

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

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

Note: Meetings begin on February 2, 2023 and continue to February 3, 2023.

## **Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Nina Burage in Docket No. 2019-473.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Keith Schroth in Docket No. 2021-889.

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# GENERAL

## **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

## G1. Docket No. 22-847

Advisory opinion request submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Lake Charles Academy Foundation Inc. ("Foundation") regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits the Foundation from contracting with three Foundation employees to manage the Foundation's three charter schools.

### G2. 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.

## G3. Docket No. 22-923

Advisory Opinion Request from Karen Yarbrough, on behalf of Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services ("DCFS"), as to whether they may employ a member of the Monroe City Council.

## G4. Docket No. 22-924

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Village of Athens from contracting with Gracie Goodwin, the sister of newly elected Alderman Diane Sprigener, to provide part-time accounting services.

## G5. Docket No. 22-925

Advisory opinion request by the Lafayette City Marshal, Reggie Thomas, regarding whether his nephew may be employed by the Lafayette City Marshal's Office.

## G6. Docket No. 22-928

Advisory Opinion request from Leisa Deshotel, Mayor of Mamou (pop. 2,936), regarding continued public employment, donation of services, and transactions with the town.

## G7. Docket No. 22-929

Advisory opinion regarding the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) that apply Marshall Hill after he retires from his employment with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development employee (DOTD).

## **G8.** Docket No. 22-930

Advisory Opinion request submitted on behalf of the City of Lake Charles regarding the continued participation of Gus William Schram III ("Mr. Schram") on the Planning Commission for the city.

## G9. Docket No. 22-931

Advisory Opinion Request from Maynard J. Sanders, Sr., former Executive Director of Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, related to postemployment matters and formation of new business.

## G10. Docket No. 22-945

Advisory Opinion regarding post-employment restrictions applied to a Program Manager of OBH seeking employment as a Crisis Liaison for the Louisiana Crisis Response System.

## G11. Docket No. 22-980

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Gregory Gormanous, concerning whether the the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Board members of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("LSBEP") from receiving complimentary continuing education credit for attending The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards ("ASPPB") conference meetings.

## **G12.** Docket No. 22-981

Advisory opinion request submitted on behalf of the Iberville Parish School Board regarding whether La. R.S. 42:1113A prohibits the Iberville Parish

School Board's Maintenance Department from entering into a contract with Barker Brothers Plumbing while James Barker is employed with the Iberville Parish School Board's Maintenance Department.

G13. Docket No. 23-006

Request to approve an amended disqualification plan for Staci Hoyt and Paige Paxton, employees of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles.

## **Regular Business**

- **G14.** Docket No. MINUTES January 2023 Board Minutes
- G15. Docket No. 21-970

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Reddex Washington, Jr., candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of Alexandria, in the November 3, 2020 election, for his failure to file a 40-G supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

## G16. Docket No. 21-1046

Consent Opinion regarding Carly Prestenbach, teacher at Youree Drive Middle School, and Larry Prestenbach and Larry P's Boiling Pot, LLC, related to prohibited contracts.

## G17. Docket No. 22-223

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Corey Smith, candidate for Metro Council, District 6, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

#### G18. Docket No. Report

Consideration of a draft report in response to House Resolution 180 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session regarding the use of crypto-currency pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

## G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

#### Docket No. 22-866

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Steven Adam Ducote for the late filing of the September 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

## G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

#### Docket No. 22-607

Waiver request submitted by Toby Jean Aguillard, 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, a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late, and a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-765

Waiver request submitted by Willie Ray Richardson, Sr, St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #12, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 3 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-766

Waiver request submitted by Lance S. Johnson, former member of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for

filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 53 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 53 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-767

Waiver request submitted by Lee Arthur Jeter, Sr., Volunteer Louisiana Commission, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-768

Waiver request submitted by Mark Alan Pousson, Louisiana Rice Promotion Board, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 5 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-769

Waiver request submitted by David Houston, Caddo Parish Fire Protection District #7, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 41 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-770

Waiver request submitted by Valerie Gotch Garrett, former member of the Lafayette Airport Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 321 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-771

Waiver request submitted by Wade M. Thompson, former member of the Louisiana Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 67 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-772

Waiver request submitted by Brian J. Bordelon, State Licensing Board of Contractors, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 89 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-773

Waiver request submitted by Steven Robert Cohan, former member of the St. Tammany Parish Sub-Drainage No. 2 of Gravity Drainage District No. 5, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 322 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-774

Waiver request submitted by Lucas Dale Stelly, former member of the Twin Parish Port Commission, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 16 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-775

Waiver request submitted by Claudia Ann Cavallino, DDS, State Board of Dentistry, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 46 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-777

Waiver request submitted by Stephen T. Bond, Denham Springs Economic Development Corporation Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-778

Waiver request submitted by Dallas J. Bryan, former member of the John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 18 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-780

Waiver request submitted by Jennifer Gordan Lampton, VIBE Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 194 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-781

Waiver request submitted by Barbara Joyce Buller, Iberia Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-782

Waiver request submitted by Ryan Timothy Murphy, St. Tammany Parish Fire District #8, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 43 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-783

Waiver request submitted by Emma Lee Jones Austin, former Constable / District B / Jackson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 273 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-784

Waiver request submitted by Jerry Wayne Bell, Mayor / Lake Providence / East Carroll Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 392 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-785

Waiver request submitted by Larry L. Smith, Sr., former Alderman for Town of Greenwood (Pop. 3,219) / District 2 / Caddo Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 84 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-786

Waiver request submitted by Carl Wayne Smith, City of Oberlin Alderman at Large / Allen Parish, regarding a \$125 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-787

Waiver request submitted by Ronald Scott McLendon, Chief of Police / City of Jena (Pop. 3,398) / Lasalle Parish, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 16 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-788

Waiver request submitted by Corey Michael Perrillioux, former member of the Lafourche Parish Council / District 6, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 165 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-789

Waiver request submitted by Nancy Genevieve Nadler-Thomas, Capital Area Human Resource Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 414 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-790

Waiver request submitted by Joel J. Dugas, former member of the Iberia Parish Council / District 9, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 112 days late.

#### G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

#### Docket No. 22-779

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gary Lynn Giddens, Red River Parish

School Board / District 3, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 414 days late.

#### G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

#### Docket No. 21-565

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$300 late fee assessed against Bridgett Bennett, Pearl River Board of Aldermen (Pop. 2,506) /St. Tammany Parish, for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-736

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against David Weathersby, former member of the East Jefferson General Hospital Service District, for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 118 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-299

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive two \$2500 late fees assessed against Charles Broussard, former member of the Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 3, for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 491 days late and for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 257 days late.