

# Louisiana Board of Ethics

# LaSalle Building First Floor - LaBelle Room MARCH 3, 2022 2:30 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on March 3, 2022 and continue to March 4, 2022.

Election of Chairman for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

# Executive Session

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

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# GENERAL

# Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-458

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive \$240 and \$1,442.88 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kathy Reznik Benoit, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Family Court, Election Section 3, Division D, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, and her committee's chairperson, Alexandra Reznik Territo, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4 and 35 days late, respectively.

**G2.** Docket No. 21-758

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$720 and

\$500 campaign finance late fees assessed against Rodney D. Miller, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, Town of Livingston (Pop. 1,877), Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 18 and 13 days late, respectively.

**G3.** Docket No. 21-800

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$500 and \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vickie Tolliver Auguste, an unsuccessful candidate for BESE, District 6 in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5 and 1 days late, respectively.

G4. Docket No. 22-047

Request that the Board waive the \$400 and two (2) \$100 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$600 assessed against David Gregory Nowak, unsuccessful candidate for Council Member at Large, Division 2, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4, 1 and 1 day late, respectively.

# **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

G5. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent March 2022 Agenda.

G6. Docket No. 22-009

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Sandra Duck (former CEO of the Central Louisiana State Hospital), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Jeremy Nunnally from serving as chaplain for Central Louisiana State Hospital ("CLSH") on a contractual basis while he is employed as a CLSH Police Officer.

# G7. Docket No. 22-010

Withdrawal of an Advisory Opinion Request from Jacob D. Coco, Police Juror, District 9, Avoyelles Parish.

# **G8.** Docket No. 22-011

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Bryan Burns' company, West 30's Redemption Company, from continuing to e-mail members of the Covington Board of Adjustment its quarterly newsletter.

# G9. Docket No. 22-012

Request for an advisory opinion regarding New Orleans City Councilman, Oliver Thomas, being employed at WBOK as a talk show host.

G10. Docket No. 22-028

Request for Approval of a Disqualification Plan by David North, Jr., DOTD District 4 Engineer Administrator, regarding William and Lori Whatley, employees of DOTD District 4.

# G11. Docket No. 22-029

Advisory Opinion Request from Brad Cradeur, Executive Director, Sewerage Dist. No. 1, Iberia Parish, regarding whether a trailer park owned by the chairperson of the board of the Sewerage District No. 1 of Iberia Parish may dedicate a sewer treatment plant to the district, and whether the chairperson could participate in such transaction in his capacity as a board member.

G12. Docket No. 22-030

Advisory Opinion request from James Graham with the Healthy School Food Collaborative, a non-profit organization, with regard to consulting services offered to schools and food service management companies.

G13. Docket No. 22-031

Request for an advisory opinion relative to Kristy Touchet, a board member of the Vermilion Charter Foundation ("VCF"), and her employment with SchoolMint, a business entity that provides school administrative software.

## G14. Docket No. 22-038

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Anthony Baker, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from working for his father's company part-time while employed by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("LaDOTD").

## G15. Docket No. 22-041

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Tracy Wells from qualifying as a candidate in the Mayor's race for the City of Hammond while her spouse, Devon Wells, serves as a Hammond City Councilman.

## **Regular Business**

**G16.** Docket No. MINUTES February 2022 Board Minutes

## **G17.** Docket No. 21-052

Consent Opinion regarding Jennifer Lance, while employed with the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, entered into transactions with her agency.

G18. Docket No. 21-927

Consideration of the assessment of enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Brandon Perkins, candidate in the October 12, 2019 election for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, District 10, for failure to file 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

# G19. Docket No. 21-1048

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Terry W. Sercovich, candidate for District Attorney, 25th Judicial District Court, in the November 3, 2020 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

# G20. Docket No. 21-1049

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Lucian J. McKinney, Jr., candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Ville Platte, in the July, 2020 election, for his failure to file 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.

# G21. Docket No. 21-1055

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Stewart Eastman, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from submitting his work of art to the Abita Springs Trailhead Museum ("Museum") independent selection committee to be juried and potentially sold at the En Plein Air exhibition.

## G22. Docket No. RULE

Memorandum concerning the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event.

#### G23. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of proposed legislation introduced for consideration during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

### G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

#### Docket No. waiver March 2022 CF Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 21-809

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against C. Sherburne Sentell, unopposed candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Minden, Webster Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-1063

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$3,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$9,000 assessed against Communications Workers of America, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Christopher Shelton, and treasurer, Sara Steffens, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 51, 30 and 159 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 22-016

Request that the Board waive the \$1,600, \$200 & \$3,000 campaign finance late fees totaling \$4,800 assessed against Good Government Coalition, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Rex Moncrief, and treasurer, Anne Price, whose May 2019, June 2019 and December 2019 Monthly campaign finance reports were filed 8, 1 and 34 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 22-020

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael A. McNab, an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace Ward F, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-021

Request that the Board waive a \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles "Chuck" Lamarche, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 9, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-036

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Thomas "Tom" Sullivan, Jr., a successful candidate for Clerk of Court, Livingston Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 22-049

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against J. Andrew Murrell, an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 3, District 2, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 90 days late.

#### G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

#### Docket No. 21-680

Waiver request submitted by Michael Hollis, New Orleans City Park Board of

Commissioners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 484 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-790

Waiver request submitted by Rose Pierre LeGaux, Constable / District 1 / St. Charles, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 298 days late.

## G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

#### Docket No. 22-022

Untimely waiver request that the Board waive \$1,800, \$540 and \$600 for total of \$2,940 campaign finance late fees assessed against Matthew McCoy, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 4, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 30, 9 and 12 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 22-046

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jason Lee Fowler, Jr., a candidate for State Representative, 18th Representative District in the February 23, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

#### G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

#### Docket No. 21-373

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed Everett Baudean, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 7, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-629

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Black Organization for Leadership Development, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Darren Mire, and treasurer, Priscilla Edwards, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-759

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Derrick Edwards, an unsuccessful candidate for Louisiana State Treasurer in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

#### Docket No. 21-811

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against HAFA PAC Corporation, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Derek Babcock, and treasurer, Sandy Davis, whose February 2020 Monthly Report was filed 2 days late.