



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
AUGUST 1, 2024
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on August 1, 2024 and continue to August 2, 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 before the EAB in Docket No. 2014-1278.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Jeff Landry and Stanton Aviation, LLC in Docket No. 2022-455.

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges pending against Francis Breaux and Priscilla Breaux in Docket No. 2023-389.

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9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-797

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Atoundra Pierre Lawson, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 40th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. A, St. John the Baptist Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 116 days late.

G2. Docket No. 23-797

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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).

G3. Docket No. 24-034

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce \$560.00 and decline to waive the \$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.

G4. Docket No. 24-109

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jay for LA PAC, a political action committee and its committee's chairperson, W. Jay Luneau, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

G5. 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.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**G6. Docket No. 24-053**

Advisory Opinion request from Adam Chauvin on behalf of Trinity Education Services LLC entering into an internship agreement with Lafourche Ambulance Service District No. 1.

G7. Docket No. 24-364

Advisory opinion request regarding the post-employment restrictions for a former employee of the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office.

G8. Docket No. 24-394

Advisory Opinion request from Dr. Curtis Penrod with the School of Business at Northwestern State University regarding Dr. Eddie Horton providing compensated services to CompTIA.

G9. Docket No. 24-412

Request to withdraw advisory opinion request from Stacy C. Auzenne, on behalf of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission (the "Commission") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits the brother of the Commission's Executive Director to be appointed as a Commissioner.

- G10.** Docket No. 24-413
Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions from a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- G11.** Docket No. 24-414
Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits a member of the Livingston Parish Sewer District Board to be employed with Lard Oil Company.
- G12.** Docket No. 24-425
Advisory opinion request concerning the post-employment restrictions from an employee with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- G13.** Docket No. 24-442
Advisory Opinion request from Steven Forrester regarding the post-employment restrictions in the event of the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
- G14.** Docket No. 24-443
Advisory Opinion Request from Karen Andrews, former Undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ"), as to whether she may be employed by Access Sciences Corporation ("Access") to provide certain services.
- G15.** Docket No. 24-468
Advisory opinion request concerning prohibited transactions with an immediate family member of Winn Parish Library Board Member.
- G16.** Docket No. 24-471
Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Allie DeLeo-Allen's company DKB Solutions, LLC from providing services to Louisiana Tech University's Innovation Enterprise division following her retirement from Louisiana Tech University.
- G17.** Docket No. 24-478
Advisory opinion request from Chief Miller regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Michael Richoux, his girlfriend's son, to serve as a State certified fire prevention inspector for the Live Oak Manor Volunteer Fire Department (Department) while he serves as Chief.
- G18.** Docket No. 24-479
Advisory opinion request from La Capitol Federal Credit Union ("La Cap") regarding whether certain logo promotional items are considered "things of economic value" pursuant to Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") . Additionally, whether the Code prohibits La Cap employees from handing out the logo promotional items to the public without any determination as to the status of the customer as a public servant or not.
- G19.** Docket No. 24-506
Advisory opinion submitted on behalf of The St. Tammany Charter Foundation (Foundation) regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) prohibits the Foundation from appointing its founding Director and President, Dr. Melissa Meyer/Howe, as the Principal of the Charter School.
- G20.** Docket No. 24-527
Advisory Opinion request from Joseph Dominick, Executive Director of the Florida Parish Juvenile Detention Center, whether he can provide private consulting services to other governmental entities.

Regular Business

- G21. Docket No. MINUTES**
July 2024 Board Minutes
- G22. Docket No. 22-081**
Consent Opinion for Earl B. "Ben" Zahn, III, former Mayor for the City of Kenner, related to charges filed against him in connection with his representation by Chehardy Sherman Williams Law Firm.
- G23. Docket No. 23-270**
Consent opinion for for Thomas Jones, Jr., successful candidate for Mayor, City of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election relating to payments for voter transportation and payments to family members.
- G24. Docket No. 24-332**
Reconsideration of an Advisory Opinion issued by the Board at its June 2024 meeting 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.
- G25. Docket No. 24LEGIS**
Consideration of legislation enacted in connection with the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.
- G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
- Docket No. 24-309
Request that the Board waive a \$1,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Revitalize Northeast Louisiana PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Mary Cruz Berzoza, whose 2023 August Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.
- Docket No. 24-313
Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marietta Leonards, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 5, Acadia Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.
- Docket No. 24-337
Request that the Board waive the \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Julius Romano, a unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Shreveport, Bossier & Caddo Parishes in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 506 days late.
- Docket No. 24-349
Request that the Board waive the \$60, \$840, \$2,000 campaign finance late fees (\$2,900 total) assessed against Robert "Max" Grodner, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 68th Representative District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1, 14 and 99 days late, respectively.
- Docket No. 24-429
Request that the Board waive the \$160.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Timothy "Tim" Baudier, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of Harahan, Jefferson Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, and his committee's chairperson, Austin Todd Roser, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

Docket No. 24-457

Request that the Board waive the \$440.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Douglas Streety, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District 5, St. Mary Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. 23-026

Waiver request submitted by Christopher Dion Archinard, unsuccessful candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board / District 2, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 5 days late and \$100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-862

Waiver request submitted by Reddex Lamont Washington, Jr., Alexandria City Councilman (Pop. 45,275) / District 1 / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 88 days late.

Docket No. 23-1012

Waiver request submitted by Valerie Williams Allen, former member of the Rayville Board of Aldermen / Richland Parish, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-1043

Waiver request submitted by Miguel "Roche" Romar, candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board / District 1 in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 189 days late.

Docket No. 23-1085

Waiver request submitted by Cynthia H. Brocks, candidate for Constable / Justice of the Peace Ward 2 / Plaquemine Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 candidate pfd 54 days late.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELYDocket No. 24-336

Untimely request that the Board waive the \$1,320 and \$120 campaign finance late fees (\$1,440 total) assessed against Dexter T. Lathan, an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 22nd Senatorial District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 22 and 2 days late, respectively. AND Timely request the the Board waive the \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dexter T. Lathan, an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 22nd Senatorial District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 23-380

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against David K. Jarreau, former member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission, for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 615 days late.

Docket No. 23-479

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee

assessed against Linda Rasberry Smith, unsuccessful candidate for Caddo Parish School Board / District 7, in the November 8, 2022 election, for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 124 days late.

Docket No. 23-793

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Erika L. Green, former member of the Metro Council / District 5 / East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 35 days late.

Docket No. 23-957

Request for the Board to reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Carlos Luis Zervigon, Member of School Board / District 6 / Orleans Parish, for filing his 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 47 days late.

Docket No. 23-974

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against Darlene Francois Riley, candidate for Councilman / District 2 / St. James Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, for filing her 2022 Tier 3 candidate pfd 46 days late.

Docket No. 23-989

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Raphineas Gerald "Ray" Riley, candidate for Council Member / City of Denham Springs / Livingston Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, for filing his amended 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 363 days late.

Docket No. 24-042

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$2500 late fee assessed against Clifton Morris, Constable / District 2 / East Feliciana Parish, for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 351 days late.

Docket No. 24-043

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$1,050 late fee assessed against Stacey King, former member of the West Feliciana Parish Tourist Commission, for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 21 days late.

Docket No. 24-112

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Harvey White, unsuccessful candidate for State Senate / District 33, in the October 14, 2023 election, for failing to file his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd.



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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

GS1. Docket No. 24-366

Disqualification Plan Request from Jessica Baudoin, employee of Office of Motor Vehicles, and her sister, Shantel Thomas, also an employee of the Office of Motor Vehicles.