



## **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room  
MAY 2, 2024  
2:30 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
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**Note: Meetings begin on May 2, 2024 and continue to May 3, 2024.**

### **Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session of litigation involving charges issued against Greg Gachassin and The Cartesian Company in Docket No. 2011-835.

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

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### **GENERAL**

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#### **Appearances**

**G1. Docket No. 24-112**

Waiver request submitted by Harvey White, unsuccessful candidate for State Senate / District 33, in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd.

#### **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

**G2. Docket No. 24-106**

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Young Investment Group, owned by Henry Young, may become a vendor for the West Feliciana Parish School Board while Mr. Young's wife is a School Board employee.

**G3. Docket No. 24-125**

Advisory Opinion Request from Fire Chief Ken Bouvier, on behalf of the City of Westwego Fire Department ("WFD"), for an advisory opinion as to whether WFD may promote an employee to the position of Assistant Fire Chief of Fire Prevention while his father serves as Assistant Fire Chief of Operations.

**G4. Docket No. 24-127**

Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request from a former candidate for Aldermen in the Town of Slaughter concerning outside employment.

**G5. Docket No. 24-137**

Advisory Opinion Request from Mary Jacob, as to actions taken by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education ("BESE") with respect to the Special Education Advisory Panel ("SEAP").

**G6. Docket No. 24-162**

Advisory Opinion request from Mace Bourgeois on behalf of Fire & Safety Commodities regarding the continuation of a contract with the State of Louisiana while his wife, Susan Bourgeois, serves as Secretary for the Department of Economic Development.

**G7. Docket No. 24-163**

Advisory Opinion request from Dara Horcasitas, a former employee of the La. Dept. of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing ("Medicaid"), Pharmacy Section, regarding post-employment restrictions upon her employment with Magellan Rx Management.

**G8. Docket No. 24-164**

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Travis Byland to provide engineering services to the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA") after his retirement from CPRA.

**G9. Docket No. 24-193**

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits employees of the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office and their immediate family members may bid and purchase surplus items through a public auction site.

**G10. Docket No. 24-194**

Advisory Opinion request from Teri Parker, District Captain for Ward Six Fire Protection District No. 1 of Calcasieu Parish regarding her future service as a volunteer firefighter.

**G11. Docket No. 24-196**

Advisory Opinion request from Andrew D'Aquila on behalf of the Town of Slaughter in East Feliciana Parish, regarding Board of Alderman Danny Allen Hobgood providing services to the P Group LLC.

**G12. Docket No. 24-197**

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Joseph Townsend to provide a seminar to the Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators ("LABENFA") after his retirement as Executive Director of LABENFA.

- G13.** Docket No. 24-198  
Advisory opinion request regarding a Natchitoches Parish Council Member purchasing adjudicated property from the Parish through public auction.
- G14.** Docket No. 24-199  
Advisory Opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Deputy Brandon J. Oubre to be employed with the Patrol Division of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office while his father serves as Captain over the Patrol Division.
- G15.** Docket No. 24-219  
Advisory opinion request from Grant Parish Police Juror Brandon DuBois regarding his outside employment.
- G16.** Docket No. 24-237  
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Mark Krause to be employed as a police officer for the Village of Sicily Island while his father, Walter Krause, serves as the Mayor.

### **Regular Business**

- G17.** Docket No. MINUTES  
April 2024 Board Minutes
- G18.** Docket No. 24-1041  
Consent Opinion regarding Mark Savoie, former River Parish Community College (RPCC) employee, violating La. R.S. 42:1121.
- G19.** Docket No. 21-1054  
Consent Opinion regarding former City of New Orleans Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Peter Bowen.
- G20.** Docket No. 22-677  
Consent Opinion regarding Calena Boullard, Executive Director of the Welsh Housing Authority, violating La. R.S. 42:1115(A)(1), by virtue of her receipt of envelopes of money from Lyness Matthews, at a time when Lyness Matthews had, or was seeking to obtain, a contractual, business or financial relationship with Welsh Housing Authority.
- G21.** Docket No. 24-220  
Application for Declaratory Hearing /Declaratory Opinion to terminate a controversy or remove an uncertainty regarding whether St. Tammany Parish Coroner Christopher Tape's conduct, both qualifying to run for office, and after elected officials called for his resignation, violates ethics standards for Louisiana elected officials.
- G22.** Docket No. PACRule  
Consideration of a draft of Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics concerning expenditures made by political committees.
- G23.** Docket No. 24LEGIS  
Consideration of legislation introduced in connection with the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.
- G24.** **WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
Docket No. 24-012  
Request that the Board waive the \$480 and \$540 campaign finance late fees (\$1,020 total) assessed against Thomas Rodrigue, an unsuccessful candidate for Lafourche Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P and

10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 9 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-013

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Amy Senegal Trahan, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 4, Lafayette Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 24-033

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Darrell "D.D." Teats, an unsuccessful candidate for Franklin Parish Assessor in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 24-034

Request that the Board waive the \$560.00 and \$800.00 campaign finance late fees (\$1440.00 total) assessed against Scott Washington, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 8, Calcasieu Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 14 and 20 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-037

Request that the Board waive the \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed against Karen Jones, an unopposed candidate for Clerk of Court for West Carrol Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 24-130

Request that the Board waive a \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shelter Insurance La PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Brian Waller and treasurer, Christina Workman in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 24-131

Request that the Board waive a \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against South Louisiana Medical Assoc. (SLMA) Physician PAC, LLC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Michael J. Garcia, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-132

Request that the Board waive the \$40 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenneth P. Boudreaux, a successful candidate for City Council Member, District 5, City of Lafayette in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 24-133

Request that the Board waive the \$420.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Holly Kidd, a successful candidate for Lincoln Parish Coroner in the October 14, 2023 election in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-134

Request that the Board waive the \$480.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donald B. Vallee, a successful candidate for State Representative, 105th Representative District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 24-141

Request that the Board waive the \$480.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jack Harvill, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 4, Bossier Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 24-143

Request that the Board waive the \$320.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against William "Bill" Lewis, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 4, Washington Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 24-171

Request that the Board waive a \$1,800.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Progressive Pelican PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Greg Morrison in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. AND Request to reinstate the suspension of campaign finance reassessed late fees of \$2,700.00 and \$2,500.00 for the 10-G and 40-G in connection with the November 3, 2020 election.

Docket No. 24-173

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Step Up for Action (OP), as an other person in the October 14, 2023 election, and Benjamin Zucker, Co-Director, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 54 days late.

Docket No. 24-174

Request that the Board waive a \$400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against NOLA Defenders for Equal Justice LLC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kendall P. Green in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 24-180

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Emily Fenet Parker, in her capacity as an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 8, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

Docket No. 24-202

Request that the Board waive a \$1,400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Working America (OP) in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-221

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Conservative Louisiana, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Michele Reisner, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 27 days late.

Docket No. 24-222

Request that the Board waive the \$400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Courtney Broussard-Fitch, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 12, Iberia Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 24-223

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joshua Ebarb, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5,

Livingston Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 110 days late.

Docket No. 24-224

Request that the Board waive the \$240.00 and \$360.00 (\$600 total) campaign finance late fees assessed against Vernon Bailey, Sr., a successful candidate for Councilman, District 6, St. John the Baptist in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 9 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-225

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 and \$80.00 campaign finance late fees (\$1,080.00 total) assessed against Elaine G. Davis, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, City of Baker, EBR Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 2 and 330 days late, respectively.

**G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

Docket No. 24-145

Request to waive the \$200 late fee assessed against Shuneki Pea-Williams for the late filing of the December 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report.



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Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against Lashaun Wheeler in Docket No. 2019-1149

Discussion in Executive Session of lawsuit pending in the 18th JDC (Docket No. 82,167, Div. D) 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.

Discussion in Executive Session of lawsuit in the 4th JDC (Docket No. C-20240469, Div. CV5) pending against Royce Toney, candidate for a future election, relating to the inappropriate use of campaign funds.

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### **Appearances**

**GS1. Docket No. 24-129**

Advisory Opinion request from Michael Reese Davis on behalf of his clients United Healthcare Community Plan and Optum Rx, Inc. in connection to the



payment of legal fees to the State's outside counsel contracted with the Office of the Attorney General through a proposed fee award/settlement arrangement.

**GS2. Docket No. 24-341**

Advisory opinion request concerning Matthew Percy continuing to serve as the Gonzales City Attorney if his father is appointed interim mayor.

**Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

**GS3. Docket No. 24-238**

Advisory opinion request from Tireka Cobb, a Louisiana Department of Education employee in the Division of Federal Support and Grantee Relations, regarding outside employment.

**GS4. Docket No. 24-239**

Advisory Opinion request and approval of a disqualification plan regarding Rick Courtney and Haley Courtney's employment at the Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System facility in Jackson.

**GS5. Docket No. 24-266**

Advisory opinion request from Perry Stagg, former Office of Juvenile Justice Assistant Secretary and current WAE employee at Dixon Correctional Institute, regarding post-employment and outside employment issues.

**GS6. Docket No. 24-322**

Advisory Opinion request from Andy Messina, an employee of Terrebonne High School, regarding the offering of voice lessons to his students during the summer.