Commission, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 167 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-531 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Christopher “Chris” Williams, a member of the Cotton Valley Board of Aldermen, Webster Parish, for failing to file his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 of the late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan. If a payment plan is not entered into within 30 days or the reduced \$500 late fee paid, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered litigation in Docket No. 12-1829 against Darren Lombard, a candidate for Clerk of 2nd City Court for Orleans Parish in the November 6, 2012 election, in connection with the receipt of an excessive in-kind contribution. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously agreed to dismiss the lawsuit.

Chairman Monroe announced that the Board meeting scheduled for November 19, 2015 would commence at 1:30 p.m. to allow time for the members to receive their annual training.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

