

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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MARCH 7, 2024
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617 North 3rd Street
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Note: Meetings begin on March 7, 2024 and continue to March 8, 2024.

Executive Session

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

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges against George Shaw in Docket No. 2021-144.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges against Keteral Ducote in Docket No. 2021-726.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of lawsuit pending against Jessel "Mitchell" Ourso, Jr., candidate for a future election for the office of Parish President, Iberville Parish, relating to inappropriate use of campaign funds.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Dupre Carrier</u> Godchaux Agency and Sheriff Bobby Guidroz in Docket No. 2022-724.

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GENERAL

G1. Docket No. 23-192

Untimely waiver request submitted by Alton Joseph Broussard, former member of the State of Louisiana Board of Barber Examiner, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 637 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 336 days late.

G2. Docket No. 23-435

Adoption and Publication of for Declaratory Opinion, requested on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union").

G3. Docket No. 23-596

Waiver request submitted by Douglas K. Williams, former member of the Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 384 days late.

G4. 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.

G5. Docket No. 24-042

Waiver request submitted by Clifton Morris, Constable / District 2 / East Feliciana Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 351 days late.

G6. Docket No. 24-043

Untimely waiver request submitted by Stacey King, former member of the West Feliciana Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1050 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 21 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. 23-879

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Benjamin Walker to write active shooter response plans and conduct training for Louisiana parishes while still employed with the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

G8. Docket No. 23-937

Advisory opinion request regarding the post-employment restrictions for Vivek Shah, a New Orleans Regional Transit Authority employee.

G9. Docket No. 23-968

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits BCB Architects LLC to contract with the West Baton Rouge School Board while Matthew Daigrepont serves as a member of the West Baton Rouge School Board.

G10. Docket No. 23-1006

Advisory opinion request from a member of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board regarding whether certain transactions create conflicts of interest under the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code").

G11. Docket No. 23-1083

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the City of Opelousas as to a possible consulting contract with former City Treasurer Stephen Woods.

G12. Docket No. 24-004

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the appointment of Brian Brown to the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 ("Waterworks District") while his father's store provides services to the Waterworks District.

G13. Docket No. 24-005

Advisory Opinion Request from Mary Sliman, on behalf of Lafayette Consolidated Government Community Development and Planning Department ("CDP"), as to whether CDP may allocate federal grant money to a non-profit organization which has employees of Lafayette Consolidated Government ("LCG") as its officers.

G14. Docket No. 24-009

Advisory Opinion request from Coley Johnson, former employee of the Dept. of Transportation and Development, regarding post employment restrictions.

G15. Docket No. 24-021

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Leon Spears to contract with Louisiana state agencies to provide First Aid and CPR training services.

G16. Docket No. 24-023

Advisory Opinion request from The Villavaso Group LLC regarding the hiring of an appointed member of the Lincoln Beach Community Advisory Committee to work on a subcontract for the City of New Orleans.

G17. Docket No. 24-044

Advisory Opinion request from Antonette Cannon, an employee of the Calcasieu Parish School Board, regarding her providing dyslexia evaluations to private school students.

G18. Docket No. 24-045

Advisory Opinion request from Deon Boudreaux, Chief of Police for the Town of Port Barre, regarding his nephew working as an unpaid intern for the Police Department.

G19. Docket No. 24-046

Advisory Opinion request from Amelia Pellegrin, a former employee of the Port of New Orleans, regarding her providing contracted assistance to the Port.

G20. Docket No. 24-047

Advisory Opinion request from Clarence Copeland, Executive Director of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, regarding the possible employment of Shauna Sanford, a former employee of the Office of the Governor.

G21. Docket No. 24-049

Advisory Opinion request regarding participation issues surrounding an application for rezoning in Jennings.

G22. Docket No. 24-053

Advisory Opinion request from Adam Chauvin on behalf of Trinity Education Services LLC entering into an internship agreement with Lafourche Ambulance Service District No. 1.

G23. Docket No. 24-054

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Tonya Wiltz to sell insurance policies to public employees while also serving as an employee of the Louisiana Department of

Education.

G24. Docket No. 24-055

Advisory Opinion Request from Becky Toups, Director of Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 1 regarding dual officeholding.

G25. Docket No. 24-056

Advisory Opinion Request from Alesia Ardoin, on behalf of Jennifer Brady, former Director of Finance Department for Livingston Parish Government ("LPG"), related to post-employment restrictions.

Disclosure Reports

G26. Docket No. 23-514

PFD Answer submitted by Sibil Richardson, candidate for State Representative / 93rd Representative District in the February 18, 2023 election, in response to a NOD-Amend requesting she amend her 2022 Tier 2 Candidate PFD.

Regular Business

G27. Docket No. MINUTES

February 2024 Board Minutes

G28. Docket No. 21-591

Consent Opinion for Shelta Richardson, former member of St. Tammany Parish School Board, related to violation of Section 1111C(2)(d).

G29. Docket No. RULE

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

G30. Docket No. PACRule

Consideration of a draft of Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics concerning expenditures made by political committees.

G31. Docket No. 24LEGIS

Consideration of legislation introduced in connection with the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 23-1087

Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Darrell R. Sinagra, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 1, Tangiphoa Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-1088

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Phillip D. "David" Ridder, Jr, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 4, Tangipahoa Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-1090

Request that the Board waive the \$360.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lazelle Phillips Roy, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, Town of Melville in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 23-1091

Request that the Board waive the \$420.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joshua Cathedralle Lewis, an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 25th Senatorial District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-010

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 and \$960 campaign finance late fees assessed against Roy Lee Allbritton, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 36 and 16 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-011

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brien K. Pledger, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 1, Terrebonne Parish, in the March 25, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 248 days late.

Docket No. 24-032

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000, \$520 & \$240 campaign finance late fees (\$1,760 total) assessed against Samuel Pearce, a successful candidate for Police Juror, District 8, Avoyelles Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 61, 13 & 6 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-035

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$2,500 campaign finance late fees (\$7,500 total) assessed against Jeffry Lamonte Sanford, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were not filed.

Docket No. 24-036

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kevin Guitterrez, who did not qualify as a candidate for BESE, District 1, Jefferson Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 96 days late.

Docket No. 24-038

Request that the Board waive the \$780 campaign finance late fee assessed against Oneal P. Mills, Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for Assumption Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 24-040

Request that the Board waive the \$420 and \$540 campaign finance late fees (\$960 total) assessed against Charles E. Marsala, a successful candidate for State Representative, 94th Representative District, Jefferson & Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 & 9 days late, respectively.

G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 24-041

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Caitlin Connors for the late filing of the November 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G34. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-089

Waiver request submitted by Winston Kent Roberts, Police Juror / Grant Parish and member of the Kisatche Delta Regional Planning & Developmental District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 42 days late.

Docket No. 23-481

Waiver request submitted by Carla Powell, candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board / District 3 in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 27 days late.

Docket No. 23-909

Waiver request submitted by Timothy Anthony Larkin, Bossier City Councilman at Large / / Bossier Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 58 days late.

Docket No. 23-957

Waiver request submitted by Carlos Luis Zervigon, Member of School Board / District 6 / Orleans Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 34 days late and regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 47 days late.

Docket No. 23-958

Waiver request submitted by Lisa L Tropez-Arceneaux, Lycee Francais De La Nouvelle Charter School, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 466 days late.

Docket No. 23-973

Waiver request submitted by Jeffry LaMonte Sanford, candidate for Sheriff / East Baton Rouge Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2022 Tier 2 candidate.

Docket No. 23-974

Waiver request submitted by Darlene Francois Riley, candidate for Councilman / District 2 / St. James Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 candidate pfd 46 days late.

Docket No. 23-989

Waiver request submitted by Raphineas Gerald "Ray" Riley, candidate for Council Member / City of Denham Springs / Livingston Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 363 days late.

Docket No. 23-991

Waiver request submitted by Joseph "Joe" Erdey, candidate for Councilman / District 9 / Livingston Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$1700 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 17 days late.

Docket No. 23-992

Waiver request submitted by Bruce Allen Taylor, candidate for Police Juror / District 3 / Sabine Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 candidate pfd 51 days late.

Docket No. 23-993

Waiver request submitted by Timothy R. "Tim" Riley, Gonzales City Council / District A / Ascension Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 560 days late and regarding a \$2500 late fee

assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 68 days late.

Docket No. 23-1010

Waiver request submitted by Christopher Scott Clostio, former member of the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 142 days late.

Docket No. 23-1011

Waiver request submitted by Brett Wyre McCaughey, Nibletts Bluff Park Commission, Calcasieu Parish Recreation District, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 23-1020

Waiver request submitted by Thomas Houston "Tom" McVea, former member of the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-1021

Waiver request submitted by Angela McDaniel (Beth) Smith, Sikes Board of Aldermen (Pop. 112) / Winn Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 201 days late and regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 230 days late.

Docket No. 23-1040

Waiver request submitted by James Veuleman, candidate for Member of School Board / District 5 / Desoto Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 436 days late.

G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-952

Waiver request submitted by D'Juana L. McCartney, LaSalle Parish School Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 School Board Disclosure 11 days late.

Docket No. 23-956

Waiver request submitted by William E. "Bill" Willson, Sr., Monroe City School Board, Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 School Board Disclosure 13 days late.

Docket No. 23-1009

Waiver request submitted by Carlos Ray Archield, Beauregard Parish School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 School Board Disclosure 39 days late.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 23-975

Untimely waiver request submitted by Alejandro R. Perkins, Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 101 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 84 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 84 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 84 days late.

Docket No. 23-1022

Untimely waiver request submitted by Richard "Rich" Hughes, candidate for City of Crowley Board of Aldermen (Pop. 11,710) / Ward 2, Division B, Acadia

Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 203 days late.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 23-593

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Deborah T. Bennett, Constable / Ward 3 / Catahoula Parish, for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 99 days late.

Docket No. 23-764

Request by Erick Falting, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 12, Bossier Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, that the Board reconsider its decision to 1) decline to waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee for a 30-P filed 175 days late; 2) reduce to \$915.61 and decline to waive the \$1,000 late fee for a 10-P filed 155 days late; 3) reduce to \$400 and decline to waive the two (2) \$1,000 late fees for a 10-G report filed 125 days late and a SUPP2022 report filed 57 days late



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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Appearances

GS1. Docket No. 23-1067

Advisory Opinion request from Patrick Ottinger with Ottinger Hebert LLC, regarding his appointment as City-Parish Attorney for Lafayette Consolidated Government, as well as his appointment of Assistant City-Parish Attorneys who are employed at Ottinger Hebert LLC.

GS2. Docket No. 24-161

Advisory opinion request submitted on behalf of Governor John Bel Edwards concerning the law firm of Fishman Haygood, LLP entering into a subcontract