



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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

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

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding a lawsuit filed against Bob Dean in Docket No. 2021-933/ C-722938, Sec. 32.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges pending against Gordan Ford in Docket No. 2023-651.

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9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 24-599
Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Amanda Jane LaFleur, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 169 days late.
- G2.** Docket No. 24-775

Request that the Board waive the five (5) \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fees totaling \$15,000.00 assessed against Restore Our Coast PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson, John Carmouche, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 180-P, 90-P, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 381, 290, 231, 211 and 176 days late, respectively.

G3. 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 pdf 79 days late.

G4. Docket No. 25-039

Correspondence from the Louisiana Manufacturers Political Action Committee ("LAMP") requesting that the Board waive the statutory provisions of La. R.S. 18:1511.2 regarding contribution limits of big PACs as implemented by Act 664 of the 2024 Legislative Session.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G5. Docket No. 24-590

Advisory Opinion Request from Gramercy Police Department (the "GPD"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits GPD employees to receive certain benefits approved by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy (the "Town").

G6. Docket No. 24-621

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether an East Baton Rouge Councilman can operate a bail bonds company.

G7. Docket No. 24-954

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Briaon Landry's business, CX Virtual Solutions, from entering into an internship arrangement with Assumption High School while she is a teacher at Assumption High School.

G8. Docket No. 24-963

Proposed disqualification plans concerning Judy Jones's promotion to the Assistant Director of Nursing A-East Division at Eastern Louisiana Mental Health Systems (ELMHS) while her sister, Laura Williams, serves as the Director of Nursing A-East Division for ELMHS.

G9. Docket No. 24-968

Advisory Opinion Request from Dwight Hudson, Metro Councilman, District 9, East Baton Parish, as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits his company to enter into a lease with a tenant utilizing a voucher provided by the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (the "Housing Authority") or the Louisiana Housing Corporation ("LHC").

G10. Docket No. 25-007

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jenny Welch's company, Druco Lumber, to sell to the Maintenance Division of the Avoyelles Parish School Board while she is employed in the Food Service Division of the Avoyelles Parish School Board.

G11. Docket No. 25-008

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Chief Deputy Marshall of the Franklin/Third Ward Marshall's Office is permitted to serve as the Interim Police Chief for the Jeanerette Police Department.

G12. Docket No. 25-012

Advisory opinion request from Anthony V. Ligi, Jr, on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Education ("LDOE"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits LDOE employees to solicit donations from third parties to cover certain costs associated with the hosting of an upcoming event.

Regular Business**G13. Docket No. MINUTES**

February 2025 Board Minutes

G14. Docket No. 20-622

Consent opinion regarding Robert Berry arising from charges for his dual positions as the Executive Director and Board Member of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.

G15. Docket No. 3125-01

Administrator's Notes

G16. Docket No. 3125-03

Review of Chapters 1-7 of the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics (LAC 52:1).

G17. Docket No. 3125-04

Memorandum concerning the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1115.1.

G18. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**Docket No. 24-712**

Request that the Board waive the (3) \$2,500.00 campaign finance late fees (\$7,500.00 total) assessed against Daniel M. "Danny" Cole, an unsuccessful candidate for Governor in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 350, 330 and 295 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-868

Request that the Board waive the \$640 campaign finance late fee assessed against Working on Lafourche's Future WOLF PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Archie Chaisson, III, for the March 25, 2023 Proposition election, whose 10-E campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 24-923

Request that the Board waive the \$1,140 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ludwig Gelobter, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 43rd Representative District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 24-940

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ready Kids New Orleans, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Bill Hammack, and treasurer, Sharonda Williams, whose 2023 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 291 days late.

Docket No. 24-941

Request that the Board waive the \$240.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against George L. Branigan, a candidate for Councilmember, District 4 for a

future election, whose 2023 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

Docket No. 24-942

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 and \$800.00 (total of \$1,800.00) campaign finance late fees assessed against LA Automobile Dealers Election Action Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Kristie Hebert, and treasurer, Coulter McMahan, whose July 2024 and September 2024 Monthly campaign finance disclosure reports were both filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-951

Request that the Board waive the \$40.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sherman Jackson, a successful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Gonzales in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 days late.

Docket No. 24-964

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fees (\$4,000.00 total) assessed against W. Thomas Barrett, III, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 38th Judicial District Court in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 and 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 663 and 304 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-970

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against KaTrina Chantelle Griffin, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 4, Orleans Parish, in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 24-972

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$400.00 campaign finance late fees (\$800.00 total) assessed against Tambra "Tammy" Cook, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor-President, Metro Council, City of Baton Rouge in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 90-P and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 & 5 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-973

Request that the Board waive the \$400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed C. Anthony Eaves, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 3rd Circuit, 2nd Dist., Election Sec. 2A, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Vernon Parishes in the November 5, 2024 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure reports was 6 days late.

Docket No. 24-974

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Erin Riecke Rowan, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 2, St. Tammany Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 258 days late.

Docket No. 24-975

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$80.00 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$160.00 assessed against Timothy "Tim" Riley, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of Gonzales in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 2 and 6 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 25-015

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000.00 and \$800.00 for a total of \$3,800.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against CENLA Strong Political Action Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Robert Ratcliff, in the November 5, 2024 election whose, 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 25-029

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joseph "Liberty Jesus" Clement, a disqualified candidate for Councilmember, Metro District 12, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 65 days late.

G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 24-339

Waiver request submitted by Ruffin Curt Guillory, Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury / District 9, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 80 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 3 candidate pfd 38 days late.

G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 23-518

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Charles Wayne "Carlos" Jean, Jr., unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff / East Baton Rouge Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 candidate pfd 1024 days late.

Docket No. 24-431

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$350 late fee assessed against DeWayne Kevin Bowie, Cajundome and Convention Center Commission, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-522

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$1,920 campaign finance late fees (\$5,920 total) assessed against Betty Ward Cooper, unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 2023 Annual, 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 47, 50 and 32 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-562

Request that the Board waive reconsider the decision to decline to waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Patricia "Patty" McCarty, a successful candidate for Member of Parish Council, District 5, Plaquemines Parish in the November 8, 2022, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was file 280 days late.

Docket No. 24-711

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1500 late fee assessed against Paul P. Matthews, Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 32 days late.