



## Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room  
JANUARY 5, 2023  
2:30 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Note: Meetings begin on January 5, 2023 and continue to January 6, 2023.**

### Executive Session

Consideration of complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Discussion in executive session regarding charges issued against Lisa Cooper in Docket No. 2021-726.

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## GENERAL

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### Appearances

**G1.** Docket No. 22-261

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive two (2) \$3,000, totaling \$6,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Citizens for a Better Caddo, Inc., a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Edward J. Crawford, III, and treasurer, Robert Dean, whose 2017 and 2018 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 587 and 222 days late, respectively.

**G2.** Docket No. 22-665

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits New Orleans Emergency Medical Services (NOEMS) from reimbursing an employee for the use of her service dog.

**G3. Docket No. 22-819**

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephen "Steve" Dean, a successful candidate for District Judge, 5th Judicial District Court, Div. C, Franklin, Richland and West Carroll Parishes, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2021 campaign finance disclosure report was filed 185 days late.

**Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

**G4. Docket No. 22-746**

Advisory Opinion request from Jean Paul Robert, Assistant District Attorney, on behalf of the Ascension Parish Government regarding elected officials and employees of Ascension Parish serving on the Board of the Ascension Cradle to Career Foundation LLC.

**G5. Docket No. 22-748**

Advisory opinion request from the CFO of St. Martinville, Avis Gutekunst, regarding two separate issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics Code).

**G6. Docket No. 22-806**

Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Shannah Ellender-Yuratich, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from running for a BESE seat as a current employee of a Type 1 Charter School in Lafourche.

**G7. Docket No. 22-815**

A Request of an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Daniel Gillane, an employee of the Lafayette Public Library System, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from working for an LLC that operates the St. Mary Parish Library.

**G8. Docket No. 22-834**

Advisory opinion request from a New Orleans Parish School employee Cheruba Sophia Chaves regarding contracts between her company, ELLipsis Learning, and other school systems.

**G9. Docket No. 22-840**

Request for approval of a disqualification plan pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1111C (5).

**G10. Docket No. 22-841**

Advisory Opinion request from Samuel Gabb on behalf of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury regarding parish employee James Deblanc and his wife applying for and receiving funding through the Calcasieu Parish Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

**G11. Docket No. 22-850**

Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Jill Bankston, CFRE, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit various departments and offices of Northwestern State University ("NSU") to enter into contracts with Natchitoches Inflatables, which is a rental business owned by Dir. Bankston's son.

**G12. Docket No. 22-851**

Request for approval of a disqualification plan pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1112C.

- G13.** Docket No. 22-859  
Advisory Opinion request from Alan Karr, former employee of the La. Department of Environmental Quality, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G14.** Docket No. 22-893  
Advisory Opinion Request from Iberville Parish Sheriff Brett Stassi regarding use of campaign funds to purchase a golf cart.
- G15.** Docket No. 22-894  
Advisory opinion regarding the application of the nepotism prohibitions to Oak Forest Academy in Amite, Louisiana.
- G16.** Docket No. 22-896  
Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Robert Gifford (South Central Planning and Development Commission), concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from entering into a residential lease with his supervisor.
- G17.** Docket No. 22-900  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Jenee Robins, concerning whether the the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from supporting two (2) private school campuses through her education consulting company, TRANSCEND Education Consulting Service, LLC ("TRANSCEND") after terminating her public employment with the Louisiana Department of Education ("LDOE") in October 2021.
- G18.** Docket No. 22-912  
Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") requires an attorney-member of the Louisiana Legislature to file a disclosure statement pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1111E(2) disclosing their representation of clients before the Office of Workers Compensation Administration.
- G19.** Docket No. 22-913  
Advisory Opinion request from Michael R.D. Adams on behalf of University View Academy Charter School regarding the hiring of Dept. of Education Chief of Staff Dr. Quentina Timoll as Superintendent.

### **Regular Business**

- G20.** Docket No. MINUTES  
December 2022 Board Minutes
- G21.** Docket No. 21-081  
Consent Opinions on behalf of Jenn Davis, former Personnel Manager for St. James Parish, and Jennifer Davis LLC regarding payments to Jenn Davis by S&W Payroll Services LLC d/b/a Netchex.
- G22.** Docket No. 21-707  
Consent opinion regarding the employment of Roxie Jackson with DeQuincy Primary School in the Calcasieu Parish School System as a substitute teacher while her daughter, Amanda Guerrero, served as the Principal.
- G23.** Docket No. 22-958  
Review of an Emergency Advisory Opinion submitted by Timothy Brandon, CEO of TBA Studio Architecture, APC regarding potential contracts involving state entities while Donna Cathey is an employee.

**G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE****Docket No. 22-817**

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Christopher J. Bridges, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 23rd Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. D, Ascension Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, and his committee's chairperson, Kim S. Landry, and treasurer, Bill A. Ory, whose 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

**Docket No. 22-818**

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward Butler, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Alexandria (Pop. 44,787) in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 30 days late.

**Docket No. 22-820**

Request that the Board waive the \$160 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian Hammons, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of Bossier, Bossier Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

**Docket No. 22-821**

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lowell Christopher "Chris" Hazel, a successful candidate for District Judge, 9th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. B, Rapides Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

**Docket No. 22-823**

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Emily Merckle, a successful candidate for City Court Judge Election, Dist. 1, Div. A, City of Shreveport in the November 3, 2020, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

**Docket No. 22-826**

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against William Wallis, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 78th Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

**Docket No. 22-827**

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Christopher Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, Orleans Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 2021 campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

**G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE****Docket No. 22-366**

Waiver request submitted by Trevor Troy Land, City of West Monroe Aldermen (Pop. 13,065) / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 204 days late.

**Docket No. 22-607**

Waiver request submitted by Toby Jean Aguiard, former member of the Lafayette Parish Communication Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 343 days late.

Docket No. 22-608

Waiver request submitted by Monica Baltedono Dubey, Jefferson Parish Human Service Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 370 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 75 days late.

Docket No. 22-609

Waiver request submitted by Leland Marcelle Slaughter, former member of the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 320 days late.

Docket No. 22-610

Waiver request submitted by Melissa M. Cox, former member of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 30 days late.

Docket No. 22-611

Waiver request submitted by Fred L. Banks, Livingston Parish Communications District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 88 days late.

Docket No. 22-621

Waiver request submitted by Earl "Ben" Bernhardt Zahn, III, candidate for Mayor for City of Kenner (Pop. 66,702) / Jefferson Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 29 days late.

Docket No. 22-622

Waiver request submitted by Robin A. Bell, Lafourche Parish School Board / District 2, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 158 days late.

Docket No. 22-624

Waiver request submitted by Bryan Keith "Keko" Whittle, Sr., candidate for Harahan City Council / Jefferson Parish in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2017 Tier 2 candidate.

Docket No. 22-646

Waiver request submitted by Gustavo Rezende, Downtown Development Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 300 days late.

Docket No. 22-647

Waiver request submitted by Barbara Norton, former State Representative / District 3, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 406 days late.

Docket No. 22-648

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Forrest Riccobono, Metairie Business Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 338 days late.

Docket No. 22-649

Waiver request submitted by Kenneth Allen Cochran, North Caddo Hospital Service District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 301 days late.

Docket No. 22-650

Waiver request submitted by Cameron Christy, former member of the Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 399 days late.

Docket No. 22-651

Waiver request submitted by Luis Bustamante, JCFA Charter School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 150 days late.

Docket No. 22-652

Waiver request submitted by Joseph "Joe" Daschbach, former member of the New Orleans Charter Science and Math High School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 353 days late.

Docket No. 22-653

Waiver request submitted by Theodore McCray, Jr., former member of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury / District 3 / St. Helena Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 439 days late.

Docket No. 22-654

Waiver request submitted by Mary Rideau Doucet, St. Landry Parish Tourism Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 128 days late.

Docket No. 22-656

Waiver request submitted by James Wallace Ginn, Jonesboro Board of Alderman (Pop. 4,704) / District A / Jackson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 434 days late.

Docket No. 22-657

Waiver request submitted by Rita Wroten, former member of the Sikes Board of Aldermen (Pop. 119) / Winn Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 438 days late.

Docket No. 22-658

Waiver request submitted by Ryan David Thibodeaux, former member of the Emerge Center Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 325 days late.

Docket No. 22-659

Waiver request submitted by Shelia Glover Bordelon, former Assessor / Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 232 days late.

Docket No. 22-660

Waiver request submitted by Dennis Ray Scott, former member of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury / District 6, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 days late.

Docket No. 22-666

Waiver request submitted by Allison Berger Tiller, former member of the Downtown Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd and a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

Docket No. 22-667

Waiver request submitted by Terrica Williams, Baton Rouge City Constable / City Court / East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 8 days late and a \$100 late fee assessed for



filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 days late.

Docket No. 22-668

Waiver request submitted by Albert Orrell Saulsbury, IV, Garden District Security District- Board of Commissioners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 84 days late.

Docket No. 22-669

Waiver request submitted by Gloria Bartley Moultrie, former member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 22-670

Waiver request submitted by Ronnie James Williams, Jr, Mayor / City of Natchitoches (Pop. 18,323) / Natchitoches Parish, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 22-671

Waiver request submitted by Chad Doyle, Chief of Police / City of Oakdale (Pop. 7,780) / Allen Parish, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 4 days late.

Docket No. 22-672

Waiver request submitted by Lawrence Batiste, Jr, former member of the Natchitoches City Council / District 4 / Natchitoches Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 186 days late.

Docket No. 22-674

Waiver request submitted by Tamara M. Crane, former member of the Commission for Women of Bossier City, regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 22-749

Waiver request submitted by Robert Poole, former member of the Denham Springs City Council (Pop. 10,215) / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 387 days late.

Docket No. 22-750

Waiver request submitted by Walter S. Isaacson, former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 22-751

Waiver request submitted by Yvonne Allen, Wilson Board of Alderman (Pop. 595) / East Feliciana Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 430 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 61 days late.

Docket No. 22-752

Waiver request submitted by Roderick Rushell Davis, former member of the Sabine Parish School Board / District 4, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 180 days late.

Docket No. 22-753

Waiver request submitted by Crystal Gates, Doyline Board of Alderman (Pop. 818) / Webster Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 31 days late.

Docket No. 22-754

Waiver request submitted by Gerald Wade McMorris, Livingston Parish Council / District 6, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 159 days late.

Docket No. 22-755

Waiver request submitted by Jacob Shaheen, unsuccessful candidate for State Senate / 27th District in the November 13, 2021 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 candidate pfd 98 days late.

Docket No. 22-756

Waiver request submitted by Dadrius Cordell Lanus, candidate for Councilmember / Metro District 5 / East Baton Rouge Parish in the March 26, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 67 days late.

Docket No. 22-757

Waiver request submitted by Albert H. Schof, Ascension Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 114 days late.

Docket No. 22-758

Waiver request submitted by Adrian Moreno, former member of the Community Development Authority, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 283 days late.

Docket No. 22-759

Waiver request submitted by Elliot L. Temple, Contractors Licensing Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 266 days late.

Docket No. 22-761

Waiver request submitted by Linda S. Gutierrez, former member of the Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 250 days late.

Docket No. 22-762

Waiver request submitted by Audrey Thomas Winters, Kentwood Town Council (Pop. 2,198) / Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 412 days late.

Docket No. 22-764

Waiver request submitted by Lea Anne Batson, former member of the Capital Area Finance Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 308 days late.

**G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY**

Docket No. 22-303

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$300 of a \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Progressive Pelican PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson Greg Morrison, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 108 and decline to waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Progressive Pelican PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson Greg Morrison, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 39 days late.

Docket No. 22-623

Untimely waiver request submitted by Kevin Dale Guidry, Calcasieu Parish



Police Jury / District 9, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 442 days late.

## **G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

### Docket No. 21-694

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$1,250 of a \$2,500 late fee, based on future compliance, issued to Harold Stewart, Jr, successful candidate for City of Gonzales Council Member (Pop. 12,231) / Division C /Ascension Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, for filing his 2019 Tier 2 candidate pfd 308 days late and the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Annual pfd 308 days late.

### Docket No. 22-514

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bianca J. Vedell, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 5, St. Landry Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.