

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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

Note: Meetings begin on June 2, 2022 and continue to June 3, 2022.

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 pending against Chasity Livingston in Docket No. 2017-1219.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Kemic Smothers in Docket No. 2018-400.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-461

1) Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division D, Orleans Parish, in the October 19, 2013 election, whose 2017 and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 2 days late. 2) Request to waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee

assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was 2 days late.

G2. Docket No. 22-206

Request for an advisory opinion concerning the City Attorney for City of Bossier City entering into a contract with the father of the City's Chief Administrative Officer.

G3. Docket No. 22-257

Advisory Opinion request from St. Charles Parish Councilwoman Mary K. Clulee, concerning a potential lease with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") while she serves as a councilwoman for District II of the St. Charles Parish Council ("Council").

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G4. Docket No. CHART

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

G5. Docket No. 22-198

Disqualification Plans submitted for approval by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on behalf of the following employees: Nolan Hulin, Avery Hulin, Kaye Hulin, Darren Dore' and Linda Dore'.

G6. Docket No. 22-218

Withdrawal of Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by W. Thomas Barrett, III, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit a police juror for the Cameron Parish Police Jury ("Police Jury") from being hired as the Executive Director for the Cameron Parish Port Harbor and Terminal District ("District").

G7. Docket No. 22-244

Advisory Opinion request from Dr. Latricia Kyle regarding prohibitions on running for elected office if she is employed by the Office of Juvenile Justice.

G8. Docket No. 22-258

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Daryl E. Blacher, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from being a contracted consultant for the City of Baker ("Baker") while she is employed by the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge ("City/Parish") as a Grants Administrator.

G9. Docket No. 22-268

Request for advisory opinion from William Crawford, on behalf of Bayou Community Academy Charter School (the "Academy"), as to whether the Code would prohibit the Academy from entering into transactions with United Community Bank ("UCB").

G10. Docket No. 22-277

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") would prohibit Marksville Councilwoman Mary E. Sampson from being appointed to the local Civil Service Commission once her term of office expires.

G11. Docket No. 22-279

Advisory Opinion request from Ellen Ortiz, former employee of the First Planning District Workforce Development Board, regarding post-employment

restrictions.

G12. <u>Docket No. 22-280</u>

Advisory Opinion request submitted by Don Chauvin, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit his receipt of a vehicle allowance while he runs for Mayor of Carencro.

G13. Docket No. 22-296

Advisory Opinion request from Fire Chief Christopher Bourgeois, on behalf of the Schriever Fire Protection District (the "District"), as to whether the Code would prohibit the District from hiring volunteer firefighter Ryan Chauvin as a compensated part-time maintenance worker.

G14. Docket No. 22-308

Advisory Opinion request submitted by Tommy Naquin, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit an employee of the Town of St. Francisville ("Town") from entering into a contract with the Town for the provision of janitorial services.

G15. Docket No. 22-309

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether a member of the Shenandoah Estates Crime Protection and Improvement District Board may volunteer his services to the District to maintain its website.

G16. Docket No. 22-310

Advisory opinion request regarding whether La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council, may accept employment with the ARC of St. Charles, Inc.

G17. Docket No. 22-311

Advisory Opinion request from Allen Hanna, former employee of the La. Dept. of Health, Office of Public Health, Region 8 regarding post-employment restrictions.

Regular Business

G18. Docket No. MINUTES

May 2022 Board Minutes

G19. Docket No. 16-017

Consideration of an executed Consent Opinion by Jeanine Blaney, a former employee of the Lake Charles Police Department for receiving compensation in violation of La. R.S. 42:1111A.

G20. Docket No. 19-051

Consent Opinion regarding Lashanda Bridges, a former employee of the Office of Motor Vehicles in Sulphur.

G21. Docket No. 19-580

Consideration of a consent opinion regarding Linda Musson, former employee with the Maxine Giardina Charter School, involving a violation of La. R.S. 42:1121.

G22. Docket No. 20-240

Consideration of an executed consent opinion from Donald and Marla Cooper regarding Donald Cooper entering into transactions to perform work with the Lafourche Recreation District No. 3 while Marla Cooper, his wife, served on the District.

G23. Docket No. LEGISLA

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

G24. Docket No. Report

Administrator's Report

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

June 2022 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 22-260

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against LA Loggers PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Josh McAllister, and treasurer, Spencer Garr, whose June 2019 Monthly campaign finance reports was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 22-261

Request that the Board request a waiver of two (2) \$3,000, totaling \$6,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Citizens for a Better Caddo, Inc., a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Edward J. Crawford, III, and treasurer, Robert Dean, whose 2017 and 2018 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 587 and 222 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-265

Request that the Board waive the \$1,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA Republican Party of Caddo Parish, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Louis R. Avalone, Jr, and treasurer, Matt Kay, whose April 2021 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 22-270

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ronald "Ron" Stevens, unsuccessful candidate for City Court Constable, City of Baton Rouge in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 52 days late.

Docket No. 22-271

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carrie Wheeler, a successful candidate for Council Member, City of Harahan, Jefferson Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 113 days late.

Docket No. 22-273

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Adam Toussaint, an unsuccessful candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 22-301

Request that the Board waive a \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kendrick J. Guidry, successful candidate for District Judge, 14th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. H, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 22-303

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$3,000, totaling \$6,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Progressive Pelican PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson Greg Morrison, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed

108 and 39 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-304

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kirk PAC, a political action committee, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

Docket No. 22-305

Request that the Board waive a \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jared Brossett, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member at Large, Division 2, Orleans Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 100 days late.

Docket No. 22-307

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$1,500 campaign finance late fees totaling \$2,100 assessed against Benjamin "Ben" Kleban, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 5, Orleans Parish for a future election, whose 2019 and 2020 annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 17 and 25 days late, respectively.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 22-266

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Gregory Morrison for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report.

Docket No. 22-278

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Telley Madina for filing his 2022 lobbying registration 65 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 21-298

Waiver request submitted by Mark Holder, Coroner / Sabine Parish, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 day late.

Docket No. 21-299

Waiver request submitted by Charles Broussard, former member of the Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 3, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 491 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 257 days late.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 21-297

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gene Willie Barber, a former Constable/District C/Grant Parish, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual PFD 6 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 2 days late.