

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
July 18, 2014

The Board of Ethics met on July 18, 2014 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, McAnelly and Monroe present. Absent were Board Members Lemke and Shelton. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney and Brett Robinson.

Board Member Lemke arrived at the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Mr. Michael J. Hebert, Jr., a member of the Iberville Parish School Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1376 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2010 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 423 days late. After hearing from Mr. Hebert, 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 with the option of a payment plan.

Board Member Shelton arrived at the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Ms. Pamela Metzger, a member of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1666 for reconsideration of an untimely waiver request of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 298 days late. After hearing from Ms. Metzger, 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 that

the \$500 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements are not made and payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

Mr. Dadrius Lanus, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, District 63, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 13-1696 for reconsideration of an untimely waiver request of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2009 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 887 days late. After hearing from Mr. Lanus, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-220 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Mary Theresa Baker, Union Parish Assessor, for filing her 2010 amended Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 523 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$1,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided that the \$1,000 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements are not made and 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. 14-263 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division D, Orleans Parish in the October 19, 2013 election, for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

Mr. Ronnie E. Duncan appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No.

14-411 for a waiver of the \$1,500 and \$500 late fees assessed against him for failing to timely complete his Lobbyist Registration and Expenditure Report. After hearing from Mr. Duncan, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$2,000.

Chairman Monroe recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 14-546 and vacated the Chair. Vice Chairman Blewer assumed the Chair.

Mr. Kenny L. Oliver, attorney for the Lafayette Parish Communication District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-546 regarding whether Brannon Decou and Art LeBreton, former commissioners of the Lafayette Parish Communication District (LPCD), may be employed by the commission. After hearing from Mr. Oliver, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Decou and Mr. LeBreton from being employed by the LPCD for a period of two years following the termination of their service as commissioners for the LPCD.

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

Ms. Tina Mayes, a member of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-657 for a waiver of a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2010 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 61 days late; a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 61 days late; and, a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 61 days late. After hearing from Ms. Mayes, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive

the late fees totaling \$4,500 but suspended the entire late fee amount conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Louis Gruntz, City Attorney for the City of Kenner, and Mr. Michael Sigur, a member of the Kenner City Council, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-777 regarding whether Mr. Sigur's wife, Joann Sigur, may continue to serve as council assistant for the District 2 Councilmember or for another councilmember in the alternative once her husband begins his term as a councilman on July 1, 2014. After hearing from Mr. Gruntz and Mr. Sigur, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mrs. Sigur continuing her employment as council assistant for the City of Kenner, since Mrs. Sigur has been employed with the City of Kenner for over a year prior to July 1, 2014. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Sigur from participating in the selection of Mrs. Sigur as his council assistant for District 2.

Mr. Louis Gruntz, City Attorney for the City of Kenner, and Mr. Dominick Impastato, a member of the Kenner City Council, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-778 regarding the propriety of the City of Kenner maintaining Acacia Financial Group, LLC, as its Agent of Record for employee health insurance benefits while Mr. Impastato's father, Nick Impastato, owns the Acacia Financial Group, LLC. After hearing from Mr. Gruntz and Mr. Impastato, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the City of Kenner maintaining Acacia Financial Group, LLC as its Agent of Record for employee health insurance benefits while Dominick Impastato serves as a member of the Kenner City Council, as long as

Acacia's appointment as Agent of Record is not renewed or the terms changed. The Board further advised that Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics will require Nick Impastato to file a disclosure statement with the Board annually by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year that Acacia serves as Agent of Record for the City of Kenner while his son, Dominick Impastato, serves as a member of the Kenner City Council.

Mr. Joseph Bergeron appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-799 for a waiver of the \$850 late fee assessed against him for failure file a lobbying registration report. After hearing from Mr. Bergeron, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$850 late fee but suspended \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board recessed at 10:12 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:25 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 G16, G21, G22, G23 and G24, taking the following action:

Allowed the withdrawal of the request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-060 regarding potential action by the liaison for Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and a retained law firm, since Mr. Timothy Doody, President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood

Protection Authority-East, stated that the opinion was no longer needed.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-370 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Shantel Lege, the Region 3 Motor Vehicle Manager, supervising her mother, Bernall Lemaire, who serves as the office manager of the Crowley Office of Motor Vehicles, since Ms. Lemaire was employed one year prior to Ms. Lege becoming the Region 3 Motor Vehicle Manager. The Board further advised that Sections 1112B(1) and 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Ms. Lege from participating in any transaction in which her mother has a substantial economic interest and Ms. Lege would be required to disqualify herself in such transactions.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-420 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jill Prokop, a principal for Albany High School within the Livingston Parish School Board jurisdiction, selling property to the Livingston Parish School Board, since Ms. Prokop's agency is Albany High School and neither the purchase of the property nor the future use of the property by the school board would be under the supervision or jurisdiction of her agency, Albany High School.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-425 regarding William Reeves Jr. and Kevin Willis, members of the West Allen Parish Water District, also serving as members of a church, since no ethics issues were presented and the matter involves past conduct.

Allowed the withdrawal of the request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-633 regarding Betty Blakes, a member of the Monroe City Council, participating in a vote to repair the sewer line on a street on which she owns immovable property, since Councilwoman Blakes stated that she would recuse herself in compliance with Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-635 regarding Blake Leblanc, the Director of Clinical Services for the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority, recommending an employee apply for a vacant supervisor 2 position, since the actions of Mr. Leblanc involve past conduct and Mr. Leblanc has subsequently resigned from his position with NDHSA.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-637 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jade Lambert being promoted to ER-RN Supervisor at Bunkie General Hospital while his mother, Katy Juneau, is employed as an emergency room LPN, since Ms. Juneau has been employed by Bunkie General Hospital more than one year prior to her son's promotion. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Lambert from participating in any transaction in which his mother, Ms. Juneau, has a substantial economic interest and cautioned that a disqualification plan should be developed to prevent this situation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-670 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Robert Hecker, the appointed Police Chief for the Port of New Orleans Harbor, from working paid details within the jurisdictional limits of the Harbor Police Department (HPD). The Board further advised that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Hecker working paid details outside the jurisdiction of the HPD, since he will not participate in the planning, coordination and managing of the police services within that jurisdiction.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-764 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Sarintha Stricklin continuing to serve on the non-profit Plaquemines Community Care Centers Foundation Board if she were to be appointed to the Metropolitan Human Services District Board, since Section 1123(1) of the Code of Governmental

Ethics provides an exception for participation in the affairs of charitable, religious, nonprofit education, public service, or civic organizations when no compensation is received.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-767 regarding the eligibility of Kerry Laster, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Education, to run for a position on the Caddo Parish School Board, since her ability to hold a position on the Caddo Parish School Board and be employed by the Louisiana Department of Education as a network leader falls under the Dual Office Holding provisions which are administered by the Attorney General's Office.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-769 regarding whether Fire Chief Robert Morel, Assistant Chief Justin Morel, and Cindy Morel may be employed by Loranger Volunteer Fire Department, since the matter involves past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in the Docket No. 14-776 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Regina Stone, a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, from entering into any contracts with the West Permits Section of the Permits/Mitigation Support Section or assisting her current employer, Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC, in any transactions or in any appearances in connection with any transactions with the West Permits Section of the Permits/Mitigation Support Section for two years following the termination of her employment with the Department of Natural Resources, since Ms. Stone was the chief administrative officer for the West Permits Section of the Permits/Mitigation Support Section.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-790 regarding Mary Trosclair contracting to provide additional services to Tulane Medical Center while she is employed by Charity School of Nursing, since the matter involves past conduct, as Ms. Trosclair has already entered into

a contract with Tulane Medical Center to provide services.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-544 concluding that Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Kevin Champagne, a member of the Terrebonne Child and Youth Board (TCYB) and the executive director of MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services (MUMCS), from participating in TCYB's decision involving any transaction involving MUMCS, since Mr. Champagne's agency is the TCYB due to his service on the board and the leasing of a building to the TCYB by MUMCS would be considered a transaction in which he has a personal substantial economic interest. The Board further advised that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Champagne's service as a member of the TCYB if MUMCS sought to lease the building to TCYB as his receipt of compensation as executive director of the MUMCS would be considered a thing of economic value. Finally, the Board advised that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit MUMCS from contracting with the TCYB for two years following Mr. Champagne's employment with the TCYB, since Mr. Champagne is considered an agency head by virtue of his position as a member of the TCYB.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-671 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not require the members of the Super-Regional Rail Authority to file annual personal financial disclosure statements at this time, since the Super-Regional Rail Authority does not have funds of \$10,000 or more to expend, disburse or invest at this time. The Board further advised that if the Super-Regional Rail Authority obtains funds of \$10,000 or more in a fiscal year, then the members of the Super-Regional Rail Authority will be required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-754 concluding that the Code of

Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Rodney Alexander, the former Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, from lobbying the state legislature or conducting business or contracting with any state agency excluding the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-755 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Sal Genusa, Sr. from entering into a vendor contract with the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury to provide concessions at baseball and softball programs while his son, Sal Genusa, Jr., serves as the Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation Director, since the concessions contract will be under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Recreation Director.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-760 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Brent Villemarette, the Deputy Secretary of Programs for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, contracting with or being employed by state university schools in the Child Welfare Training Academy after his retirement, since Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) or another public school of social work would not fall within the definition of person as provided in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the June 19-20, 2014 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 11-837 regarding Tim Thiebaud, a former employee of the Harvey Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, violating certain provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics by entering into contracts with the fire department while employed with the fire department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Tim Thiebaud, a former employee of the

Harvey Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, agrees that violations of Sections 1111C(2)(d), 1112B(3) and 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his, and a legal entity in which he owns a controlling interest, entering into transactions under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency, by his participating in those transactions and by his providing compensated services to his company at a time when his company was selling products to his agency and in which Mr. Thiebaud agrees to pay a \$10,000 fine payable in equal monthly installments of \$200 for 50 months with the first monthly installment payment due on March 1, 2014 and each subsequent payment due on the first of each month thereafter until the \$10,000 fine is paid in full. The proposed consent opinion further ordered that Tim Thiebaud shall execute a Confession of Judgment, which may be filed with the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge if Mr. Thiebaud fails to submit a timely monthly installment payment. Said Confession of Judgment may be submitted to the Louisiana Attorney General for collection.

The Board considered consent opinions in Docket No. 13-156 regarding Jaime Boudreaux and Joe Dupont, members of the Cameron Parish Library Board, participating in the vote to award raises to immediate family members employed with the Library Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) Jaime Boudreaux, a member of the Cameron Parish Library Board, agrees that a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his participating in the discussion of a matter involving his spouse, Tina Boudreaux, during executive session of the Library Board and by failing to recuse himself from the vote of the Library Board to accept the findings of the discussion of the Library Board regarding his spouse in executive session and in which Mr. Boudreaux agrees to pay a fine of \$300; and, (2) Joe Dupont, a member of the Cameron Parish Library Board, agrees

that a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his participating in a discussion of the matter involving his sister, Tina Boudreaux, during executive session of the Library Board and by failing to recuse himself from the vote of the Library Board to accept the findings of the discussion of the Library Board regarding his sister in executive session and in which Mr. Dupont agrees to pay a fine of \$300.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-416 regarding whether Dominic Cali, a former employee in the Technology Section (Section 13) of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), may provide private consulting work to other state agencies. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dominic Cali working as a consultant performing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) related tasks for LaGov with other state agencies, other than DOTD, through a consultant group, since his prospective work with the consultant company advising other state agencies as to the use of LaGov will be specific to that agency and is not related to his current job duties.

The Board considered the current guidelines used in connection with Campaign Finance waivers. Following discussion of the current guidelines, Ms. Allen advised that the Board that the staff would make the proposed changes to the guidelines with respect to a working definition of “merit” and return the proposed guidelines to the Board’s August agenda.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of the legislation enacted during the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously 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. 14-644, 14-791, 14-793, 14-797 and 14-798, taking the following action:

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

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

Docket No. 14-643 from June Dupuy of an \$80 late fee;  
Docket No. 14-792 from Brad Rummel of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 14-795 from Keith Sehon of a \$1,000 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14-796 from Albert F. Majeau, Jr. of a \$1,000 late fee.

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

Docket No. 14-684 from John Dumas of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees but suspended the entire late fees conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act assessed against the following:

Docket No. 14-685 from Arthur Champ, Jr. of a \$400 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 14-794 from Lloyd J. Medley, Jr. of a \$100 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-644 for a waiver of the \$240, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$1,000 late fees assessed against Kristie Fraught, a candidate for Council Member, District D, City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing her 2013 Annual, 30-P, 10-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports 70, 54, 40 and 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$3,240 with the option to enter

into a payment plan.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-791 for a waiver of the \$1,100 late fee assessed against Richard Perque, a candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,100 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-793 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against John Vance, a candidate for Council Member, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 10-G 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-797 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Lionel J. Hicks, a candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 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. 14-798 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Kenneth "Toby" Wetzels, a candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Arnaudville, St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes, in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 33 days

late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-800 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Allison Rovira for her failure file a Supplemental registration report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 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. 14-689, 14-690 and 14-692, 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. 14-369 from Katherine Pickering, a member of the Beauregard Parish Tourist Commission, of a \$600 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 13-1300 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Francis Naozi Neziyanya, a member of the Zachary City Council (East Baton Rouge Parish), for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-654 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee

assessed against Clay Maglone, Jr., a Constable for East Feliciana Parish, District 1, for filing a 2011 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 280 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$1,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided that the \$1,000 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements not made and payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-688 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against Esdron Brown, Port Allen Police Chief (West Baton Rouge Parish), for filing his 2012 amended Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$100 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. 14-691 for a waiver of the \$950 late fee assessed against Edward Smith, a member of the St. Tammany Fire District #7, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$950 late fee but suspended \$700 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided that the \$250 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements not made and payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-689 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Kevin Colligan, a member of the Cankton Board of Aldermen (St. Landry Parish), for filing his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 4 days late. On motion made,

seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$200 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-690 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Nakia Hooks, a member of the Kenilworth Improvement District (Orleans Parish), for filing his amended Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 158 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided that the \$250 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements not made and payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-692 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Michael Whitehead, a Constable for District 2 in Beauregard Parish, for filing his amended 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1308 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee and a timely request for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Ronald Goff, a former member of the Winnfield City Council and former Mayor of the City of Winnfield, for filing his 2009 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 196 days late and his 2010 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 512 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2009 report but suspended \$1,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental

Ethics and declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2010 report but reduced the late fee to \$1,500 with the option of a payment plan.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the waiver reconsideration requests in Item #40 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 requests in Item #40 in the taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 12-1373 for a waiver of the \$809 late fee assessed against Michael A. Ragusa, a candidate for Mayor of the Town of Independence, Tangipahoa Parish, in the March 24, 2012 election, for filing his 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$809 late fee and instructed the staff to offer Mr. Ragusa a payment plan.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-980 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Hillery Godfred Johnson, a candidate for Councilman, Metro District 2, in the November 6, 2011 election, for filing his Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 35 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$600 late fee, since Mr. Johnson provided medical documentation to support his brother's illness.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 13-1102 for reconsideration of a waiver of the two \$1,500 late fees assessed against Dorothy Spencer, a member of the Pleasant Hill Board of Aldermen (Sabine Parish), for filing her 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 360 days late and her amended 2011 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure

statement 149 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the decision to decline to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000 and instructed the staff to offer Ms. Spencer a payment plan of \$150 per month.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 13-1797 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against Linda Boulden, a member of the Oberlin Board of Aldermen, Allen Parish, for filing her 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 16 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 late fee but suspended \$550 based upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided that the \$250 is payable within 30 days unless other payment arrangements are made. If other payment arrangements not made and payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-107 for an untimely request for a waiver of the two \$1,500 late fees assessed against Barbara A. Moore, a member of the Hall Summit Board of Aldermen, for filing her 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 448 days late (timely request) and for filing her 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 232 days late (untimely request). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee with respect to the 2010 Tier 3 report but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee with respect to the 2011 Tier 3 report. The Board further instructed the staff to offer Ms. Moore a payment plan of \$150 per month.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-264 for a waiver of the \$ 480 and \$1,680

late fees assessed against Michael Ned, a candidate for Judge, 14th JDC, Calcasieu Parish in the April 5, 2014 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late and his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$2,160.

Board Member Bruneau advised the Board that the final forms review would be included on the August agenda.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

