



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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First Floor - LaBelle Room
FEBRUARY 6, 2025
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on February 6, 2025 and continue to February 7, 2025.

Executive Session

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

Discussion is Executive Session of Charges issued against Darrin Collins in Docket No. 2022-684 and consolidated matter Docket No. 2021-950.

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges issued against Cole Norris in Docket No. 2023-417.

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges issued against Linda Fontenot in Docket No. 2023-662.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 24-203

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Natural Resources Management

Association Political Action Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Donelson T. Caffery, III, whose August 2023 Monthly report was filed 7 days late.

G2. Docket No. 24-317

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce the \$2,000.00 original fine to \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Patrice Sentino, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Orleans Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 387 days late.

G3. Docket No. 24-548

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$700 late fee assessed against by Alan L. Kirkpatrick, West Feliciana Planning and Zoning Commission, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

G4. Docket No. 24-567

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Charlene Trusclair, Workforce Development Board #21 / East Baton Rouge, for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 56 days late.

G5. Docket No. 24-690

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$150 late fee assessed against Alex Baker, III, Lecompte Board of Alderman /Rapides Parish, for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late.

G6. Docket No. 24-692

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee submitted by Ken Todd DeMoss, Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 256 days late.

G7. Docket No. 24-879

Waiver request submitted by Rykert O. Toledano, Jr., St. Tammany Parish Council / District 5, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 79 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G8. Docket No. 24-671

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Darryl Hurst to serve as a member of the Crime Prevention & Improvement District while also serving as a councilman for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council.

G9. Docket No. 24-889

Advisory Opinion Request from Josh Guillory as to whether the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (the "CFDA") permits a host of a radio show to be a candidate for the Louisiana State Senate.

G10. Docket No. 24-921

Advisory opinion request as to whether the post employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Matthew Alexander within one year after his service as Mayor of St. Joseph to contract with Tensas Water Distribution Association Inc.

G11. Docket No. 24-936

Advisory Opinion Request from Melanie Mann, employee of Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS"), as to whether she may receive compensation for services provided to DCFS clients in her private practice.

- G12.** Docket No. 24-937
Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding the use of public funds to purchase and send holiday cards from McNeese University's Medical Laboratory Science Program.
- G13.** Docket No. 24-938
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") prohibits a member of the Berwick Town Council from purchasing immovable property owned by the Berwick Development District.
- G14.** Docket No. 24-952
Request for review and approval of a Disqualification Plan, submitted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ"), relating to the promotion of the spouse of a current employee.
- G15.** Docket No. 24-953
Proposed Disqualification Plan regarding John Heinen's employment with the Crowley Fire Department while his father, Ricky Heinen, serves as District Chief.
- G16.** Docket No. 24-963
Proposed disqualification plans concerning Judy Jones's promotion to the Assistant Director of Nursing at Eastern Louisiana Mental Health Systems (ELMHS) while her sister, Laura Williams, serves as the Director of Nursing for ELMHS.
- G17.** Docket No. 25-003
Advisory opinion request as to whether the post employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Vincent Guillory, an employee with the Capital Projects Section of the Planning, Design & Construction Department of Louisiana State University, following his retirement from working with a private consulting company that contracts directly with the Louisiana Department of Facility Planning and Control to manage projects at Louisiana State University.

Regular Business

- G18.** Docket No. MINUTES
December 2024 Board Minutes
- G19.** Docket No. 24-383
Discussion of opinion rendered by the Attorney General's Office that the Board should redact the home address disclosed by state employees on annual personal financial disclosure statements filed pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.
- G20.** Docket No. 3125-01
Administrator's Notes
- G21.** Docket No. 3125-02
Discussion regarding suggestions to the Legislature for changes/amendments to the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.
- G22.** Docket No. 3125-03
Review of Chapters 1-7 of the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics (LAC 52:I).
- G23.** **WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
Docket No. 24-829
Request that the Board waive the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed

against LA Padiapac, a political action committee and its committee's chairperson, Keith Perrin, M.D, whose June 2024 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 24-830

Request that the Board waive the \$40 and \$880 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$920.00 assessed against NoLaToya (Recall), a recall effort, its committee's chairperson, Eileen Carter and treasurer, Angele Dassell, for the August 26, 2022 election, whose 200-P and 135-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 day and 22 days late, respectively.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 24-922

Request to waive the \$250 late fee assessed against John Christopher Alexander Sr. for the September 2024 Lobbyist Expenditure Report filed 10 days late.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 24-380

Waiver request submitted by Arthur S. Williams, Ph.D, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts Board of Directors, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 16 days late.

Docket No. 24-778

Waiver request submitted by Janice Brown Sneed, Workforce Development Board / #71, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 amended Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late and a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 24-779

Waiver request submitted by Gregory Guy Hill, former member of the Springfield Board of Aldermen / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 amended Tier 3 annual pfd 57 days late.

Docket No. 24-780

Waiver request submitted by Hannah Wenninger, former member of the Natchitoches Historic Development Commission, regarding an \$850 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 17 days late.

Docket No. 24-781

Waiver request submitted by Brittney Joseph Meredith, former member of the Encore Academy Charter School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 27 days late.

Docket No. 24-820

Waiver request submitted by Adren O. Wilson, former Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Governor, regarding a \$12,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 1 annual pfd 37 days late.

Docket No. 24-821

Waiver request submitted by Richard Zeringue, Ascension Parish Tourism Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 81 days late.

Docket No. 24-822

Waiver request submitted by Bence Ann Nicholas, Campti Town Council / Natchitoches Parish, regarding a \$75 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 3

annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 24-823

Waiver request submitted by Lanny Stancil Parker, former member of the Union Parish Police Jury / District 2, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 967 days late.

Docket No. 24-824

Waiver request submitted by John Lane Ewing, Jr., former member of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 77 days late.

Docket No. 24-825

Waiver request submitted by Jeremy Wayne Stroud, Hearing Aid Dealers Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 143 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 231 days late.

Docket No. 24-826

Waiver request submitted by Mildred E. "Mimi" Methvin, Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 82 days late.

Docket No. 24-827

Waiver request submitted by Noel Patrick Cassanova, Pilotage Fee Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 478 days late.

Docket No. 24-869

Waiver request submitted by Jimmy Milton Thomas, Aldermen / Cullen / Webster Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 607 days late.

Docket No. 24-870

Waiver request submitted by Clarence Fusilier, Board of Alderman / Erath / Vermilion Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 387 days late.

Docket No. 24-871

Waiver request submitted by Darryl "Schuster" W. Lawrence, Sr., Chief of Police / City of Zachary / East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 28 days late.

Docket No. 24-880

Waiver request submitted by Genoria Denise Tilley, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 36 days late.

Docket No. 24-881

Waiver request submitted by Sarah Lauren Murphy, International School of Louisiana, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 185 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 185 days late.

Docket No. 24-882

Waiver request submitted by Stephen "Steve" Tyler, Benjamin Franklin Charter High School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 451 days late.

Docket No. 24-883

Waiver request submitted by Dominick F. Impastato, III, Jefferson Parish Council / District 4, regarding a \$1300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 24-884

Waiver request submitted by Erin Shane Smiley, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 24-885

Waiver request submitted by Hubert Reeves Yarborough, Jr., Soil and Water Conservation District / Tangipohoa - St. Helena Parishes, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 64 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 57 days late.

Docket No. 24-886

Waiver request submitted by Jimmy Paul Lafont, Greater Lafourche Port Commission / Division C, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 24-900

Waiver request submitted by Jodi Dawn Taylor, Workforce Development Board, Sixth Planning District Consortium / #60, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 559 days late.

Docket No. 24-901

Waiver request submitted by Mandi J. Hrabley, Sewerage District #2 / St. Tammany Parish, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 24-902

Waiver request submitted by Heather Robertson, Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 197 days late, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 amended Tier 2.1 annual pfd 183 days late, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 197 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 51 days late.

Docket No. 24-903

Waiver request submitted by Wayne McCarthy, Jr., candidate for Councilman / District A / St. Bernard Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 24-904

Waiver request submitted by Juanita G. Woods, Monroe City Council / District 3 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 163 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSUREDocket No. 24-887

Waiver request submitted by Brad Soileau, Allen Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2024 School Board Disclosure 8 days late.

Docket No. 24-888

Waiver request submitted by Robert "Pete" Allen Cavenah, Allen Parish School Board, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing his 2024 School Board Disclosure 9 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 23-710

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Dennis Switzer, former member of the Lafourche Parish Water District #1, for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 420 days late.

Docket No. 24-226

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1100 late fee assessed against Thomas L. Scott, Jr., East Baton Rouge Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 d/b/a Lane Regional Medical Center, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 24-438

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$500 late fee assessed against Stacy Earl Weldon, Alderman for the Town of Elizabeth / Allen Parish, for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 169 days late.

Docket No. 24-459

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$500 late fee assessed against Tan'Keia Palmer, Natchitoches Parish School Board, District 2, for filing her amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 41 days late.

Docket No. 24-460

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1200 late fee assessed against Jeffery Allen "Red Dog" Morgan, Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 2, for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 24-497

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$1500 late fee assessed against John K. McTear, Lake St. Joseph Recreation and Water Conservation District, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 235 days late.

Docket No. 24-539

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Mattie Sampson, Newellton Board of Alderman / District 4 / Tensas Parish, for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 264 days late.

Docket No. 24-540

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$500 late fee assessed against Raymond Todd Riley, Sr., former member of the Concordia Parish School Board / District 2, for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 252 days late.

Docket No. 24-568

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Joel Patrick McSpadden, Workforce Development Board, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 425 days late.



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Discussion in Executive Session of Charges pending against Reggie James, Jr. in Docket 2022-350.

Discussion in executive session regarding charges issued against Tequilla Douglas in Docket No. 2022-452.

Discussion of Charges filed against Denarold Anderson in Docket No. 2023-390.

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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

GS1. Docket No. 24-866

Advisory Opinion Request from Coley Johnson, former employee of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits his company to provide services to DOTD after his retirement.

GS2. Docket No. 24-939

Advisory Opinion Request from Jon Guice, on behalf of the Acadia Parish School Board (the "School Board") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits a School Board member to be appointed head coach of an athletic team for Crowley Middle School.

GS3. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 25-045

Untimely waiver request submitted by Kimberly Gill, Alderman / Town of Killian / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 Annual PFD 205 days late.