

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
January 16, 2015, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on January 16, 2015 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 Backhaus, Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, Lemke, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

Chairman Monroe congratulated Board Member Bruneau for his inclusion in the 2015 Louisiana Political Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame Induction banquet will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> in Winnfield, La.

Chairman Monroe announced the Dr. Lemke's term as a member of the Board expired in December, 2014; however, Dr. Lemke has agreed to continue serving on the Board until his successor has been named. Chairman Monroe read aloud from and presented to Dr. Lemke a resolution recognizing his outstanding service as a member of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Mr. Raymond Cannon, attorney for Lisa Houston, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 12-507 for a penalty reduction based on financial hardship resulting from a denial of an untimely waiver request submitted by Ms. Houston regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 673 days late. After hearing from Mr. Cannon, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee and offered a payment plan to Ms. Houston.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 14-033 for a waiver of the two (2)

\$2,500 late fees assessed against Thomas Cade Benoit, a member of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, for filing his 2010 Tier 2 amendment Annual personal financial disclosure statement 170 days late and his 2010 Tier 2 amendment Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 170 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter.

Mr. Tavis Piattoly, a member of the Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-912 of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 263 days late. After hearing from Mr. Piattoly, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-916 of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Shirley Ann Jordan, a member of the West Baton Rouge Museum Board, for filing her 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 317 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter.

Mr. Arthur Champ, Jr., a member of the St. Martinville City Council, St. Martin Parish, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-918 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 202 days late. After hearing from Mr. Champ, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee provided Mr. Champ files his amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement and conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 14-1174 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Renard Southall, a member of the Napoleonville Board of

Aldermen, Assumption Parish, for filing his 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 472 days late and his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 197 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Mr. William Bruce King, a member of the Naval War Memorial Commission, and his attorney, Ms. Kristina Shapiro, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-1182 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mr. King for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 315 days late. After hearing from Mr. King and Ms. Shapiro, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire late fee.

Mr. George C. Metoyer, Jr., a candidate for District Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-1372 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against him for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. After hearing from Mr. Metoyer, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Board Member Michiels recused herself.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1456 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against Julie Blouin, a candidate for Ascension Parish School Board in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Ms. Ruth Kullman, a former member of the New Orleans College Prep Charter School Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-1467 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 273 days late. After hearing from Ms. Kullman, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 8 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, Lemke, McAnelly, Michiels and Shelton and 3nays by Board Members Backhaus, Blewer and Monroe, 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.

Mr. Henry Maitre, III, Constable for St. Bernard Parish, Ward E, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-1468 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 41 days late. After hearing from Mr. Maitre, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter so that the parish population could be verified to ensure Mr. Maitre is filing the correct Tier form and therefore being assessed the correct fine accordingly.

Mr. Renard Southall, a member of the Napoleonville Board of Aldermen, Assumption Parish, appeared before the Board in connection with an untimely request in Docket No. 14-1174 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against him for filing his 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 472 days late and his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 197 days late. After hearing from Mr. Southall, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000 and offered a payment plan to Mr. Southall.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1456 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against Julie Blouin, a candidate for Ascension Parish School Board in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended \$180 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Destiny Rohmfeld, a program manager for the Medicaid Managed Care Section of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1507 regarding whether he may accept employment with a future DHH contractor as a compliance lead after his temporary position as a program manager has concluded. After hearing from Mr. Rohmfeld, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Rohmfeld, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from receiving compensation from the future contractor in connection with their contract with the state through DHH, since he participated in the transaction involving the future contractor by reviewing and scoring the contractors proposal for the RFP.

The Board recessed at 10:47 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:00 a.m.

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

G12-G29 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 G12-G29, excluding items G12, G14, G18 and G19, taking the following action:

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1016 regarding whether Bayou Tree Service, Inc., of which Lee Stansberry is the Secretary/Treasurer and Registered Agent, may contract with Jefferson Parish when Lee Stansberry's brother, Lance Stansberry, is an employee in the Parkways Department, since Lance Stansberry is no longer employed with the Parkways Department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1363 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Peggy Benoit, a former employee of the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission, representing a local hotel located in Lafourche Parish in a pod shared with the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission during a future convention, since Ms. Benoit will not be providing the same services under contract to, for, or on behalf of the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission, and she will not be assisting the hotel in transactions in which she participated while employed by the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission. The Board further declined to render an advisory opinion regarding the propriety of Ms. Benoit's current employment as the Director of Sales for a local hotel within Lafourche Parish, since the issue involved past conduct.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1395 regarding the potential employment of Wyvette Kinchen, a motor vehicle compliance analyst, with Auto Title Service, LLC following her retirement, since she is no longer seeking to be employed by Auto Title Service, LLC.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1397 concluding that Section 1113A of the

Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Christopher Weddle, a part-time prosecutor for the City of Kenner, Jefferson Parish, from providing services to participants in the City's domestic violence pre-trial diversion program while he is employed as a prosecutor with the City Attorney's office, since his agency oversees participation in the program.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1406 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mary Lynch from serving as a substitute teacher in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) within two years following her service as a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, since substitute teaching at schools within the EBRPSS would be considered contracting back with her former agency.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1422 regarding whether the mayor and city council of the Town of Lake Providence have the authority to select the assistant police chief and to dictate the day to day operations of the police department and whether the city clerk has the authority to check the police department daily log sheets, since the issues presented do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics and should be directed to the Attorney General's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1427 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Pelican Urgent Care contracting with Northlake Radiology Consultants, a contractor of St. Tammy Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, to interpret x-rays of Pelican Urgent Care patients provided that Pelican Urgent Care does not receive discounted services from Northlake Radiology Consultants, since the proposed contract will be between Pelican Urgent Care and Northlake Radiology Consultants and not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the District. The Board further advised that Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics

would prohibit Dr. Kumar Amaraneni, as an appointed member of the District, from participating in any matter which came before the District regarding Northlake Radiology Consultants.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1428 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Spencer Ross and Kedric Smith volunteering as assistant coaches at Peabody Magnet High School (PMHS) when they are immediate family members of the athletic director, Charles Smith. The Board further advised that Section 1119E of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows for an immediate family member of an athletic director to be employed as a coach at the same school. However, Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Charles Smith from participating in any transaction in which Kedric Smith and Spencer Ross have a substantial economic interest and Mr. Smith would need to disqualify himself from participating in those transactions.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1494 concluding that Section 1111E(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Margaret Brown from continuing to serve as a transition coordinator for Caddo Parish while serving as a member of the Caddo Parish School Board (CPSB).

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1495 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Earnest Anderson, Jr., Chief of Police for the Town of Cottonport, working as a part-time security guard at the Avoyelles Correctional Center, since Chief Anderson's job duties and responsibilities as Chief of Police for the Town of Cottonport do not include security guard duties at the Avoyelles Correctional Center.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1496 regarding Gerard Metzger's law firm representing the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (Management



Authority) if Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC, a client of his law firm, bid on and was awarded a contract with the South Shore Harbor Marina (Marina), since the issue was not moot as the case involving Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC had been concluded and the company was no longer a client of Mr. Metzger's law firm.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1503 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mary Bullock, a newly elected member of the Grant Parish School Board, continuing her employment with the Bank of Montgomery provided she complies with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:1233.1 and files the required disclosure form each time she recuses herself from participation on a matter that involves the Grant Parish School Board and the Bank of Montgomery.

Due to lack of standing and because the request did not present an issue under the jurisdiction of the Code of Governmental Ethics, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1504 regarding whether Eugene Simpson may serve as a Justice of the Peace and a Probation Officer for the 18th Judicial District.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1505 concluding that Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Murphy McMillin from serving as an executive director of the LaSalle Economic Development District (LEDD) while either serving as a board member for LEDD or as a former board member, since Mr. McMillin is an appointed member of the LEDD and the executive director position would be under the supervision and jurisdiction of the LEDD. The Board further advised that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would also prohibit Mr. McMillin from serving in the position for two years following his departure from the LEDD.

Accepted the proposed disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 14-1005 involving the promotion and supervision of Melissa Arrigo LeBas, an engineer employed with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), while her mother-in-law, Sherri H. LeBas, serves as the Secretary of DOTD, since the disqualification plan appears to satisfy the requirements set forth under Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Rules for the Board of Ethics.

Deferred to the February meeting, a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1357 regarding whether Grant Soileau and his son, Hunter Soileau, may both serve as members of the Evangeline Parish Fire District Board #2 (EPFD).

Deferred to the February meeting, a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1403 regarding whether Emile Bertucci, III may serve as chief executive officer (CEO) for St. Bernard Hospital when his brother, Bryan Bertucci, MD, is on staff at the hospital.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1404 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Kam K. Movassaghi from accepting private or governmental consulting assignments while serving on the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) following his retirement from C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 14-1457 for September and October, 2014.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the December 18-19, 2014 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-1331 regarding

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9 entering into contracts with Wilfred E. St. Peter, the husband of Terri St. Peter, the Fire District's Secretary/Treasurer. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Wilfred St. Peter, the husband of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9 Secretary/Treasurer Terri St. Peter, agrees that a violation of Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by contracting with the Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 9 to provide renovations through his company, Wilfred E. St. Peter Renovations, and in which Mr. St. Peter agrees to pay a fine of \$3,000.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-1475 regarding Emanuel Zanders, a member of the Amite Town Council, providing dirt services through his company for a contractor of the Town of Amite. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Zanders Trucking, LLC agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by receiving \$4,690 from Steven's Dirt, Inc. for services rendered to Steven's Dirt, Inc. at a time when Emanuel Zanders, owner of Zanders Trucking, LLC, served as a council member for the Town of Amite City and at a time when Steven's Dirt, Inc. had a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the Town of Amite City and in which Zanders Trucking, LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-1563 regarding the employment of Dana Guidry with the Maxine Giardina Charter School Board while her mother, Linda Musson, serves as the Director/Principal of the Maxine Giardina Charter School. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) Linda Musson, Director/Principal of the Maxine Giardina Charter School, agrees that

Sections 1112 and 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her participation in the interviewing and the hiring of her daughter, Dana Guidry, as a paraprofessional at the school and in which Ms. Musson agrees to pay a fine of \$5,000 in twelve monthly installments beginning on December 1, 2014 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due; and, (2) Dana Guidry agrees that a violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her employment as a paraprofessional at the Maxine Giardina Charter School while her mother, Linda Musson, served as the Director/Principal and in which Ms. Guidry agrees to pay a fine of \$2,500 in six monthly installments beginning on December 1, 2014 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. 14-1502 regarding whether certain persons may be appointed to the position of Treasurer or Secretary for the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 Board of Commissioners. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Patty Moak being appointed to the position of Treasurer or Secretary for the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 Board or by her receipt of compensation for her services while her husband, Josh Moak, serves as the Assistant Fire Chief, since the Assistant Fire Chief, an uncompensated position, holds no authority on the District Board or over the Secretary or Treasurer; (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Donna Marbut being appointed to the position of Treasurer or Secretary for the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 Board while her father, Mike Marbut, serves as an uncompensated member of the District Board. The Board further advised that if Ms. Marbut is

appointed to either position, then she may not receive compensation for services rendered now or in the future; and, (3) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lisa Goings being appointed to the position of Secretary for the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 Board while her husband, Gregory Goings, serves as an uncompensated member of the District Board. The Board further advised that if Ms. Goings is appointed to the position of Secretary, then she may not receive compensation for services rendered now or in the future

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, excluding Docket Nos. 14-1344, 14-1365, 14-1374, 14-1380, 14-1433, 14-1435, 14-1436 and 14-1441, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 14- 1375 from Ronnie McMillin of a \$540 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14- 1440 from Bettye Mizell Boggs of a \$440 late fee.

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

Docket No. 14- 1438 from Tony Miguez of a \$540 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14- 1455 from R.N. Amacker, Jr. of a \$360 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1429 for a waiver of the \$660 late fee assessed against J. Sterling Snowdy, a candidate for District Judge, 40<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, St. John the Baptist Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11

days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$660 late fee but suspended \$440 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1454 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Felix J. "Boopie" Hoskin, Jr., a candidate for Plaquemines Parish President in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1344 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Charles "Obie" O'Brien, a candidate for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 8 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P Report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1365 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against James E. Paxton, a candidate for District Attorney, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, East Carroll Parish in the November 4, 2014 Election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire late fee.

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

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

considered a request in Docket No. 14-1374 for a waiver of the \$60 late fee assessed against Edwin Rubin, a candidate for Judge, 15th Judicial District Court, Lafayette Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$60 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Board Member Monroe recused himself.

Board Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1433 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Randall Bethancourt, a candidate for Judge, 32nd Judicial District Court, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1380 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Lala Brittain Sylvester, a candidate for District Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Natchitoches Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$420 late fee. Board Member Monroe recused himself.

Board Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 14-1435 for a waiver of the \$560 late fee assessed against Tamika Gray-Ferrell, a candidate for Morehouse Parish School Board , District 6 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$560 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1436 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Kenneth Klock, a candidate for City Marshal, City of Hammond in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1441 for a waiver of the \$840 late fee assessed against Charles Dewitt, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, Rapides Parish, Wards 1, 2 and 8 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$840 late fee. Board Members Bruneau and Michiels recused themselves.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1459 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against Lobbyist Sandra McDade for her failure to timely file her September 2014 Lobbyist Expenditure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$350 late fee.

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. 14-1463, 14-1465, 14-1466, 14-1473, 14-1482 and 14-1487, 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. 14-1460 from Caroline Gaston of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 14-1461 from Jacob Giardina of two (2) \$1,500 late fees;  
Docket No. 14-1472 from Harrison Parfait of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 14-1477 from Christopher Stuart of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 14-1483 from Walter Roberts of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14-1484 from Kathy Richard of a \$1,500 late fee.

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

Docket No. 14-1480 from Steven Serio of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14-1488 from Stephen Yazbeck, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1461 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jacob Giardina, a member of the Bayou Lafourche Water District, for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 301 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. 14-1469 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Chester Mallett, a member of the State Licensing Board for Contractors, for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 176 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. 14-1471 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Rodney Morris, a member of the Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy School Board, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 307 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. 14-1472 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Harrison Parfait, a Constable for Terrebonne Parish, Ward 4, for filing his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 311 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. 14-1474 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael Doyle, a member of the Mooringsport Town Council, Caddo Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 238 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. 14-1475 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against Michelle Digiovanni, a member of the Northshore Harbor Center Commission, for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 84 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. 14-1477 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Christopher Stuart, a member of the State Licensing Board for Contractors, for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 190 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. 14-1478 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Tessa Steinkamp, a member of the State Auctioneers Licensing Board, for filing her amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 251 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. 14-1479 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jimmy Smith, a member of the South Mansfield Board of Aldermen, DeSoto Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 190 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. 14-1485 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Richard Regan, a former member of the City of Kenner Housing Authority, 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. 14-1486 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Stephen Meyer, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #1, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 160 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. 14-1489 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Phillip Wilson, a member of the Development Disabilities Council, for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 229 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. 14-1463 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Chic Hines, a member of the Claiborne Parish Watershed Commission, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 165 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. 14-1465 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael Horning, a former member of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 170 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. 14-1466 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Duane Hunts, a member of the City of Kenner Housing Authority, Jefferson Parish, for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 300 days late and his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 300 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2010 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee amount conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1473 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Patton McHenry, a candidate for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the October 22,

2011 election, for filing his 2010 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 522 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. 14-1482 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Melba Sandifer, a member of the Northeast Human Services Authority, for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 217 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1487 for a waiver of the \$2,300 late fee assessed against William Underwood, III, a Constable for Terrebonne Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 23 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,300 late fee.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 14-1462 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Joseph Cheramie, Jr., a member of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 341 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 14-1490 for a waiver of the \$750 late fee assessed against George Wilson, a member of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #7, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$750 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 6014-4 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against lobbyist Don Hidalgo for the failure to timely file a termination report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered suggestions by the staff in connection with proposed legislation for consideration during the 2015 Regular Legislative Session pursuant to R.S. 42:1134J. Following discussion of the proposals, the Board instructed the staff to return the suggestions for proposed legislation to the February agenda for further review.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to seek a Writ from the Supreme Court of the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal's decision dismissing the charges against Bob Ellis in Docket No. 11-1250.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a settlement offer from Adam Ackel in Docket No. 12-1355 regarding a campaign finance late fee assessment of \$8,060. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to advise the Attorney General's Office to reject Mr. Ackel's settlement offer and to proceed with collection of the late fee.

Chairman Monroe appointed Board Members Larzelere, Backhaus and Blewer to serve as a budget committee to assist the staff with the agency's budgetary matters. Board Member Larzelere is to serve as the Chairman of the budget committee.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman



