



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room

JUNE 5, 2025

2:30 PM

617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on June 5, 2025 and continue to June 6, 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 charges issued against Tequilla Douglas in Docket No. 2022-452.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges pending against James King in Docket No. 2024-119.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 24-756

Untimely request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 late fee and reduce to \$400 each and decline to waive the \$840.00 and \$520.00 campaign finance late fees (\$2,360.00 total) assessed against Travis Herrington, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District E, Rapides Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign

finance disclosure reports were filed 40, 21 and 13 days late, respectively.

G2. Docket No. 24-824

Request the Board reconsider the board decision to suspend all but \$1,050 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Lane Ewing, Jr., former member of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 77 days late.

G3. Docket No. 24-828

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the two \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$6,000.00 assessed against New Solutions PAC, a political action committee, and its chairperson, Tyler L. Daniel, for the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 169 and 139 days late, respectively.

G4. Docket No. 24-964

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce to \$1,200 and \$600 (\$1,800 total) and decline to waive the two (2) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees (\$4,000 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.

G5. Docket No. 25-097

Request that the Board waive the four(4) \$3,000.00 for a total of \$12,000.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lafayette Republican Parish Executive Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Tim M. Breaux, and treasurer, Charles Buckels, in the October 14, 2023 election whose, 30-P and 10-P have not been filed and 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were inaccurately filed.

G6. Docket No. 25-184

Waiver request submitted by Kimberly Annette Taylor Fralick, Council Member / District 3 / Central / East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended Tier 2 annual pfd 133 days late.

G7. Docket No. 25-195

Advisory Opinion request from Chauna Banks as to whether the Plan of Government for the City of Baton Rouge of East Baton Rouge Consolidated Government currently have in place provisions that are more restrictive than the restrictions set forth in La. R.S. 42:1121A.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G8. Docket No. 25-013

Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding a City of Ponchatoula employee receiving a real estate commission for representing the seller of property being purchased by the City while her son is the Mayor of the City.

G9. Docket No. 25-172

Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding the proposed outside employment of an employee of the Louisiana Department of Education.

G10. Docket No. 25-188

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Ethics") prohibits vendors of the Lafayette Parish School Board from sponsoring customer appreciation nights at a bar owned by a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board.

- G11.** Docket No. 25-189
Advisory opinion request from Robert C. McCorquodale, employee of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office (the "CPSO"), relating to post-employment restrictions.
- G12.** Docket No. 25-196
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the elected Coroner of Lafourche Parish can also serve as a reserve deputy with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.
- G13.** Docket No. 25-208
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jessica Irvin from providing services to a school within the East Feliciana Parish School System through Kelly Services, a temporary staffing company, while her mother Peidera Sims-Matthews, serves as a member of the school board.
- G14.** Docket No. 25-209
Advisory Opinion from Rep. Charles Owen relating to his appointment to a board of non-profit corporation.
- G15.** Docket No. 25-222
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Patterson Housing Authority from issuing a \$25 gas card to each Patterson Housing Authority Commissioner each month.
- G16.** Docket No. 25-223
Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding the resignation of a state university faculty member who intends to run for an elected office.
- G17.** Docket No. 25-242
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Ethics") prohibits the former Superintendent of City Cemeteries for the City of New Orleans from assisting persons in transactions with the Division of City Cemeteries.
- G18.** Docket No. 25-253
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an assistant district attorney who is the IV-D Support Enforcement Prosecutor for her office can also contract with the Louisiana District Attorneys Association to serve as the IV-D Liaison Staff Attorney with the Department of Children and Family Services.
- G19.** Docket No. 25-256
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) prohibits Loansteady/Core Lending from participating in the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) programs within two years of its employee Kristen O'Keefe resigning from the Louisiana Housing Corporation Board.

Regular Business

- G20.** Docket No. MINUTES
May 2025 Board Minutes
- G21.** Docket No. 24-083
Consent opinion regarding a nepotism issue involving the employment of Kenyata Lands, sister of Dadrius Lanus, with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board while he serves as a member of the school board.

- G22.** Docket No. 25-224
Advisory Opinion request from Jill Lane, Council Member for the City of Mandeville (the "City"), as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics permits her business to enter into certain transactions with persons who do business with the City.
- G23.** Docket No. 3125-01
Administrator's Notes
- G24.** Docket No. 3125-02
Discussion regarding proposed legislation filed for the 2025 Legislative Session as to the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.
- G25.** Docket No. 3125-09
Approval of Campaign Finance Disclosure Forms in connection with closed party primary elections.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 25-025

Request that the Board waive the four (4) \$3,000.00 for a total of \$12,000.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against The Voice of the People, LLC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Sidney D. Torres, IV and treasurer, Lisa Schehr, whose 2020ANN and 2022ANN, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed inaccurately.

Docket No. 25-185

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Marc Mercer, a unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, Town of Ball in the October 12, 2019 election whose, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 117, 159 and 124 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 25-186

Request that the Board waive the \$100.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Paula Brown, a successful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 4th Circuit, 1st District, Division C, Orleans Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 25-204

Request that the Board waive the \$800.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jessica C. Ledet, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 21st Judicial District Court, Division I in the March 29, 2025 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 25-205

Request that the Board waive the \$2,400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Patients First Political Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Tyrone Hughes, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 17 days late.

Docket No. 25-231

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against John R. "Dick" Gibbs, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman at Large, Division A, St. Charles Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2023 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 365 days late.

Docket No. 25-244

Request that the Board waive a \$600.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jules R. Green, a successful candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

Docket No. 25-246

Request that the Board waive a \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joseph "Tony" Guillory, a successful candidate for Police Juror, District 4, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 25-247

Request that the Board waive a \$200.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brenda G. Jackson, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Baker in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 25-248

Request that the Board waive the \$1,600.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against American Institute of Architects, LA PAC, a political action committee, its chairperson, Fredrick Embaugh, and its treasurer, Kathleen Gordon, whose February 2024 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 25-249

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against John C. "Clay" Hamilton, a successful candidate for District Judge, 5th JDC, Div. A, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2024 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 25-251

Request that the Board waive the \$360 and \$200 (\$560 total) campaign finance late fees assessed against Maggie "May" Campbell, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of Westwego, Jefferson Parish, in the March 29, 2025 election, whose 2024 Annual and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 10 days late, respectively.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 3125-10

Consideration of the Lobbying Waiver Guidelines.

Docket No. 25-207

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Ryan Duffy for the late filing of the February 2025 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 25-221

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Bill Robertson for the late filing of the February 2025 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. 24-927

Waiver request submitted by David A. Johnson, Rapides Parish Police Juror / District H / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 76 days late.

Docket No. 25-148

Waiver request submitted by Charles Reldon Owens, former member of the Central Louisiana Regional Infrastructure Beltway Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 124 days late.

Docket No. 25-165

Waiver request submitted by Kristen "Krissy" Sienna Carter Jolly, Clarks Board of Aldermen / Caldwell Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 3 annual pfd 162 days late.

Docket No. 25-166

Waiver request submitted by Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Councilman / District A / Lake Charles / Calcasieu Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 469 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 168 days late.

Docket No. 25-169

Waiver request submitted by Phyllis Hart, Metropolitan Planning Commission / Shreveport, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 36 days late.

Docket No. 25-170

Waiver request submitted by Jamie L. Barney, Ph.D., State Board of Social Work Examiners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 245 days late.

Docket No. 25-200

Waiver request submitted by Shanel Handy, Beauregard Parish Police Juror, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 92 days late.

Docket No. 25-201

Waiver request submitted by Krystal Anne Boyance, an unsuccessful candidate in the November 5, 2024 election for the office of Council Member / District 5, City of New Iberia / Iberia Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2023 Tier 3 candidate pfd 112 days late.

Docket No. 25-202

Waiver request submitted by Grant Crochet, Lower Delta Soil & Water Conservation, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 284 days late.

Docket No. 25-203

Waiver request submitted by Jessie Martin Bellard, Parish President / St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 25-206

Waiver request submitted by Paul R. Mouton, Marshal / City Court, Ward 1 / Opelousas / St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 26 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2 annual pfd 216 days late.

Docket No. 25-225

Waiver request submitted by Michael "Mike" J. Miller, Metropolitan Human Service District, regarding a \$850 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 17 days late.

Docket No. 25-227

Waiver request submitted by Alexis Robert "Alex" Edwards, Springhill Board of

Aldermen / District 4 / Webster Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 476 days late.

Docket No. 25-229

Waiver request submitted by Jimmy Challis Gore, Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 118 days late.

Docket No. 25-230

Waiver request submitted by Joey Strickland, former Department Secretary of Veteran Affairs, regarding a \$12500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 1 annual pfd 100 days late.

Docket No. 25-245

Waiver request submitted by Cohen B. Guidry, South Central Planning and Development Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 192 days late.

Docket No. 25-254

Waiver request submitted by Russell W. Allen, Ernest N. Morial - New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 25-118

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Aaron C Williams, former member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #7, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 35 days late.

Docket No. 25-226

Untimely waiver request submitted by Stacy Marie Tinsley, Commission for Women of Bossier City, regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 15 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 24-775

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$3,000 late fee and reduce to \$2,000 each (\$8,000 total) and decline to waive four (4) \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fees 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.



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Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges pending against Gordan Ford, Mario Lewis and Our Circle Construction, LLC in Docket No. 2023-651.

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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Appearances

GS1. Docket No. 25-325

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of Taylor Porter Law Firm regarding post employment restrictions involving attorney Grant Willis in connection with a contract with the State of Louisiana for legal services.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

GS2. Docket No. 25-173

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post-employment provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) prohibit Wayne Picou, a former City of Baton Rouge employee from participating in sales for his new employer, Creative Employee Benefit Services, LLC.

GS3. Docket No. 25-302

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Superintendent of the Monroe City School District from promoting Dr. Cassandra Shelling from the position of certified teacher to the position of principal while her mother, Brenda Shelling, serves as a member of the school board.

Regular Business**GS4. Docket No. 22-054**

Consent Opinion for Hope Laborde, former employee of Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, related to violation of Section 1111A.

GS5. Docket No. 22-724

Consent opinion for St. Landry Parish Sheriff Bobby Guidroz relating to participation and prohibited payments.

GS6. Docket No. 23-1078

Advisory opinion request submitted on behalf of Sen. Adam Bass regarding his renewal application as a Public Tag Agent.

GS7. Docket No. 9025-13

Consideration of a Public Records Redaction request.