



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
JUNE 6, 2024
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on June 6, 2024 and continue to June 7, 2024.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding the civil suit in Louisiana Board of Ethics v. River Birch, et al, Suit No. 715012, 24th JDC.

Discussion in executive session of lawsuit against Thomas Jones, Jr., in Docket No. 2023-270.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges filed against Mr. Coby Clavier in Docket No. 2023-326.

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9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 24-254

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Danil Faust, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 93rd

Representative District in the March 24, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G2. Docket No. 23-929**
Request for reconsideration of an advisory opinion from James Carinio, Jr., a former employee of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, as to whether the Federal Trade Commission's Final Rule on Non-Competes affects his post-employment restrictions under the Code.
- G3. 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.
- G4. Docket No. 24-048**
Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Christopher Guilbeaux to serve as the Executive Director of Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association ("LEPA") following his retirement from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP").
- G5. Docket No. 24-071**
Withdrawal of Advisory Opinion request from Donald Bourgeois regarding serving as the agent of record for a deferred compensation plan.
- G6. Docket No. 24-195**
Disqualification Plan Request from Kristy Flynn, on behalf of Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center ("CLSSC"), to approve a plan allowing an CLSSC employee to recuse themselves from any matters relating to their child's employment.
- G7. Docket No. 24-264**
Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Benjamin Allison to serve as a part-time firefighter with the Red River Parish Fire District.
- G8. Docket No. 24-265**
Advisory Opinion Request from Michael Conroy, on behalf of St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court Melissa Henry, as to the application of the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics.
- G9. Docket No. 24-267**
Advisory Opinion request from Eric Duplantis on behalf of the West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, regarding its depositing of funds into an account with First National Bank of Jeanerette.
- G10. Docket No. 24-268**
Advisory Opinion request from James Gravois as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits LA Athletics from providing services to students who are members of the Dutchtown High School cheerleading team.
- G11. Docket No. 24-269**
Advisory Opinion request from Andrew Price Gay, Jr., Chairman of the Upper Delta Soil & Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors, regarding his daughter-in-law being employed by a potential district vendor.

- G12.** Docket No. 24-270
Advisory Opinion request from Craig Prosper, a former member of the St. Martinville City Council, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G13.** Docket No. 24-271
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Danny Myers' business to subcontract on a project for the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- G14.** Docket No. 24-289
Advisory opinion request from Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish regarding a contractual arrangement with a third-party service provider when Iberia Medical Center's CEO and the third-party service provider's CFO are siblings.
- G15.** Docket No. 24-304
Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits John Adams' daughter to be employed by Arkus Management Services, LLC, a subcontractor of Louisiana Oilfield Restoration Association, Inc. ("LORA"), while LORA has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Conservation, and he serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Conservation.
- G16.** Docket No. 24-305
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits St. Landry Parish Government from hiring the grandchild of Jimmie Edwards, an elected member of the Council.
- G17.** Docket No. 24-306
Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Charles Dupuy to serve as the Chief Deputy of St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office while continuing to own CKS Safety Consultants, LLC.
- G18.** Docket No. 24-307
Advisory Opinion request from Anna Frank, a member of the Ville Platte Board of Alderman, regarding her potential employment by the Housing Authority of Ville Platte.
- G19.** Docket No. 24-323
Advisory Opinion request from Greg Fernandez, on behalf of the St. Bernard Parish Coroner's Office (the "Coroner's Office"), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits the Coroner's Office from employing Raul Vallecillo as an investigator while they also serve as a St. Bernard Parish firefighter.
- G20.** Docket No. 24-332
Advisory Opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics Code) prohibits the Henry Whitehorn, Jr. from being re-employed with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office prior to his father, Henry Whitehorn, Sr., taking office on July 1, 2024.
- G21.** Docket No. 24-333
Advisory Opinion request from Russell Benevage, on behalf of Roadrunner Ability Access, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company ("Roadrunner"), as to whether Roadrunner may contract with the Louisiana Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities ("OCDD") while his spouse is employed by OCDD.
- G22.** Docket No. 24-335
Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the Shreveport Downtown Development

Authority as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits the Executive Director from receiving compensation from the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation.

Regular Business

G23. Docket No. MINUTES

May 2024 Board Minutes

G24. Docket No. 24-288

Advisory Opinion Request from Dannie Garrett, III, on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council (the "Council"), as to whether a member of the Council may receive compensation from a company seeking to contract with the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("the District") and whether his employer may contract with the District.

G25. Docket No. 24-383

Advisory opinion request regarding the application of La. R.S. 44:11A(3) to the residence address disclosed by filers on the annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.

G26. Docket No. 24LEGIS

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

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 23-797

Request that the Board waive the \$440 campaign finance late fee assessed against Walter "Wally" Fall, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District G, Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was not filed. Contribution for \$830.00 on 11-23-22 identified on the 40-G report.

Docket No. 23-1092

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Hersy Jones, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Caddo Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 24-248

Request that the Board waive the \$40 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lawrence Marie Brown, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 4, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 24-249

Request that the Board waive the \$880.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jerry L. Red, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 1, St. Landry Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 22 days late.

Docket No. 24-250

Request that the Board waive the \$7,000.00 total campaign finance late fees assessed against New Orleans Home Builders Association, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Kevin Katner, and treasurer, Shivers Nellon, whose 2023 May, June, November and December monthly campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 29, 3, 2 and 21 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-251

Request that the Board waive the \$840.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Glenn Scriber, a successful candidate for Police Juror, District 6, Lincoln Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late.

Docket No. 24-252

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tess Percy Stromberg, a successful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 1st Dist., Elec. Sec. 1, Division C in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 49 days late.

Docket No. 24-253

Request that the Board waive the \$440.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael "Cuz" Prosperie, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 6, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 24-255

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$440.00 campaign finance late fees (\$3,440.00 total) assessed against Earnestine "Tina" Horn, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 5, Cameron Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 141, 121, 86 and 11 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-257

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ralph Singleton, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 1, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 74 days late.

Docket No. 24-258

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mary Winchell, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 1st Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. C, Caddo Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 401 days late.

Docket No. 24-259

Request that the Board waive the \$300 and \$120 campaign finance late fees (\$420 total) assessed against Vincent Milligan, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District C, Orleans Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5 and 2 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-308

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Elbert Lee Guillory, an unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 24-247

Request to waive the \$700 late fee assessed against Ashley Volion for the late filing of the January 2024 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**Docket No. 24-146**

Waiver request submitted by Stephanie Cargile, Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 96 days late.

Docket No. 24-147

Waiver request submitted by Sharon Moore Bradley, Constable / District C / Justice of the Peace / Red River Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 65 days late and regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 65 days late.

Docket No. 24-175

Waiver request submitted by Jason Smith, candidate for Sheriff / Washington Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 95 days late.

Docket No. 24-176

Waiver request submitted by Randi Aleasha Grillette, Castor Village Alderman (Pop. 230) / Bienville Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for failing to file her amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 24-178

Waiver request submitted by Doris Stogner, candidate for St. Bernard Parish Councilman / District D in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 142 days late.

Docket No. 24-179

Waiver request submitted by Marcel "Two" Belvin, Jr., candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish Councilman / District 2 in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 126 days late.

Docket No. 24-200

Waiver request submitted by Matthew "Matt" Lewis Jewell, candidate for St. Charles Parish President in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 24-226

Waiver request submitted by Thomas L. Scott, Jr., East Baton Rouge Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 d/b/a Lane Regional Medical Center, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 24-260

Waiver request submitted by Kimberly Walker McAlister, former member of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts Board of Directors, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 18 days late.

Docket No. 24-261

Waiver request submitted by Tyronne Edwards, Member of Parish Council / District 1 / Plaquemine, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 41 days late.

Docket No. 24-262

Waiver request submitted by Geraldine "Geri" Broussard Baloney, Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 24-319

Waiver request submitted by Amy R. Hebert, Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission / Louisiana Cajun Bayou Tourism, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 2 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSUREDocket No. 24-177

Waiver request submitted by Jerel Bryant, Collegiate Academics Charter School Board, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 School Board Disclosure 20 days late.



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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

GS1. Docket No. 24-415

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Phillip Macaluso, Transportation Operations Manager in Section 45 Traffic Services of the Department of Transportation, from accepting employment with TransLine Industries upon his retirement from the Department of Transportation.

Regular Business

GS2. Docket No. 23-204

Consent Opinion for Royce Toney concerning the inappropriate use of campaign funds in violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

GS3. Docket No. 24-290

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits the Terrebonne Port Commission to purchase land from a company owned by Senator Michael Fesi.