

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
September 20, 2013

The Board of Ethics met on September 20, 2013 at 9:00 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 Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Leggio, Lemke, McAnelly and Monroe present. Absent were Board Members Backhaus, Schneider, Shelton and Stafford. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Aneatra Boykin, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land and Suzanne Mooney.

Mr. Micah Hebert, a candidate for State Representative, District 54 in the October 22, 2011 election, and his attorney, Mr. John Sinnott, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with requests in Docket No. 13-832 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 371 days late and in Docket No. 13-1163 for a waiver of the \$600, \$2,000, \$600 and \$600 late fees assessed for filing his 30-P, 10-P, EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 662, 642, 622, and 614 days late.

Board Member Shelton arrived at the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

After hearing from Mr. Hebert and Mr. Sinnott, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2010 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement and the late fees totaling \$3,800 in connection with the 30-P, 10-P, EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports but suspended all the late fees conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. John R. Patterson III, a candidate for Rapides Parish Police Juror, District C in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-907 for a waiver the \$800 and \$400 late fees assessed against him for filing his 10-G and EDE-G campaign finance disclosure reports 488 and 468 days late.

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

After hearing from Mr. Patterson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$1,200 but suspended \$950 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Edwin Guchereau, a member of the Workforce Investment Board #82, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-951 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 323 days late. After hearing from Mr. Guchereau, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Ingrassia, Lemke, McAnelly and Shelton and 3 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Bruneau and Leggio, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Herbert Pate, a candidate for EBR Parish Metro Council in the November 6, 2012 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-977 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 137 days late. After hearing from Mr. Pate, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$2,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Greg Johnson, attorney for Gulf Coast GTL, LLC, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1037 for a declaratory opinion regarding Steven C. Wilson's continued employment with Motiva while serving on the Pontchartrain Levee District and a declaratory opinion request from Gulf Coast GTL, LLC, as to whether its submission of an application to the Pontchartrain Levee District for a Letter of No Objection and the District's subsequent consideration of said Letter of No Objection while Mr. Wilson serves on the District would violate the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Chairman Monroe rejoined the meeting

After hearing from Mr. Johnson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to submit proposed deadlines for submission of information in connection with the declaratory hearing to be conducted at the Board's October 18, 2013 meeting.

Board Member Monroe resumed the Chair.

Mr. Payton Burkhalter, a representative of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1074 regarding whether the Lobbying Laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics apply to members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. After hearing from Mr. Burkhalter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Lobbying Laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics apply to the members of the Dentistry Board. The Board further advised that members of the Dentistry Board are state employees in accordance with R.S. 24:56 and that prior to 1980, the Code of Governmental Ethics provided a definition for "state employees" which included those members of a board appointed by the Governor. Thereafter in April of 1980, the definition was expanded to include anyone, whether compensated or not, appointed by an elected

official to a post to serve the governmental entity or an agency thereof or anyone performing a governmental function. As such, the Board has interpreted the definition of public employees in Section 1102 of the Code to include "state employees" as stated in the Lobbying acts. Accordingly, public employees and state employees are the same. In accordance with 24:56F, Dentistry Board members may not have any direct communication with legislators regarding legislation affecting the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or any other matter intended to have an effect of law pending before the legislature. Nothing prohibits the Board members from disseminating factual information relative to dentistry or dental hygiene. The Board declined to analyze and interpret those statutes that are not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket 13-1089 for a waiver of the \$1,200, \$1,000 and \$1,200 late fees assessed against Pelican State Liberty PAC and Reilly O'Neal, its chairman, whose three (3) Monthly campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6, 5 and 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter to later in the meeting.

Mr. Larry Haley, a member of the Louisiana State Nursing Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1098 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 327 days late. After hearing from Mr. Haley, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$750 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Glenn Arnold, member of the Pleasant Hill Board of Aldermen, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1114 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 108 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee due to his medical condition and financial hardship.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1133 for a waiver of the \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against Suddenlink Louisiana PAC for filing its 90-P, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 243, 181, 161 and 131 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter.

Mr. Harold Coates, Chairman of the LA Republican Party of Caddo Parish, Mr. J.C. Allen, past chairman of the LA Republican Party of Caddo Parish, and Mr. Neil Carlisle, Treasurer of the LA Republican Party of Caddo Parish, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1135 for a waiver of the \$2,000 and \$1,000 late fees assessed against the PAC for filing its two (2) Monthly campaign finance disclosure reports 25 and 5 days late. After hearing from Mr. Coates, Mr. Allen and Mr. Carlisle, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Ingrassia, Leggio, Lemke, Monroe and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Bruneau and McAnelly, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000.

Mr. Larry Hanisee, a candidate for Bossier City Council, District 5 in the May 4, 2013 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1137 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against him for filing his EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. After hearing from Mr. Hanisee, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board

Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lemke, McAnelly and Shelton and 3 nays by Board Members Blewer, Leggio and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Nary Smith, candidate for State Representative in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1143 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his amended 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 484 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Leggio, Lemke, McAnelly and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Blewer and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$1,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Dexter Brown, member of the St. Landry Parish Council, and his attorney, Ms. Scherri Guidry, appeared before the Board in connection with a timely request in Docket No. 13-1146 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 197 days late; an untimely waiver request regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 355 days late; a \$1,900 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 19 days late; a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 25 days late; and a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. After hearing from Mr. Brown and Ms. Guidry, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fees for the 2009 Tier 2 amended annual report, the 2010 Tier 2 amended candidate report and the 2011 Tier 2 amended annual report and declined to waive the late fees totaling \$6,900 for the 2009 Tier 2 annual report,

the 2010 Tier 2 annual report and the 2011 Tier 2 annual report but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mayor Willie Haynes, III, Town of Melville, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1161 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 432 days late. After hearing from Mayor Haynes, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee, since it was Mayor Haynes' first late filing and he had attempted to comply with all notices sent to him.

Mr. Craig B. Lee, a candidate for Councilman, District B, City of Shreveport, in the October 2, 2010 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-1162 for a waiver of the \$280, \$100 (reduced from \$500), \$80, and \$280 late fees assessed against him for filing his 30-P, 10-P, 10-G, and Special campaign finance reports 7, 13, 2, and 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Ingrassia, Leggio, Lemke and Shelton and 3 nays by Board Members Bruneau, McAnelly and Monroe, the Board waived \$400 of the late fees totaling \$740 and suspended \$340 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:11 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket 13-1089 for a waiver of the \$1,200, \$1,000 and \$1,200 late fees assessed against Pelican State Liberty PAC and Reilly O'Neal, its chairman, whose three (3) Monthly campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6, 5 and 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and

passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly and Monroe and 2 nays by Board Members Lemke and Shelton, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,400.

Mr. Kevin Berken, Chairman of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board (LRPB), his attorney, Mr. L.J. Hymel, and Mr. Jimmy Hoppe, a member of the LRPB, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1047 regarding whether members of the LRPB may participate in matters involving the U.S.A. Rice Council and the U.S. Rice Producers Groups. After hearing from Mr. Berken, Mr. Hymel and Mr. Hoppe, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Leggio, Lemke, McAnelly and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board concluded that (1) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit LRPB members from considering, discussing, or voting on contracts that result in the expenditure of funds to an entity (U.S.A. Rice Council) that is made up of members organizations that include the Louisiana Rice Council, when the Louisiana Rice Council recommends appointees to the LRPB, since members of LRPB do not receive a salary for their services; and (2) the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Kevin Berken, an appointed LRPB member, from voting or executing the 2013-2014 contract between LRPB and the U.S. Rice Producers Group while he serves as a member of board of directors of the U.S. Rice Producers Group.

Mr. Joseph Roger Bergeron, a candidate for Mayor of Port Allen in the November 6, 2012 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-128 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against him for filing his Special campaign finance disclosure

report 45 days late. After hearing from Mr. Bergeron, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Larry J. Warino, Sr., a candidate for Westwego City Council, District 5 in the April 6, 2013 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1125 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against him for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 34 days late. After hearing from Mr. Warino, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$750 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered request in Docket No. 13-1128 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against LA Restaurant Association Hospitality PAC for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 26 days late in connection with the April 6, 2013 election. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the October meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered request in Docket No. 13-1129 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against John "Randy" R. Sexton, a candidate for Iberville Parish Assessor in the October 20, 2007 election, for filing his Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 10 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.

Mr. Willie Littleton, Chairman of the Concerned Leadership Organization Unity Tenacity

PAC, appeared before the Board in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1130 for a waiver of the \$2,000 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against the Committee for filing 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11 and 41 days late in connection with the November 6, 2012 election. After hearing from Mr. Littleton, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$4,000.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. Docket No. 13-1246 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Veronica L. Williams for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report which was due by May 28, 2013. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee.

Mr. Robert Harlowe, a member of the Twin Brook Security District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1157 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure report 349 days late. After hearing from Mr. Harlowe, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the August 15-16, 2013 meetings.

The Board considered the proposed 2014 calendar for meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. It was noted that the proposed date for the April, 2014 meeting would be a holiday, Good Friday. The Board instructed the staff to obtain alternate dates for which the LaBelle Room would be available for April and May, 2014 and return the 2014 calendar of proposed meeting dates to the

October agenda for adoption.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1073 for a waiver of the \$1,500, \$1,500 and \$1,500 late fees assessed against Rosa Elaine, Concordia Parish Constable, for filing a 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 632 days late; a 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 383 days late; and, a 2011 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 112 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the waiver request due to untimeliness.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1108 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Joe Aswell, member of the Choudrant Board of Aldermen, for filing a 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 331 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly and Monroe and 2 nays by Board Members Lemke and Shelton, the Board declined to consider the waiver request due to untimeliness.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1144 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Edens, member of the Webster Parish School Board, for filing his 2012/2013 school board disclosure statement 169 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee, since Mr. Eden gave no reason for the failure to timely file his school board disclosure statement or for the untimely filing of his waiver request.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1145 for a waiver of the \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,500 and \$1,500 late fees assessed against John Pourciau, a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 309 days

late; his 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 309 days late; his 2010 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 97 days late; and his 2011 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 49 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$6,000 and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan to Mr. Pourciau.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1147 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jonathan Green, member of the White Castle Board of Aldermen, for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure 515 days late and an untimely request for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 515 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the following general consent agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G18-G51 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 G18-G51, excluding items G24, G27 and G28, taking the following action:

Adopted for publication, a consolidated consent opinion in Docket Nos. 09-1030 and 09-1053 in which (1) Tim Whitmer and Lagniappe Industries agree that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by their receipt of economic payments, specifically commissions on insurance contracts paid by insurance carriers that had contractual

relationships with his governmental agency, Jefferson Parish Government; (2) Tim Whitmer agrees that a violation of Section 1112B(5) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by participating in the selection process of the insurance carriers to be utilized by the Jefferson Parish Government, at a time when he and Lagniappe Industries maintained contractual relationships with the same insurance carriers; (3) Tim Whitmer and Lagniappe Industries agree that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by entering into subcontracts and other transactions with insurance providers that had contracts with West Jefferson Medical Center; (4) Tim Whitmer agrees that a violation of Section 1115 B(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by the solicitation of a thing of economic value from executive staff of Jefferson Parish to provide a gift to Aaron Broussard, Jefferson Parish President; and, (5) Tim Whitmer agrees that a violation of Section 1116A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by using the authority of his position as CAO of Jefferson Parish Government to compel the parish executive staff to provide a gift for Aaron Broussard, Jefferson Parish President and in which Tim Whitmer and Lagniappe Industries agree to pay a joint fine of \$10,000.

Adopted for publication, consent opinions in Docket No. 12-249 in which (1) Scott Barrilleaux, former CEO of Homer Memorial Hospital, agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his receipt of a thing of economic value for services performed by his wife, Brandy Barrilleaux, to Healthcare Revenue Recovery, LLC at a time when Healthcare Revenue Recovery, LLC had a contractual, financial or other business relationship with Homer Memorial Hospital and in which Scott Barrilleaux agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000; and, (2) Brandy Barrilleaux agrees that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her entering into a transaction with the Homer Memorial Hospital

to perform coding services while her husband, Scott Barrilleaux, served as the hospital's Administrator and in which Brandy Barrilleaux agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Adopted for publication, a consent opinion in Docket No. 12-1729 in which Richard Hampton, Secretary/Treasurer and CEO of the New Orleans Fire Fighters' Pension Board, agrees that a violation of Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his interest in a contract with the Pension Board at a time when he was serving as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer and a violation of Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his entering into an employment with the Pension Board, within two years from his resignation as the Secretary/Treasurer and CEO of the Pension Board, to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer and CEO of the Pension Board and in which Mr. Hampton agrees to pay a fine of \$5,000.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-510 regarding the propriety of Plaquemines Parish dredging a canal partially owned by Billy Nungesser, Plaquemines Parish President, since Mr. Nungesser and the Parish Attorney representing his interests, Leo Palazzo, have not provided a disqualification plan as requested.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-920 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Eliska Brooks, an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), her sister or a day-care center in which either of them own a controlling interest from receiving Childcare Assistance Payments from the Economic Stability Section while Ms. Brooks is employed with that section within DCFS, since the direct receipt of payments from the Economic Stability Section from the Childcare Assistance Program is a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of Ms. Brooks' agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-927 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Wendell Benoit, a substitute Fire Captain and a Fire Engineer of the Sulphur Fire Department, supervising the firefighters in an emergency situation while his son, Josh Benoit, serves as a Firefighter First Class with the Sulphur Fire Department, as long as Wendell Benoit is not participating in transactions in which his son has a personal substantial economic interest, such as job performance evaluations, disciplinary actions, payroll issues, etc. The Board further advised that a disqualification plan can be submitted for approval to avoid a potential violation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1038 concluding that without specific facts regarding a particular incident, the Board is unable to make a determination with respect to whether the Director of the Worker's Compensation has the authority to make a final decision on conflicts of interest involving the medical director or associate medical director and the parties to a dispute and what situations would cause a conflict of interest to arise between the medical director or associate director. The Board advised that generally, the provisions in Sections in 1111, 1113, 1115, 1119 and 1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would address conflicts of interest and suggested that, should any incidents concerning the medical director or associate director occur that relate to the previously mentioned provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics, those matters should be reported to the Board of Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1043 concluding that members of the Lafayette Citizens Advisory Committee are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements, since the Advisory Committee does not have the authority to expend, disburse or invest any funds.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1050 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Aaron McManus as a firefighter for the Haughton Fire Department if his father, Steve McManus, is appointed as the Haughton Fire Chief, since Aaron McManus has been employed by the Haughton Fire Department since May 14, 2012 and Section 1119 C of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows the continued employment of an employee whose immediate family member becomes an agency head, provided the employee has been employed at least one year prior to the family member becoming the agency head. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a public servant from participating in any transaction in which any member of his immediate family has a substantial economic interest. However, Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides an avenue for Mr. McManus to disqualify himself from participating in a transaction involving his son to avoid a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code. A disqualification plan may be confected in accordance with Section 1112C of the Code and Chapter 14 of the Rules for the Board of Ethics which must be approved by the Board of Ethics.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1072 regarding an ex-officio member of the USS KIDD Veteran's Memorial Commission accepting a position as Executive Director of the USS KIDD Veterans Memorial, since the requestor, current Executive Director of the USS KIDD Veterans Memorial Maury Drummond, lacked standing to request the advisory opinion.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1075 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the City of Patterson rehiring David Lowery, the current City Manager, on a part time basis following his retirement in February of 2014 to perform some of the same duties he currently performs, since Mr. Lowery will not be assisting another person or

contracting with his agency to perform the proposed part time services.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1078 regarding whether an employee of the Human Development Center at the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans (LSUHSC) is an "educational professional" employed in a professional educational capacity so as to be exempt from the dual office holding provisions of Louisiana R.S. 42:63, since the Board has no jurisdiction with respect to dual office holding issues and referred the requestor to the Attorney General's Office for guidance.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1080 regarding West Feliciana Hospital hiring a pediatrician and her son to work at the hospital, since the request was for general information only.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1081 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lori Lamm-Williams, a member of the Denham Springs City Council, accepting employment with the Parks and Recreation of Denham Springs (PARDS), since PARDS is a separate agency from the City of Denham Springs. The Board further suggested that Ms. Lamm-Williams contact the Attorney General's office regarding dual office holding laws.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1085 concluding that Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Chris Paul, the son of City of Oakdale Mayor Gene Paul, from being hired as a police officer for the City of Oakdale, since the mayor's agency is the entire City of Oakdale, and therefore, his son's employment with the police department is prohibited.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1087 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Matthew Hebert, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), being employed with Huval and Associates, Inc. and

working on new projects that involve DOTD, since Mr. Hebert will not be representing a person nor contracting with DOTD to provide any service that he provided to DOTD on the new projects. The Board further advised that Mr. Hebert may not participate in any way on any project he worked on while employed at DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1092 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Louisiana State Trooper Fred Martinell teaching driving courses at a driving academy owned by his wife, Elite Driving Academy, since it does not appear that Mr. Martinell, as an instructor for the driving academy, will be performing services that are devoted substantially to the Louisiana State Troopers. The Board further advised that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Mr. Martinell from referring individuals that he deals with as an employee of the Louisiana State Police Department to Elite Driving Academy.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1165 regarding Jeremy Edwards continuing his employment as a receptionist with the Lake Charles Housing Authority while his mother is employed as Housing Area Manager with the Housing Authority, since the advisory opinion request involves past conduct because Jeremy Edwards is already employed at this mother's agency. However, there does not appear to be a violation of Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics because Jeremy Edwards' mother is not the agency head of Lake Charles Housing Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1167 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) approving a charter school application of a non-profit corporation, TMCF Collegiate Academy, Inc., which is partnered with Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) at a time when Ira Thomas, a member of the

OPSB, is employed by SUNO as the Chief of Campus Police.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1168 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Montgomery Agency, Inc., a company owned by David Montgomery, continuing its current contracts with the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish Sheriff, Shreveport Bossier Convention Tourist Bureau, Consolidated Water Works and Sewage District Bossier Parish, 26th Judicial Drug Court, Caddo Bossier Port Commission, and the Bossier Housing Authority if Mr. Montgomery is elected as Mayor of Bossier City, since those governmental agencies are not under the supervision of the Mayor's office or City Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1174 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lambert Hassinger, a member of the Non-Flood Protection Management Authority and counsel of record for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), representing a local housing authority, since it does not appear that the housing authority is under the jurisdiction of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority or the DOTD.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1179 concluding that no violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act or the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Pastor Yulanda Coring continuing to individually receive "love offerings" from members of her congregation while she runs for Mayor for the City of New Orleans; however, the Board instructed the staff to notify Pastor Coring that all contributions received by her campaign should be reported on her campaign finance reports and the campaign finance disclosure act prohibits her campaign's receipt of cash contributions in excess of \$100 and prohibits persons from giving cash contributions without a

receipt detailing the social security, name and address of the contributor.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1182 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Cynthia Samuel, an attorney in New Orleans, donating a painting to the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1183 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Alpha-Tech Computers, the information technology contractor for the Jackson Parish School Board, selling computers to the Jackson Parish School Board, since Alpha-Tech Computers does not provide specs or advice regarding the purchase of computers as part of its contract with Jackson Parish School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1204 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kimberly Darby, a former employee with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), being employed as a Closeout Specialist with GCR, Inc., since Ms. Darby will not be providing the same services under contract to GOHSEP and neither she nor CGR, Inc. will be assisting another person for compensation in transactions in which she participated while employed by GOHSEP.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1205 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Geneva Burrell opening a commercial driving school, 1 Stop Driving Academy, to be licensed and regulated by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles while she serves as Executive Director of a non-profit corporation, Destiny Now Inc., which receives referrals and contract funding from the State of Louisiana, Department of Juvenile Justice, since 1 Stop Driving Academy is not connected to Destiny Now Inc., other than the fact that Ms. Burrell will be an employee and director of one and the sole owner of the other and Destiny Now

Inc. has no contracts with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1206 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Livingston Waste, owned by in part by Livingston Parish Councilman Chance Parent, entering into a contract with Livingston Parish, since Mr. Parent does not own a controlling interest in the company. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Mr. Parent from participating, as a member of the Council, in any matters that come before the Council involving Livingston Waste and he will be required to recuse himself pursuant to R.S. 42:1120. In addition, Mr. Parent will be required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1114.

Adopted an advisory in Docket No. 13-1207 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. James Hussey accepting employment with CenseoHealth, Inc. and the United States Social Security Administration while he is employed as the Medicaid Behavioral Health Medical Director for the Department of Health and Hospitals, since Dr. Hussey will not be performing any service, the subject matter of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs, or operations of his agency and in which he has participated; and since neither CenseoHealth nor the United States Social Security Administration appear to be prohibited sources.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1208 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Penny Harville, an Alderwoman for the Village of Rodessa, with a company, BALAR, that has a contract with the Village of Rodessa while she serves as an Alderwoman for the Village, since Ms. Harville meets the exception contained in BD 82-02D. The Board further advised that Ms. Harville will be required to

recuse herself from voting on any matters involving BALAR and to file an annual disclosure statement with the Ethics Board by May 1st of each year that the Village of Rodessa has a business relationship with BALAR. The Board declined to render an opinion regarding any previous business conducted between the Village of Rodessa and BALAR while Ms. Harville served as an Alderwoman for the Village of Rodessa and also worked for BALAR, as it involves past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1210 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mario Johnson, husband of Lavon Johnson, General Counsel for the Department of Health and Hospitals, entering into a contract with a company, Magellan, that has a contract with the Department of Health and Hospitals, since the Office of Behavioral Health and the legal division of DHH are two separate and distinct agencies within DHH and Magellan does not have a contract, business, or financial relationship with the legal department of DHH nor does Magellan conduct activities that are under the supervision of the Legal Department of DHH.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1310 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Benjamin Spann accepting employment with a company within two years of the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Treasury when his new employer has a contract with the Louisiana Department of Treasury, since Mr. Spann will not be assisting his new employer in any transactions or appearances involving his former agency.

By a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly, Monroe and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Lemke, adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-987 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Calcasieu Parish School Board from continuing to do business with H & H Chemical Company if

Jerry Carlile, the spouse of an employee of the Calcasieu Parish School Board, becomes employed with H & H Chemical Company.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1046 regarding whether Mayor Hilda Curry, City of New Iberia, may use her campaign funds to pay her airfare and hotel for visits to France and Belgium.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 13-894 on behalf of Veronica “Connie” LeBlanc, a former a member of the Melville Town Council and the Melville Municipal Gas Authority, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, concluded that Ms. LeBlanc is not required to file a 2011 personal financial disclosure statement, since she did not serve as a Melville town council member or as a member of the Municipal Gas Authority in 2011.

Board Member Blewer was excused from the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 13-1070 by Rosemary Davis, former member of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Commission, regarding her failure to file a 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Davis that she has seven business days to file her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Ms. Davis' service ended in 2011, the year following the termination of her office is 2012, which required her to file a 2011 personal financial disclosure statement by May 15, 2012.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 13-1103 on behalf of Luther C. Speight, III a member of the New Orleans Board of Trustees, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the

staff to advise Mr. Speight that he is required to file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Mr. Speight held office during 2011.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 13-1104 by Robert Henderson, a member of the Deferred Compensation Commission, regarding a notice of delinquency received requesting he file a 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Henderson that the agency has no record of receiving any 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement from him and that he is required to file the report within 7 business days.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 13-1259 for June and July, 2013.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on the items contained 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. 13-128, 13-1125, 13-1126, 13-1127 and 13-1130, 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 action committees and adopted the staff recommendations on the requests:

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

Docket No. 13-701 from Edward Brown of an \$840 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1091 from Milton Gordon of a \$600 late fee, a \$975 late fee and a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 13-1124 from Walter Bennetti of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1134 from Al J. Kaiser of a \$520 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1136 from Billy Hebert of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1138 from Ronald Berry of two \$400 late fees;  
Docket No. 13-1140 from Steven Cook of a \$120 late fee and a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1141 from Henry Wright of a \$500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 13-1142 from Jerrelda Drummer Sanders of a \$600 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-981 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against Samuel M. Jackson, a candidate for Mayor of Bastrop in the April 6, 2013 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$280 late fee, since Mr. Jackson had no other late filings and had provided medical documentation to confirm the date of his surgery on April 11, 2013.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1131 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jeffery Oglesbee, a candidate for Family Court Judge, 21st JDC in the October 19, 2013 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 39 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$2,500 late fee, since correspondence dated April 18, 2013 was mailed to currently seated Judges and District Attorney's in the 21st and 22nd JDC advising them of the change in candidate level from District to Major based on the 2010 census; however, Mr. Oglesbee is not currently seated and therefore was not notified that the District office had been changed to a major office.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1140 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Steven Cook, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Councilman, Metro District 2 in the November 6,

2012 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 235 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, since it was Mr. Cook's first election and since Mr. Cook had filed an EDE-P report but had failed to actually submit the online report to finalize it being filed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1126 for a waiver of the \$900 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against Lourdes Moran, a candidate for Orleans Parish School Board, District 4 in the November 6, 2012 election, for filing her Supplemental and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 15 and 202 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the October meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1127 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against VISION PAC in the September 20, 2012 election, for filing its Monthly campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the October meeting.

The Board considered requests for "good cause" waivers of late fees assessed against the following lobbyists adopted the staff recommendations on the requests excluding Docket No. 13-1253:

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

Docket No. 13-1246 from Veronica Williams of a \$50 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1247 from Malcolm Myer of a \$50 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1249 from John McMillan of a \$50 late fee;

Docket No. 13-1250 from P.M. Woods of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1251 from Laura O'Halloran of a \$50 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 13-1252 from Frederick Yorsch of a \$50 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1248 for a waiver of the \$1,900 late fee assessed against Marlene Dial for her failure to timely file lobbyist expenditure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,900 late fee, since Ms. Dial was out of state taking care of her gravely ill mother who passed away and since she had no other late filings.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1253 for a waiver of the \$1,450 late fee assessed against Dawn Collins for her failure to timely file her Lobbyist Registration (\$1,100) and a lobbyist expenditure report (\$350). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$1,450. Board Member Shelton recused herself.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the items 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. 13-1157 and 13-1017, taking the following action:

The Board considered requests for "good cause" waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals and adopted the staff recommendations on the requests:

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

Docket No. 13-1112 from Dimettera Frazier of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1116 from Jimmie Edwards, Sr. of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1117 from Lucien Gauff, III of a \$2,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 13-1152 from Benjamin Ruiz, III of a \$2,500 late fee.

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

Docket No. 13-1099 from Beatrice Carter of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1101 from James George of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1148 from Leonard Kopowski of a \$750 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1151 from Michael Guillot, Jr. of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 13-1155 from Betty Sue Thomas of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 13-1158 from David Barnes, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-954 for a waiver of the \$1,500 and \$1,500 late fees assessed against Dr. Perry Rigby, a former member of the Louisiana Health Works Commission, for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 288 days late and for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 298 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fees totaling \$3,000, since the Louisiana Health Works Commission does not have the authority to expend, disburse or invest \$10,000 or more in funds in a fiscal year. The facilities and staff are provided by the Board of Regents.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1096 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mayor Allyn Lockett, Town of Wisner, for filing an amended 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 125 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,500 late fee, since Mayor Lockett asserts that she did not receive any income from Town during 2010, therefore, there was no income to report on her personal financial disclosure statement.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1115 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Dennis Franklin, a member of the Bernice Board of Aldermen, for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 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. 13-1150 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Blake Pitre, a member of the LA Board of Pharmacy, for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1153 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Roland Bertrand, Calcasieu Parish Constable, for filing his 2011 Tier 3 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. 13-1155 for a waiver of the \$1,500 and \$1,500 late fees assessed against Mayor Betty Sue Thomas, Town of Pleasant Hill, for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 398 days late and for filing her 2011 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 142 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000 but suspended \$2,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1017 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Irvin Mayfield, a member of the New Orleans Public Library Board, for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 302 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1068 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against John Ray Crispino, a member of the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission, for filing his R.S. 42:1114 financial disclosure statement 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,300 late fee, since it was Mr. Crispino's first late filing.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 13-1209 regarding Amanda McInnis, the sister of St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Brian Trainor, being employed with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Finance and Accounting Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the employment of Ms. McInnis with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Finance and Accounting Department while her brother serves as the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, since it does not appear that Chief Deputy Trainor is an agency head as he is directly underneath the Sheriff. The Board further advised that Chief Deputy Trainor will need to submit a disqualification plan which recuses him from all involvement with his sister's employment.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session.

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general session.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 11-350 against St. Charles Parish Councilman Larry Cochran and his wife, Joy Cochran.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

