



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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JANUARY 4, 2024
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617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on January 4, 2024 and continue to January 5, 2024.

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 George Carraway and Terry Campbell in Docket No. 2018-1180.

Discussion in Executive Session following a public hearing on Application for Declaratory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union").

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GENERAL

Public Hearings

G1. Docket No. 23-435

Public Hearing on an Application for Declaratory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union").

Appearances**G2. Docket No. 23-900**

Untimely request that the Board waive the \$2,500.00, \$1,000 & \$300 campaign finance late fees (Total \$3,800) assessed against Marissa A. Hutabarat, a successful candidate for Judge, 1st City Court, Section B, Orleans Parish in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 27 days late; AND, in the March 25, 2023 election, whose two (2) Special campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 10 & 3 days late, respectively.

G3. Docket No. 23-901

Request that the Board waive the \$720.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jan Swift, an unsuccessful candidate for City of Lafayette Mayor-President in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2022 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 12 days late.

G4. Docket No. 23-972

Request that the Board waive the \$760.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kimberly Powers, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District, Central Community in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**G5. Docket No. 22-895**

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Stephanie Cormane's family business, Cormane's Sewer Systems LLC, may transact business with Northwestern State University while she is employed in the Accounting and Reporting Department at Northwestern State University and proposed Disqualification Plan.

G6. Docket No. 23-666

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether a Fire Chief can serve for two different fire departments.

G7. Docket No. 23-759

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether a nominee may serve on the Board of the Housing Authority of New Orleans while her mother works at the Housing Authority.

G8. Docket No. 23-855

Advisory Opinion request from Antiqua Hunter, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Education, regarding her outside employment providing educational consulting services.

G9. Docket No. 23-881

Advisory Opinion request from Amy Casey, Executive Director of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, regarding the renewal of a sales finance license by her brother, Daniel Casey, Jr.

G10. Docket No. 23-929

Advisory Opinion request from James Carinio, Jr., a former employee and district supervisor with Louisiana Rehabilitation Services ("LRS"), regarding his post-employment restrictions as a Job Placement Vendor for LRS.

G11. Docket No. 23-933

Advisory Opinion regarding the City of Opelousas Police Chief's son working as a reserve officer for the Opelousas Police Department.

G12. Docket No. 23-981

Advisory Opinion Request from Calcasieu Parish School Board (the "School Board") as to whether a company owned by a School Board member may donate services to students and schools under the School Board's jurisdiction, and whether the School Board may acknowledge such donations.

G13. Docket No. 23-994

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Charlotte Dover from serving as Registrar for the Registrar's Office at the University of New Orleans ("UNO") while her husband is employed with the Registrar's Office.

G14. Docket No. 23-995

Advisory Opinion request regarding Reginald McMasters serving as a member of the Washington Parish Council and the Board of Directors for the Rural Franklinton Water Corporation.

G15. Docket No. 23-1003

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the West Baton Rouge Parish Government can accept the donation of a right-of-use servitude from a company owned equally by the Parish President and his two sons.

G16. Docket No. 23-1004

Advisory Opinion request from Harry Vorhoff, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, regarding post-employment restrictions.

G17. Docket No. 23-1005

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of Marketa Walters, former Secretary for the Dept. of Children and Family Services, regarding post-employment restrictions.

Regular Business

G18. Docket No. MINUTES

November 2023 Board Minutes

G19. Docket No. 19-852

Consent Opinion regarding Jacolby Octave, a former board member of the Vacherie Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, regarding his improper receipt of funds.

G20. Docket No. 22-197

Consideration of charges against Virginia Sutton, former Director of St. Mary Parish Recreation District No. 5, and Betty Jackson, independent contractor for the District, relating to the receipt of a thing of economic value they were not duly entitled to receive for the performance of their job duties and responsibilities.

G21. Docket No. 22-471

Consent Opinion regarding Nivan Fields, an employee of the Jefferson Parish Community Action Programs Department, receiving a thing of economic value for services rendered to a person that has or is seeking to have a contractual, financial or business relationship with the Jefferson Parish Community Action Programs Department.

G22. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of suggestions for legislation for the 2024 Legislative Session.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 23-513

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Curtis Phillip Webber, an unsuccessful candidate for Clerk of Court, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 23-856

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenny James Suire, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 4, City of Scott in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 90 days late.

Docket No. 23-857

Request that the Board waive the \$320 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees (\$1,320 total) assessed against Derrick L. Henderson, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District G, City of Shreveport in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 264 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-858

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees (\$3,000 total) assessed against Gary E. Johnson, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Alexandria in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 90, 70 & 40 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-947

Request that the Board waive the three(3) \$560, \$480 &\$120 campaign finance late fees (Total of \$1,160.00) assessed against Reddex Washington, Jr., a successful candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of Alexandria in the November 3, 2020 election, whose three(3) Special campaign finance disclosure reports were 14, 12 & 3 days late, respectively.AND Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees (\$2,000 total) assessed against Reddex Washington, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 26th Representative District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2021 and 2022 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 532 & 167 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-950

Request that the Board waive the \$300.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sam Earl Jones, a successful candidate for St. Mary Parish President in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 23-951

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mike Francis, an unsuccessful candidate for Secretary of State in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 107 days late.

Docket No. 23-970

Request that the Board waive the \$520.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bonnie Clements, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 11, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 23-971

Request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Charles R. Guillory, a successful candidate for Evangeline Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 23-988

Request that the Board waive the \$240.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chaillie Daniel, a successful candidate for Coroner in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late. AND Request that the Board reinstate the suspension of the \$400 reassessment against Chaillie Daniel, a successful candidate for Coroner in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-908

Waiver request submitted by Flynn A. Taylor, M.D., Coroner / Beauregard Parish, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 7 days late.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 23-910

Untimely waiver request submitted by Derrick L. Henderson, candidate for Councilman / District G, City of Shreveport (Pop. 187,593) / Bossier & Caddo Parishes in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 28 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 21-462

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend a portion of the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against C. Denise Marcelle, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor-President, Metro Council, City of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 32 days late.

Docket No. 22-721

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ian Cotton, an unsuccessful candidate for Constable / 2nd Justice Court, Jefferson Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 23-647

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce the \$3,000 to \$2,000 and decline to waive campaign finance late fee assessed against Ascension Parish Republican Executive Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Richard Carmouche, and treasurer, Alvin Bourque, whose 2022 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 58 days late.



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GS1. Docket No. 23-1076

Advisory opinion request as to the propriety of Governor John Bel Edwards serving as "special counsel" for the law firm Fishman Haygood LLP after he leaves public office.