

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
October 8, 2021

The Board of Ethics met on October 8, 2021 at 9:13 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Baños, Colomb, and Ellis were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Suzanne Mooney, Charles Reeves, and Greg Thibodeaux.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred a waiver request in Docket No. 21-274 until the November meeting.

Board Member Colomb arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Kevin J. Centanni, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, 6th Justice Court, Jefferson Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, appeared before the Board with his accountant, Phil Rebowe regarding Docket No. 21-309. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Centanni and Mr. Rebowe, on motion made and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board members Bruneau, Colomb, Grand, Lavastida, Roberts and Speer and three nays by Board members Couvillon, McAnelly and Scott, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-600 from Mark David Freneaux, member of the Central City Council, who appeared before the Board to answer any questions regarding his participation in a vote to purchase property for a new city hall. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Freneaux from voting on the purchase of the

potential properties, since Mr. Freneaux does not have a substantial economic interest in either property. However, the Board cautioned that, in the event a matter comes before the Council which would affect Mr. Freneaux's property and, thus, present a violation of Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Mr. Freneaux would be required to recuse himself from voting on the matter pursuant to Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Jim Harper, Chairperson of AgriPAC, and Richard Fontenot, Treasurer of AgriPAC, appeared before the Board on Docket No. 21-643 regarding a request to waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee that was assessed against AgriPAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, whose January 2021 Monthly Report was filed 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Harper and Mr. Fontenot, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, suspended the late fee based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act..

Sanettria Glasper Pleasant, an attorney with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD"), appeared before the Board on Docket No. 21-664 regarding the review and approval of a Disqualification Plan that she submitted relating to the hiring of the wife of a current employee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the Disqualification Plan.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-470 regarding a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Barry Rachal, a successful candidate for School Board, District 9, Caddo Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 23 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-387 regarding Mr. John Trahan, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Lafayette, Lafayette Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-387 to request the waiver of \$1,500 and \$240 campaign finance late fees whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 25 and 4 days late respectively. After hearing from Mr. Trahan, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously added to the agenda the \$1,200 late fee for the 10-G Campaign finance disclosure report to be considered and suspended all three late fees based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-590 regarding a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sidney “Sid” Woods, Jr., who appeared before the Board who was an unsuccessful candidate for Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4, Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$100 of the \$400 late fee based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-603 from Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two, a political action committee, in the December 5, 2020 Proposition Election, whose 30-E and 10-E campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 8 days late, respectively. The committee’s chairperson, Joseph Glorioso, Jr, co-chairperson, Jimmie Fields, and treasurer, Austin Vidrine, all appeared before the Board explaining their situation on why they were asking

for a waiver of the \$1,000 and \$320 campaign finance late fees. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-606 from Edwy G. "Buz" Craft, a successful candidate for Mayor, Town of Vidalia in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G and 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 34 days late, respectively. Mr. Craft appeared before the Board to ask for a waiver of the \$520 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the \$520 late fee based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and rescinded the 2020 Supplemental late fee of \$1,000 based on Section 1205B(3) of the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Mr. Elliot Broussard appeared before the Board to request a waiver in Docket No. 21-692 regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure report 137 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure report 137 days late. After hearing from Mr. Broussard, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fees based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G7-G18 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 G7-G18, excluding item G11 taking the following action:

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-287 from Dale McGee on behalf of the Allen Parish Fire Protection District #4 who requested the opinion be withdrawn as they have decided not to appoint Jacob LaCour as the Fire Chief.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-479 concluding that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Lionell Lawson's son, Jeffry Demond Lawson, from being employed by the City of Zachary in the Utilities Department, since Mr. Lawson is an agency head over the Utilities Department.

The Board allowed the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-522 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Caddo Parish Commissioner John E. Atkins and his family from creating a company to invest in Project Horntail since Commissioner Atkins and his family/ business partners have decided not to pursue the investment.

The Board approved the Disqualification Plan submitted in Docket No. 21-534 by Many Police Department Chief of Police, Cheryl Wooley, regarding Kyle Cook, Assistant Chief of Police, and his father, Stanley Cook, employee with the Department, since the plan presented complies with Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Board's Rules.

The Board adopt an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-537 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit Lisa MacDonald from seeking employment with East Baton Rouge Communications District while also being employed by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. The Board further advised that opinions on dual-office holding and dual-employment laws are within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-538 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the North Webster Parish Industrial District from

accepting the bid submitted by 3-D Contracting Corporation since North Webster Parish Industrial District is not a person and, thus, is not capable of violating the Code.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-539 regarding an opinion request from Kevin D. Guidry, as to his potential service on the Board of Commissioners for the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District. The Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Kevin Guidry from serving on the Port Commission, since he is no longer employed by L'auberge Resort.

The Board adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-652 regarding the post-employment restrictions that apply to Taylor Watts, a former employee of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. The Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Watts from accepting employment as a Mobile Workforce Center Specialist for LHRDI, provided that she does not assist LHRDI on matters that she worked on while employed with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-653 regarding the employment of David Landry with Gulf South Risk while Gulf South Risk has a contractual and business relationship with the Iberia Parish School Board and David Landry's father, Wayne Landry, is employed as General Counsel with the school board. The Board concluded that David Landry is not prohibited from accepting employment with Gulf South Risk. However, David Landry would be prohibited from being the claims adjuster on any claims involving the Iberia Parish School Board while his father is employed as the General Counsel and participates in settlement matters involving workman compensation claims adjusted by Gulf South Risk. David Landry would not be prohibited from providing claim adjusting services for other school boards or clients as a claims adjuster for Gulf South Risk. David Landry would be required to file an

annual financial disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board approved the Disqualification Plan in Docket No. 21-666 regarding Eric Mancuso, Sr. and Eric Mancuso, Jr., both employed by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, since the updated disqualification plan meets the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Title 52 of the Louisiana Administrative Code - Rules of the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-700 from DeMarkus Hill, an employee with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, regarding the post-employment restrictions. The Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit DeMarkus Hill from being employed as a Mobile Workforce Specialist with the Institute, since he would not be participating in the same transactions in which he participated while employed by Louisiana Workforce Commission, and he would not be rendering the same services to his former agency, Louisiana Workforce Commission American Job Center in Ouachita Parish.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-535 from William Larry Gay, Commissioner of St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1, relative to being appointed Chair of the Fire Protection District following the termination of his position on the Fire District board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Gay, for a period of two years following his resignation from the Fire District's board, from being employed in any capacity by or being appointed to any position by the commissioners of the Fire District. Although La. R.S. 40:1496B(2) authorizes the four members of the Fire District to select a fifth member who will serve as the Fire District's chairman, Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics

would prohibit Mr. Gay from being appointed chairman by the board for two years following his resignation from the Fire District.

The Board considered a personal financial disclosure answer in Docket No. 21-550 regarding whether members of the Judiciary Commission are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board advised that members of the Judiciary Commission are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics since the Judiciary Commission does not have the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more in funds in a fiscal year.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the August 5th and August 6th, 2021 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-073 signed by Peter Businelle, a former employee of the St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2, agreeing to a civil penalty of \$5,000 for violation of Sections 1113A and 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and instructed staff to dismiss the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 20-488 signed by Debra B. Cooper, Richland Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's Administrator, agreeing to a civil penalty of \$500 for violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-158 regarding Charles "Carlos" Jean, Jr., candidate for Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports in the amount of \$10,000 for each report.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-478 from Dr. Cathy S. Banks, Board Chairman of the Thrive Community and Development Board in Calcasieu Parish, relative to whether she can lease property to the school once its charter is approved. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Cathy S. Banks and her husband from leasing property to Thrive Community once the charter school contract has been approved. As an appointed board member of Thrive Community, Dr. Banks is prohibited from bidding on or entering into or being in any way interested in a lease which is under the supervision or jurisdiction of Thrive Community. Even if Dr. Banks entered into the lease prior to the charter being approved, once the charter is approved, Dr. Banks and her husband would continue to be in any way interested in the lease payments, which would violate Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-536 from the Bossier City Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board (BCCSB) regarding the service of board member Lou Chandler following the election of his brother as Mayor of Bossier City. On

motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, McAnelly, Roberts, Scott and Speer, and 2 nays by Board Members Bruneau and Lavastida, the Board concluded that since Tommy Chandler did not appoint his brother, Lou Chandler, to the BCCSB, there is no violation for his participation under Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Lou Chandler can continue to serve on the BCCSB until his term ends on March 12, 2023; however, he could not be reappointed by his brother, as this would violate Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Lou Chandler does not have to recuse himself from hearing the appeal of the Bossier City Chief of Police who was reassigned by Tommy Chandler, since Tommy Chandler would not have a substantial economic interest in the appeal. The Board also added that Section 1101B of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides, in pertinent part that “it is essential to the proper operation of democratic government that elected officials and public employees be independent and impartial...and that there be public confidence in the integrity of government.”

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-696 regarding Glenn Dale Bridges, candidate for Tangipahoa Parish Council, District 9, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports in the amount of \$10,000 for each report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-697 regarding Donald C.

Hodge, Jr., candidate for Commissioner of Insurance, in the October 24, 2015 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in the amount of \$10,000.

The Board took a recess from 11:17 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

Chair McAnelly moved discussion on G28 and G29 to the end of the meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the 2022 proposed meeting dates for the Board of Ethics.

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 and committees 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. 21-039, 21-189, 21-276, 21-303, 21-322, 21-422, 21-427, 21-433, 21-435, 21-437, 21-441, 21-442, 21-447, 21-448, 21-452 and 21-453 taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 21-298 from Clerice “Clo” Lacy, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-298 from Clerice “Clo” Lacy, 10-P of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-424 from Support RMC, 30-E of a \$760 late fee;
Docket No. 21-426 from Tenika James, 30-P of a \$120 late fee;
Docket No. 21-426 from Tenika James, 10-P of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 21-426 from Tenika James, 10-G of a \$1,980 late fee;
Docket No. 21-426 from Tenika James, EDE-G of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 21-428 from Nolan A. Marshall, Jr., 40-G of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 21-429 from Cajun PAC, 40-G of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-429 from Cajun PAC, 10-G of a \$1,800 late fee;

Docket No. 21-430 from Tyler J. Turner, 30-P of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-431 from Jailena “Dodie” Carter, 10-G of a \$360 late fee;
Docket No. 21-432 from Jeri B. Bowen, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-432 from Jeri B. Bowen, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-436 from Charles Christian Thomas Guillory, 10-G of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 21-438 from Laurie White, 10-G of a \$1,200 late fee;
Docket No. 21-440 from Carolyn Robinson Coleman, 10-G of a \$780 late fee;
Docket No. 21-444 from Kelly “Pete” Besson, Jr., 10-G of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-446 from Tarvald Smith, SUPP 2020 of a \$60 late fee;
Docket No. 21-446 from Tarvald Smith, SUPP 2020 of a \$60 late fee;
Docket No. 21-446 from Tarvald Smith, SUPP 2020 of a \$60 late fee;
Docket No. 21-449 from Jeff “Jeffery” Robinson, SUPP 2018 of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-449 from Jeff “Jeffery” Robinson, SUPP 2020 of a \$300 late fee;
Docket No. 21-451 from Chad Broussard 40-G of a 600 late fee;
Docket No. 21-455 from Rodney N Erdey, 10-P of a \$320 late fee;
Docket No. 21-457 from Tony Hunter, 10-G of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-458 from Kathy Reznik Benoit, 10-P of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 21-462 from C. Denise Marcelle, 180-P of a \$2,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-462 from C. Denise Marcelle, 10-G of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$600 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-299 from Ronnie Scott, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-299 from Ronnie Scott, 10-P of a \$2,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-299 from Ronnie Scott, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$400 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-423 from Frank Angelle, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-423 from Frank Angelle, 10-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-423 from Frank Angelle, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-445 from Kevin White, SUPP2017 of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-445 from Kevin White, SUPP2018 of a \$1,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-425 from Narvin Powell, Jr., 10-G of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$800 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-426 from Tenika James, EDE-P of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$300 based on future compliance the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-434 from Melvin “Kip” Holden, SUPP2018 of a \$2,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-434 from Melvin “Kip” Holden, SUPP2019 of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded based on Rule 1205B(2) the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-439 from Hebert Fitch, 40G of a \$240 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded based on Rule 1205C the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-450 from Gina Jones, SUPP2020 of a \$360 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded based on Rule 1205B the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-456 from Gary Evans, 10-G of a \$100 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$2,000 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-443 from Local Two Forty-Seven PAC Fund, MO (Oct. 2020) of a \$3,000 late fee;

Docket No. 21-443 from Local Two Forty-Seven PAC Fund, MO (Nov. 2020) of a \$3,000 late fee; and,

Docket No. 21-443 from Local Two Forty-Seven PAC Fund, MO (Dec. 2020) of a \$2,800 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fee to \$1,442.88 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-458 from Kathy Reznik Benoit, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$100 based on future compliance the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-459 from John L. Daniel, 10-G of a \$440 late fee.

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

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-039 regarding Jesse C. Smith, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 4, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish in the July 11, 2020 election, who was assessed \$360 and \$280 for his 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports that were filed 9 and 7 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fees based on future compliance

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-189 regarding William "Bill" Spencer, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 18th Representative District, in the February 23, 2019 election, who was assessed two \$600 fines for his 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports that were filed 50 and 15 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended each to \$100, based on future compliance; declined to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-276 regarding Kenneth M. Plaisance, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division E, Orleans Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, who was assessed \$1,800 and \$2,500 late fees for his 10-P campaign finance report that was filed 18 days late and 10-G that has not been filed. Also Mr. Plaisance was assessed a \$1,000 late fee for his 90-P campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 34 days late as an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division A, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive all three late fees.

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

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-303 regarding Sharon Neal, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, who was assessed \$440 fine for her 40-G campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$440 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-322 regarding Bryan Simmons, an unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$80 for his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-422 regarding Penny Hoffman Schallenberg, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward B, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$360 and \$80 late fees for her 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports that were filed 9 and 2 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fees based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-427 regarding Elzey J. "Jeff" Perilloux, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 40th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. B, St. John the Baptist Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$480 and \$2,000 fines for his 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports that were filed 8 days late and not filed,

respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive all of the late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-433 regarding Elvin Fontenot, Jr., a successful candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Leesville, Vernon Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed a \$2,000 late fee for his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 154 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-435 regarding Clara Day, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 5, Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed a \$360 late fee for her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to next month.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-437 regarding Michael J. "Mike" Nerren, a successful candidate for District Judge, 26th Judicial District Court, Division E, Bossier Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$600 late fee for his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 14 days late. A motion was made, seconded and failed, by a vote of 6 nays by Board Members Bruneau, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, and Speer and 3 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Roberts, and Scott, to waive the fee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-441 regarding Dwayne E. Lee, Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$480 late fee for his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-442 regarding Rickey A. Jones, a successful candidate for Sheriff, Tensas Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, who was assessed \$1,140 late fee for his 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-447 regarding Reginald L. Pitcher, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 6, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed a \$480 late fee for his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report that was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-448 regarding Scott Privat, a successful candidate for District Judge, 15th Judicial District Court, ES 4, Div. A, Acadia Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, his committee's chairperson, Parker Mitchell, and treasurer, Trenton P Leonards, who were assessed a \$300 late fee for their 10-G campaign finance disclosure report that was

filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-452 regarding Terri Lynn Lambert, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, Division C, City of Gonzales, Ascension Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, who was assessed \$280, \$80, and \$200 late fees for her 30-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports that were filed 7, 2 and 5 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all three late fees based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-453 regarding La Independent Physicians PAC, Inc., a political committee, its committee's chairperson, Matthew D. Williams, MD and treasurer, Michael E. Prejean, who were assessed a \$200 late fee for their December 2020 Monthly campaign finance report that was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists contained in the Lobbying Waiver Request 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 Lobbying waiver chart excluding Docket No. 21-549 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the \$550 late fee in Docket No. 21-601 assessed against Montrell Carmouche for the late filing of his May 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

The Board unanimously waived the \$600 late fee in Docket No. 21-602 assessed against Syrita Steib for the late filing of the May 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Board Member Couvillon was recused from voting on Docket No. 21-549

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-549, for a waiver of the \$1,150 late fee assessed against Jimmy Faircloth Jr. for failure to timely file a Lobbying Supplemental Registration Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee since Mr. Faircloth was not required to register as a lobbyist for Shelton Energy.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 21-553 and 21-554 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the late fee for the following:

Docket 21-593 Christopher Davis, 2017 Tier 2, 211 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 21-574 Edward Butler, Jr., 2018 Tier 2, 4 days late of a \$400 late fee; and,
Docket 21-580 Tyra Duhe-Griffin, 2019 Tier 2, 13 days late of a \$1,300 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-552 Cynthia Franklin, 2018 Tier 3, 220 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-555 Cherrilynne Thomas, 2016 Tier 3, 146 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-560 Janice Carter-Beard, 2018 Tier 3, 197 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-561 Ronald Fabacher, 2019 Tier 2, 4 days late of a \$400 late fee;
Docket 21-562 Ralph Ingram Jr., 2018 Tier 2.1, 13 days late of a \$650 late fee;
Docket 21-563 Christopher Fountain, 2018 Tier 2.1, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee;
Docket 21-564 Ryan Jannise, 2018 Tier 2.1, 691 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-569 Ellis Boothe, 2018 Tier 2.1, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee;
Docket 21-571 Dolores Florent, 2019 Tier 2.1, 11 days late of a \$550 late fee;

Docket 21-572 Amber Brown, 2018 Tier 3, 16 days late of a \$800 late fee;
Docket 21-573 Charles McMakin, 2019 Tier 2.1, 13 days late of a \$650 late fee;
Docket 21-575 Kendall Broussard, 2019 Tier 2.1, 5 days late of a \$250 late fee; and,
Docket 21-579 Jack Rizzuto, 2019 Tier 2.1, 39 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$1,000 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and it being paid within 20 days; and, if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-556 Ronald Evans, 2016 Tier 3, 783 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket 21-576 Andre Benson, 2019 Tier 3, 357 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

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

Docket 21-557 Paul Landry, 2019 Tier 2, 28 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 21-565 Bridgett Bennett, 2019 Tier 3, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 21-578 George Pennington, 2019 Tier 2 Annual, 23 days late of a \$2,300 late fee;
Docket 21-578 George Pennington, 2019 Tier 2 Candidate, 23 days late of a \$2,300 late fee; and,
Docket 21-580 Tyra Duhe-Griffin, 2018 Tier 2, 344 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$150 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and it is being paid within 20 days; and, if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-579 Jack Rizzuto, 2018 Tier 2.1, 39 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-553 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Daisy Arniece Cole, DeQuincy City Council/ District 4 / Calcasieu Parish, for filing her 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 197 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-554 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Robert D. Stafford, candidate for Constable / Justice of the Peace Ward 9 / Washington Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, for filing his 2019 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 170 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed,

the Board suspended all but \$600 of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics and it being paid within 20 days; and, if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in G34-G37 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 G34-G37, excluding Docket Nos. 21-512 and 20-861 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the \$450 late fee in Docket No. 21-577 assessed against David Norman, a member of the Caddo Parish Hospital Service District d/b/a North Caddo Medical Center, for filing his 2021 Hospital Disclosure Statement 9 days late since this is Mr. Norman’s first late fee assessment.

The Board unanimously agreed to consider the untimely request for reconsideration in Docket No. 20-761 of its decision to suspend all but \$1,000 of a \$1500 late fee, based on future compliance, submitted by Juma A. Johnson, St. Martinville City Council/District 4/ St. Martin Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure report 357 days late. The Board unanimously reinstated the suspension of all but \$1000 of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Ethics and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board reconsidered Docket No. 21-031 and affirmed the Board’s prior decision to suspend all but \$500 of a \$1,500 late fee, based on future compliance and offer a payment plan for

David Gerald Bocage, Mary McLeod Bethune Charter School Board, for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal disclosure report 26 days late.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-512 submitted by Bradley Meeker, with T. Rowe Price Associates, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Retirement System Financial Disclosure Statement 179 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-861 to reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ernest A. Burguieres, III, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter for Mr. Burguieres to make an appearance at the November meeting.

The Board considered the following items on the General Supplemental Agenda.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-204 from Maghen Gagnard, who is employed by the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office, relative to her ownership in a restaurant that employs inmates of the West Feliciana Parish Detention Center. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that because Maghen and Grady Gagnard have a controlling interest in SHAVID, LLC, the business entity would be prohibited from contracting with her agency which includes the Transitional Work Program for which she is the facility coordinator. The contract between SHAVID, LLC and the Transitional Work Program executed on September 14, 2020 can continue through its term which ends September 14, 2021; however, the contract cannot be renewed as long as Maghen Gagnard is employed with the

Transitional Work Program.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-584 from Deirdre Fontenot, Child Welfare Services Assistant with the Department of Children & Family Services in St. Mary Parish. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Roberts, and Scott and 2 nays by Board Members Bruneau and Speer, the Board concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Deirdre Fontenot from applying to be certified as a foster home setting with the Department of Children and Family Services, since the application process will be handled by a Department of Children and Family Services office outside of St. Mary or St. Martin Parishes.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 21-597 submitted by Attorney Evan J. Bergeron, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the receipt of travel expenses, per diem, or other compensation by Louisiana state board or commission members who are also elected officials or the designee for elected officials. Staff requested additional information from Mr. Bergeron as to the nature of his request. Mr. Bergeron responded that he did not have any specific names and that the "request is general in nature for a research project." On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Bergeron did not have standing, pursuant to Section 601 of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to render an opinion.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-710 from Shawanda M. Woods-Smith, Director of Psychology Services, with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, at Pinecrest Supports Services Center in Pineville. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded

that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit Shawanda Woods-Smith from operating a private psychology practice, since she will not be providing private services related to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who receive services through the LDH, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities at Pinecrest.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-712 from George J. Ledet, Jr., an appointed member of the Lafourche Parish Communications District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Ledet's receipt of 911 recordings from the local District Attorney's office in connection with criminal matters presents no issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-715 from Ernest Fruge, school psychologist/social worker with Calcasieu Parish School Board, regarding his ability to provide autism assessments to children. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Fruge from receiving compensation for autism assessments to children who are eligible to receive the assessments through Calcasieu Parish schools, since autism assessments are included in the operations of Calcasieu Parish schools, and he has participated in those assessments as part of his job duties. However, Mr. Fruge would not be prohibited from providing assessments to children who are not enrolled in Calcasieu Parish schools, such as children in daycare and private school settings.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-716 submitted by Ronnie Johns, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit his continued service as Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board while he serves on the

Board of Directors of Lakeside Bank in Lake Charles, Louisiana. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Johns' continued service on the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, as Chairman or otherwise, while he serves on the Lakeside Bank Board of Directors since Lakeside Bank does not have a contractual, business, or other financial relationship with his agency, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-717 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent Purvis Morrison, an employee of the City of Opelousas, from seeking outside employment with Fenstermaker Engineering. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Purvis Morrison from being employed part-time by Fenstermaker Engineering, since Fenstermaker Engineering does not have, and is not seeking to obtain, a contractual, business or financial relationship with the City of Opelousas. The Board further cautioned, that while Mr. Morrison is employed as CAO for the City of Opelousas, both Mr. Morrison and Fenstermaker Engineering are prohibited by Section 1111E(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from receiving compensation for assisting any person in a transaction involving the City of Opelousas.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-719 from Beauregard Parish Ambulance Service Review Committee relative to a committee member's daughter working for an ambulance service that is regulated by the Beauregard Parish Ambulance Service Review Committee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Wayne Baggett from continuing to serve on the Committee; however, he may not participate in any transaction

involving the Committee in which his daughter has a substantial economic interest. Wayne Baggett would have to recuse himself from voting and not participate in any discussion or debate under Section 1120.4 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Additionally, since Kaitlyn Baggett receives income from Med-Express, she would have to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-720 submitted by attorneys Ethan P. Arbuckle and Rhys E. Burgess, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit them from entering into an agreement with Sevy Title, LLC to provide loan closing and title services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rejected the draft, instructed staff to clarify the opinion and return it to the November meeting.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-722 from the Tangipahoa Parish School Board relative to the continued employment of a teacher who married the daughter of the school principal. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that even though Karl Shulz was paid by LSU, he taught a Robotics Program at Hammond High Magnet School, for over five years. Because Mr. Shulz was employed for more than one year prior to his marriage to April Gaydos, he may continue with his employment as the Robotics Program teacher as well as become a full time teacher. Because Shelly Gaydos is the Principal at Hammond High Magnet School, she would be prohibited from participating in a transaction involving the school and Karl Shulz. A disqualification plan should be presented to the Board for approval.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-723 submitted by Emán Williams, M.S.P.H. M.A., regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would

prohibit Louisiana Department of Health's ("LDH") Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology("SEET") from accepting donated children's books from the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center ("SELAHEC"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code does not prohibit LDH/SEET from accepting donated children's books from SELAHEC. However, LDH/SEET employees should not to solicit or accept gifts from SELAHEC, in violation of Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-737 from Ryan Aucoin, a Facility and Risk Coordinator at JCFA East Charter School and JCFA West Charter School, relative to his upcoming marriage to Millie M. Harris, Executive Director of JFCA Charter Management Organization. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ryan Aucoin from remaining employed as the Facility and Risk Coordinator for the East and West campuses of JCFA, since he has been employed for more than a year before his marriage to Ms. Harris. The Board further concluded that Section 1112B(1) the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Millie M. Harris from participating in any transaction in which Mr. Aucoin has a substantial economic interest. In order to prevent a violation of Section 1112, a disqualification plan should be submitted to the Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-738 from Brent LeBlanc, Information Technologies Director for the Louisiana Public Service Commission (PSC), regarding prospective employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would permit Mr. LeBlanc to be employed by a private employer to provide sales services to a prospective employer following

his retirement from PSC provided that Mr. LeBlanc does not assist the employer in transactions with Mr. LeBlanc's former department, in accordance with Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Further, Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows Mr. LeBlanc's prospective employer to maintain its current contractual relationship with PSC directly, but it would not be able to assist another person in a transaction that Mr. LeBlanc participated in while at PSC.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-739 regarding whether there are any conflicts of interest in connection with a nonprofit organization that honors the late son of Iberia Parish School Board Member Raymond "Shoe Do " Lewis. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rejected the draft and instructed the staff to prepare a new draft that answers the questions posed by Mr. Lewis and return it to the Board meeting in November.

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-745 for Ashley Powell, as a Licensing Specialist with the Division of Licensing in the Louisiana Department of Education. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ashley Powell's employment by Louisiana Department of Education within the Division of Licensing, since her sister, Yvette McDowell, is not the agency head of the Division of Licensing, and she would be supervised by the Program Manager, Andrea Burl. Additionally, the Board concluded, that the proposed disqualification plan meets the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Title 52 of the Louisiana Administration Code – Rules of the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered the disqualification plan in Docket No. 21-746 submitted by Nicholls State University regarding Chemistry and Physical Sciences Professor, Dr. Chadwick

Young. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that because Dr. Chadwick Young was employed with the school for more than a year at the time of the promotion of his wife, Dr. Kaisa Young to an agency head position, he is entitled to continue his employment under Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Also, the disqualification plan submitted satisfies the requirements of Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics by virtue of removing Dr. Kaisa Young from all supervision of her husband, Dr. Chadwick Young.

The Board unanimously voted to defer until next month GS20 regarding a proposed rule concerning the enforcement of suspended late fees.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 21-711 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent Terrebonne Parish Department of Housing and Human Services employee Araminta Rainey from enrolling her son in the head start program. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month for staff to get additional information about the program.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-813 regarding Michael S. "Mike" Mosura, candidate for School Board Member, Bossier Parish, in the April 5, 2003 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess a penalty of \$10,000 in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with Mr. Mosura's failure to file 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 21-814 regarding G. Denise Dupree, candidate for Council Member, City of Grambling, Lincoln Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for her failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess a \$10,000 penalty in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act for failure to file 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board considered GS24 regarding changes to campaign finance information sheets based on 2020 census data. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to start the procedure for approval of the forms and to send out information letters to incumbents who will be affected by the changes.

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 and committees 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. 21-387, 21-454, 21-520, 21-589, 21-590, 21-603 and 21-606 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all the late fees based on future compliance that were assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-311 from Marcus Bergeron, 30-P of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$200 based on future compliance that were assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-311 from Marcus Bergeron, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

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

Docket No. 21-463 from Julee Godeaux LaFleur, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-463 from Julee Godeaux LaFleur, 40-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-464 from Anthony Isley “AJ” Johnson, 10-P of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 21-464 from Anthony Isley “AJ” Johnson, 10-G of a \$540 late fee;
Docket No. 21-466 from John Mason, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-467 from Laurie White Adams, 10-G of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 21-521 from Political Organization of Women to Elect Republicans, 10-G of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 21-604 from Gerald Watley, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-605 from Heather Damition Howell, 30-P of a \$440 late fee;
Docket No. 21-610 from Joy R. Jackson, 10-P of a \$1,080 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-611 from Christine Tharpe, SUPP2020 of a \$400 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded, based on Rule 1205B(3), the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-588 from Logan Hunt, SUPP2020 of a \$320 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$400 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-605 from Heather Damition Howell, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-605 from Heather Damition Howell, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-612 from Gerald J. Michel, SUPP2020 of a \$560 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$600 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-607 from Alfred Bell, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 21-607 from Alfred Bell, 10-P of a \$2,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 21-607 from Alfred Bell, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded, based on Rule 1205B(2), the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-608 from Friends of the Caldwell Parish Library, 40 G of a \$1,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously reduced the late fees to \$1,000 based on Rule 1205C, and declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 21-609 from Robert “Rob” Snyder, Jr., 10-G of a \$1,900 late fee.

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

considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-454 regarding Les Femmes PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Kea Sherman, and treasurer, William Vanderbrook, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-520 regarding R. C. "Chris" Nevils, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 8th Judicial District Court, Winn Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the November meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-589 regarding LA Finance Association PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Lester Dees, and treasurer, Kimberly Hallaran, whose 2020 January Monthly Report campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 21-667, 21-683 and 21-692 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-668 Ann Keene., 2019 Tier 2.1, 19 days late of a \$950 late fee;
Docket 21-670 Debra Vial, 2018 Tier 2.1, 213 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 21-670 Debra Vial, 2019 Tier 2.1, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 21-671 Dennis Pevey, 2019 Tier 2.1, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee;
Docket 21-672 Neal Lartique, 2019 Tier 2, 5 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 21-676 David Guillet, 2019 Tier 2.1, 25 days late of a \$1,250 late fee;
Docket 21-677 Ivan McIntyre, 2019 Tier 3, 8 days late of a \$400 late fee;
Docket 21-679 George Jackson III, 2019 Tier 2.1, 26 days late of a \$1,300 late fee;
Docket 21-681 Truman Nichols, 2020 Tier 3, 19 days late of a \$950 late fee;
Docket 21-685 Jonathan White, 2019 Tier 3, 20 days late of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket 21-693 James Starr, 2018 Tier 2.1, 13 days late of a \$650 late fee;
Docket 21-730 Norman McEvers, 2018 Tier 2.1, 486 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-731 Helen Mazier, 2018 Tier 2.1, 3 days late of a \$150 late fee;
Docket 21-731 Helen Mazier, 2019 Tier 2.1, 2 days late of a \$100 late fee; and;
Docket 21-734 Troy Cormier, 2019 Tier 3, 4 days late of a \$200 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics for the following:

Docket 21-669 Jasmine Green, 2019 Tier 2, 2 days late of a \$200 late fee; and;
Docket 21-687 Mardy Summerlin, 2018 Tier 2.1, 244 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-682 Landry Ducote II, 2019 Tier 2.1, 42 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 21-684 Julie Lien, 2019 Tier 3, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee; and;
Docket 21-690 Joseph Lang, 2019 Tier 3, 14 days late of a \$700 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$400 of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and it is being paid within 20 days, and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-686 Gaddis Glosson, 2020 Tier 3, 120 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and;
Docket 21-689 Brian Binkley, 2020 Tier 3, 116 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$600 of the late fee and offer a payment plan, based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 21-729 Nancy Tycer, 2018 Tier 3, 141 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$500 of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and it being paid within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 21-733 Michael Thompson Sr., 2019 Tier 2, 98 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 21-667 for a waiver of the \$2,400 late fee assessed against John Richmond, Parish President / Natchitoches Parish, for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 24 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended but \$600 of the late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-683 submitted by Sam DiVittorio, Hammond City Council / District 4 / Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 587 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the November meeting.

The Board considered a School Board Disclosure waiver request in Docket No. 21-515 submitted by Weinburg Allen, a member of the Belle Chasse Academy Charter School Board, regarding five \$1500 (total of \$7,500) late fees assessed for filing his 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 School Board Disclosure Statements, 1,617; 1,253; 924; 520; and, 139 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$500 based on his future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a Hospital Disclosure waiver request in Docket No. 21-674 submitted by Robert Green, Jr., a member of the Caddo Parish Hospital Service District d/b/a North Caddo Medical Center, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Hospital

Disclosure Statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 20-893 for a waiver of the \$1500 late fee assessed against Arnel W. Cosey, Ph.D., New Orleans Workforce Development Board member, for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 109 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reconsidered the request. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$500 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and offered a payment plan.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request of three \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed in Docket No. 21-468 submitted by W. K. "Bill" Fontenot, a successful candidate for Parish President, St. Landry Parish in the October 22, 2011, October 24, 2015 and October 12, 2019 elections, whose two 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were each filed 111 days late and 40-G was filed 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida and Scott and 4 nays by Board Members Bruneau, McAnelly, Roberts and Speer, the Board considered the untimely request. The Board failed to pass a motion to adopt the staff recommendation to rescind the late fees by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Roberts and Scott and 5 nays by Board Members Bruneau, Grand, Lavastida, McAnnelly and Speer. No further action was taken.

The Board considered a reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee in Docket No. 21-193 submitted by Scott Perry, Jr. a successful candidate for Police Juror, District 1, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019

Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$800 late fee since Mr. Perry died on January 21, 2021.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred G28 and G29 to the November meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman