

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
July 16, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on July 16, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton. Absent were Board Members Blewer and Lavastida. 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.

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

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

Ms. Allen advised the Board that Board Members Blewer, Larzalere and Michiels would not be in attendance for the August Board meeting. Following a discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to have a one day meeting on August 21, 2015 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

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The Board of Ethics met on July 17, 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 Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton present. Absent were Board Members Blewer and Lavastida. 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.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1254 of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jimmy Laurent, Sr., a member of the St. Tammany Parish 911 Commission, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 103 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Mr. Michael R. McCartney, a member of the LaSalle Soil and Water Conservation District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-197 of the Board's suspension of all but \$500 of a \$1,500 late fee in connection with a waiver request submitted regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 32 days late. After hearing from Mr. McCartney, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the suspended \$500 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Mr. Gideon Carter, III, a candidate for Judge, 1st Circuit, 2nd District, Court of Appeal, East Baton Rouge Parish 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 in Docket No. 15-243 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for inaccurately filing his 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. After hearing from Mr. Carter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to allow Mr. Carter the opportunity to meet with the Campaign Finance staff to discuss amendments to his report.

Ms. Geraldine "Geri" Broussard Baloney, a candidate for District Attorney, 40th Judicial District, St. John the Baptist 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. 15-534 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 89 days late. After hearing from Ms. Baloney, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. P.J. Hahn, the former Local Administrator of the Coastal Zone Management Program in Plaquemines Parish, and his attorney, Ms. Alesia Ardoin, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-363 regarding whether Mr. Hahn can assist, on a contractual basis, with the complex funding and procurement for new coastal projects in Plaquemines Parish. After hearing from Mr. Hahn and Ms. Ardoin, on motion made seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Hahn from assisting, on a contractual basis, with the

complex funding and procurement for new coastal projects in the Parish, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, since the services are the same as those rendered by Mr. Hahn as the Local Administrator.

Mr. Rodney Schamerhorn, a candidate for State Representative, District 24, in the October 24, 2015 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-502 regarding the campaign finance contribution limits for S corporations. After hearing from Mr. Schamerhorn, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that S corporations which are not wholly owned by the candidate are subject to the campaign finance contribution limits set forth in the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and because Mr. Schamerhorn, a district level candidate, only owns 79% of Schamerhorn, Inc. and Schamerhorn C/D Landfill, Inc., these companies may each contribute \$2,500 to his campaign. The Board further advised that any contributions made to Mr. Schamerhorn's campaign by Schamerhorn, Inc. and Schamerhorn C/D Landfill, Inc. must receive corporate approval pursuant to Section 1505.2F of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Jimmy Laurent, Sr., a member of the St. Tammany Parish 911 Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1254 of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 103 days late. After hearing from Mr. Laurent, 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. The Board further instructed the staff to contact the Collections Division of the

Attorney General's Office to inquire as to a possible payment plan for Mr. Laurent in connection with the \$1,500 late fee assessed for the failure to timely amend his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

Mr. Francis "Frank" Olivier, III, a candidate for Judge, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry 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. 15-459 for a waiver of the \$600, \$2,000 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against him for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late, 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 155 days late, and 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 97 days late. After hearing from Mr. Olivier, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee associated with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report; declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee associated with the Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; and, declined to waive the \$600 late fee associated with the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$400 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.

The Board recessed at 10:25 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:35 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 G6-G21 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 G6-G21, excluding items G7, G9, G10, G17 and G21, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-033 concluding that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Edward Fowler, a former Medicaid Program Manager 2 with the Policy and Compliance Section under the Bureau of Health Services Financing within the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), from assisting AmeriHealth in transactions or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which he participated while employed and involving the Department of Health and Hospitals and in which he participated while employed with the Policy and Compliance Section under the Bureau of Health Services Financing with DHH for two (2) years following the termination of his employment with DHH.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-496 regarding whether Wayne Alford and Dennis Clary may legally serve as appointees to the Jackson Parish Sales Tax Commission while they receive income from the sales tax checks issued to them or their spouses by the Jackson Parish School Board, since the issue involved past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-555 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Leigh Anne Fontenot, a Hydraulics Engineer with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), from accepting engineering work referred to her by Eric Conner, a self-employed engineer, since Ms. Fontenot, as the Hydraulics Engineer for DOTD, must review permit applications submitted by Mr. Conner in District 7.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-557 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jason Brown from being hired as a firefighter by St. Mary's Fire Protection District No. 3, within two years of his resignation from the District Board.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-560 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Ward Seven Fire Protection District of Bienville Parish (District) from awarding a contract to cut grass to Clint Robinson when the District did not adhere to La. 38:2214(a) regarding the proper procedure found in the Public Bid Law, since based on the facts presented, it did not appear that Rose Jackson had standing to request the opinion. The Board further instructed the staff to advise Ms. Jackson this opinion request may present issues regarding Louisiana Public Bid Law which is under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Attorney Generals' Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-563 concluding that (1) Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Matthew Duhon's wife, Rachel Duhon, from working for Hearts of Hospice, which conducts business with the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home (Home), while he serves as the Home's Administrator, since, as Administrator of the Home, all actions taken by the Heart of Hospice's Community Educator would be conducted under the supervision or jurisdiction of Mr. Duhon's agency and must be approved by him; and (2) Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Rachael Duhon from accepting compensation for services provided to Hearts of Hospice while Mr. Duhon is the Administrator of the Home, since the Hearts of Hospice has a long standing business relationship with the Home.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-564 regarding whether David Peralta, St. Bernard Parish President, may use campaign funds to pay for his legal fees for criminal charges, since the



matter involved past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-565 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by William Aaron, Jr., as a member of the Board of Directors of the Laureate Academy Charter School, representing the Jefferson Parish School Board as a compensated special counsel in matters unrelated to the Laureate Academy Charter School, since Mr. Aaron's work for the Jefferson Parish School Board would not be under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Academy and he will not be representing the Academy in matters before the School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-605 concluding that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Cheryl D. Windham, Executive Counsel for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), from accepting employment with a law firm, within two years of her retirement, that represents parties and provides legal services for parties that have disputes and litigation handled by the Construction Unit of DOTD Legal Section for the Office of Engineering, since, as Executive Counsel of DOTD, Ms. Windham's agency is all of DOTD. The Board further advised that Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the law firm that Ms. Windham accepts employment with, for two years following the termination of Ms. Windham's employment from DOTD, from assisting any person in any transaction or in an appearance in connection with any transaction involving DOTD in which Ms. Windham participated while employed with DOTD.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-607 regarding whether Ronald Sharp, a member of the Livingston Parish Council, can bid on or purchase property from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, since Mr. Sharp had advised that the issue was moot.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-611 concluding that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Deborah D. Keller, the former Director of the Port Development Division/Chief Engineer for the Port of New Orleans, individually or through her company, from providing traffic study services to the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (NORPC) under the terms of the proposed contract for a period of two years after her retirement from the Port of New Orleans, since pursuant to the proposed contract with NORPC, Ms. Keller will be providing traffic study services, in part, on behalf of the Port of New Orleans which are the same services she formerly provided while employed with the Port of New Orleans.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-518 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Joshua Duplantis serving as a member of the Louisiana Tech University Department of Professional Aviation Industry Advisory Board while being employed by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), since Mr. Duplantis will not receive compensation for his service on the Advisory Board and since the Advisory Board is not considered a person within the definition set out in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-603 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Gary Duhon and his company, JAG Construction, from participating in certain transactions if he is elected to serve as St. Mary Parish President. The Board advised that generally, there are no provisions in Code of Governmental Ethics which would prohibit an elected official from utilizing the same vendor as the Parish provided the official paid fair market value for the service and does not receive any discount or other thing of economic value for utilizing the services of the vendor. Further, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Duhon and/or his company,

JAG Construction, from accepting not only compensation but any thing of economic value for services provided to vendors or customers who have a business financial or contractual relationship with his agency.

Deferred to the August meeting, consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-612 regarding whether Christina Mehal can provide services to the Jefferson Davis Addictive Disorder Clinic while she serves as member of the governing board of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 15-571 for March and April, 2015.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the June 18-19, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 12-1647 regarding ethics violations involving Madison Parish Hospital Service District board member Marjorie Day. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Marjorie Day, in her capacity as a member of the Madison Parish Hospital Service District, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by accepting monies from the Madison Parish Hospital Service District to purchase airfare for her husband in the amount of \$2,253.90, which she was not duly entitled to receive and in which Ms. Day is ordered to reimburse the Madison Parish Hospital Service District in the amount of \$2,253.90, payable in installments, and that in the event of a failure to reimburse in full, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-1052 regarding a company owned by Lee Stanley, Fire Chief of Fire Protection District #12, transacting business with the Fire District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) Lee Stanley, Fire Chief of Rapides Parish Fire Protection District #12, agrees that a violation of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his participation in transactions involving the Rapides Parish Fire Protection District #12 and his company, Louisiana Pump and Maintenance Services, LLC, and in which Mr. Stanley agrees to pay a fine of \$3,000; and, (2) Louisiana Pump and Maintenance Services, LLC, owned in whole by Lee E. Stanley and his wife, Angela Stanley, agrees that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by entering into transactions with Fire Protection District #12 while the company's owner, Lee Stanley, served as Fire Chief for Fire Protection District #12 and in which Louisiana Pump and Maintenance Services, LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$5,000.

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 15-423 involving the expropriation of vacant land by St. Bernard Parish Government which is owned by Joyce Geck Hunnicut, the wife of the head of St. Bernard Parish Government's Hazard Mitigation Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board accepted the proposed disqualification plan, since it satisfied the requirements set forth under 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Rules for the Board of Ethics and advised that Ms. Hunnicut must go through the expropriation process.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-608 regarding the implications of a contract between the Louisiana Housing Corporation and National Housing Consultant Services, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board

concluded that after a review of the contract between LHC and NHCS, it does not appear that the services offered by NHCS make it or its employees public servants subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-609 regarding whether the deputies and employees of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office may pay to have a home alarm system installed and receive free monitoring services from Certified Alarm. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the employees and deputies of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's office from receiving the free monitoring service, since the discount will not be offered to all parish and municipal employees, but only a small class of parish and municipal employees.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-613 regarding whether Navigant Consultants, Inc. may assist Louisiana Healthcare Quality Forum (Quality Forum) in transactions with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) when John Hardy, an employee of Navigant Consultants, Inc., is a former employee of DHH. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Navigant from assisting Quality Forum in transactions with DHH that may involve or relate to the Implementation Advanced Planning Documents for Federal fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 for two years following Mr. Hardy's employment termination in February 2015. Further, Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Hardy, as an agency head, from assisting Navigant in transactions involving the Medicaid Quality Management, Statistics, and Reporting Section for two years following the termination of his employment in February 2015.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-614 regarding the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics as to charter schools and employees of for-profit companies that work at traditional public schools. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that consistent with the statutory provisions and prior consent opinions and advisory opinions, officers and employees of the charter schools established and operated in accordance with the provision Chapter 42 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, including those employed by not-for-profit organizations, are subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. With respect to employees of for-profit companies who work in traditional public schools, those employees should assume they are "public employees" unless they request and receive an opinion to the contrary from the Board of Ethics. Accordingly, officers and employees of charter schools, as well as employees of for-profit companies that have a contract at a traditional public school, are required to comply with all applicable provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics, including La. R.S. 42:1170 which requires all public servants receive one hour of education and training on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of their public employment or term of office, as the case may be.

Ms. Allen provided an overview with respect to legislation enacted during the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

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 No. 15-459 and 15-540, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-384 from Gary Evans of a \$360 late fee;

Docket No. 15-538 from Gilbert Aucoin of a \$1,320 late fee and a \$60 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-384 for a waiver of the \$600 and \$60 late fees assessed against Gary V. Evans, a candidate for District Attorney/42nd Judicial District, De Soto Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 17 days late and his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee in connection with the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive the \$60 late fee in connection with the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-455 for a waiver of the \$660 late fee assessed against Nanine McCool, a candidate for District Judge/22nd Judicial District, St. Tammany Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-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 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. 15-532 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against Michael Betts, a candidate for District Judge/21st Judicial District, Livingston Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report 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 Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-535 for a waiver of the two (2) \$2,500 late fees assessed against Julian Parker, a candidate for District Judge, Orleans Parish in the September 21, 1996 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure in the September 21, 1996 election report 98 days late and his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in the October 4, 2008 election 98 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure in the September 21, 1996 election report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in the October 4, 2008 election but suspended \$2,200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

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



considered a request in Docket No. 15-536 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Todd G. Thoma, a candidate for Caddo Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-538 for a waiver of the \$420, \$2,000 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against Gilbert Aucoin, a candidate for District Judge, 13th Judicial District Court, Evangeline Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P report 7 days late, 2014 Supplemental report 132 days late and 10-G report 216 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 and the \$2,000 late fees in connection with the EDE-P and the 10-G reports but suspended the entire late fees totaling \$2,420 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee in connection with the 2014 Supplemental report but suspended \$1,800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-567 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Aaron Natali, a candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board Member, District 1 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-569 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Theresa "Terri" M. Miles, a candidate for District Judge, 24th Judicial District, Jefferson Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 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. 15-570 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Joey Hester, a candidate for City Marshal, City of Shreveport in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 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 Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-540 for a waiver of the \$360, \$60, \$240 and \$480 late fees assessed against Cleveland R. Coon, a candidate for Judge, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late, 10-G report 1 day late, EDE-G report 4 days late and 40-G report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360, \$60 and \$480 late fees in connection with the 10-P, 10-G and 40-G reports and declined to waive the \$240 late fee in connection with the EDE-G report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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 No. 15-524, 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. 15-196 from Alan Arnold of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-530 from Millie Atkins of a \$400 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-531 from Chris Williams of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-196 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Alan C. Arnold, a member of the New Orleans Board of Liquidation and Debt, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 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. 15-526 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mayor Robert "R.D." Slayton, Village of Saline, Bienville Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 66 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-528 for a waiver of the \$1,050 late fee assessed against Jimmie C. Ballard, Vinton Harbor and Terminal Board, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,050 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-529 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Barry David Bartholomew, a candidate for the Jean Lafitte Town Council, Jefferson Parish, in the March 28, 2015 election, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 49 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-524 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Shelton Scott, Gibsland Chief of Police, Bienville Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 56 days late. 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 waiver request reconsiderations en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the waiver request reconsiderations, excluding Docket No. 14-1476, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1248 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mary Neiheisel, a member of the Acadiana Area Human Services District, for filing her amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure

statement 182 days late. 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. 15-188 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Christopher Ray Fowler-Sandlin, a former member of the Shreve Memorial Library Board of Control, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 379 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to offer Mr. Fowler-Sandlin a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1476 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed Dr. Brett Campanella, a member of the State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 180 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to consider the following item on the Supplemental agenda:

Chairman Monroe recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 15-700 and vacated the Chair.

Board Member Larzelere assumed the Chair.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-700 regarding whether Chris Owens, Sr., a former employee of the Louisiana State Police (LSP), may own and operate a driving school in Louisiana. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Owens owning and operating a driving school in Louisiana, since the services Mr. Owens would provide

through the operation of the driving school are not the same services he performed while employed by the LSP, nor are they for the LSP. However, Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Owens from receiving compensation for assisting a person in any transaction in which he participated while employed by LSP for two years from his March 2014 departure date from the LSP.

Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to schedule a one day meeting for August, August 21<sup>st</sup>, and to commence the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman