



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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OCTOBER 3, 2024
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on October 3, 2024 and continue to October 4, 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 charges issued against Cole Norris in Docket No. 2023-417.

Discussion of personnel matters in executive session.

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GENERAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G1. Docket No. 24-573

Advisory Opinion request, submitted by Dane Ciolino on behalf of his client, as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Stephen Landry to own race horses while serving as the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

G2. Docket No. 24-591

Disqualification plan for Dr. Luciana Soares and Mr. James Alexander, a married couple employed by Nicholls State University in the Department of Music within the College of Liberal Arts.

G3. Docket No. 24-600

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Christopher Huddleston to work part-time as an Assistant District Attorney for Lafourche Parish while also serving as the Town Attorney and Prosecutor for the Town of Lockport.

G4. Docket No. 24-601

Advisory opinion request regarding the application of the post-employment restrictions from a former employee of the Lafayette Consolidated Government.

G5. Docket No. 24-602

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits ex parte communication by members of the City of Mandeville Planning and Zoning Commission.

G6. Docket No. 24-611

Advisory Opinion Request from Kenneth Campbell, on behalf of the DeSoto Parish Waterworks District #1 (the "District"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits the District to hire the immediate family member of employees of the District as the District Administrator.

G7. Docket No. 24-618

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits immediate family members of Dr. Jason VanMetre to be promoted, and for the approval of disqualification plans with respect to certain immediate family members.

G8. Docket No. 24-619

Advisory opinion request regarding dual office-holding/employment from Julie Reed Dupuis, an employee with DOTD District 2 and a Commission for the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Bouef Levee District Board.

G9. Docket No. 24-620

Advisory Opinion request from Holly Sherman, an employee of the New Orleans Emergency Management Services, regarding the possible supervision of shifts worked by Derek Blanchard, the father of her children.

G10. Docket No. 24-624

Advisory Opinion Request from 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office (the "JDA"), as to whether a member of the Iberville Parish Council may serve as an employee of the JDA.

G11. Docket No. 24-627

Request for approval of a Disqualification Plan from the East Baton Rouge Finance Department regarding the employment of Christy Hadley and her sister, Angela Sloan.

G12. Docket No. 24-628

Advisory Opinion request from Mark Kerry, an elected member of the Natchitoches Parish Council, regarding his service as an appointed member of the Board of Commissioners for the Natchitoches Parish Fire District No. 1.

G13. Docket No. 24-666

Advisory Opinion Request from Ashley Aime, employee of Livingston Parish School Board (the "School Board"), as to whether she may receive

compensation from the School Board for providing notarial services.

G14. Docket No. 24-669

Advisory opinion request on behalf of McNeese State University College of Business ("College of Business") for the approval of a disqualification plan under the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") regarding the employment of Lonnie Turpin and Morgan Turpin.

Regular Business

G15. Docket No. MINUTES

September 2024 Board Minutes

G16. Docket No. 23-389

Consent Opinion regarding Francis Breaux and Priscilla Breaux, former members of the Lafourche Parish Sewerage Dist No. 7 Board of Commissioners.

G17. Docket No. 23-659

Consent Opinion regarding a board member of the GEO Academies EBR Charter School Board being paid by GEO Foundation for services rendered to the charter school.

G18. Docket No. 23-661

Consideration of consent opinion regarding a board member of GEO Academies EBR Charter School Board providing services to GEO Academies within two years following the termination of his term on the charter school board.

G19. Docket No. 23-688

Consent opinion involving the appointment of Darrin Dixon to the Caddo Parish School Board by the Caddo Parish School Board within six months of the end of his term on the Caddo Parish School Board.

G20. 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.

G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 24-203

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Natural Resources Management Association Political Action Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Donelson T. Caffery, III, whose August 2023 Monthly report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 24-256

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kacie Stewart, successful candidate for Alderman, Town of Livingston, Livingston Parish in the November 3, 2020, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 89 days late.

Docket No. 24-317

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Patrice Sentino, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 1, Orleans Parish in the November 3, 2020, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 387 days late.

Docket No. 24-521

Request the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Adam Cutrer, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, Livingston Parish, in the March 25, 2023 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed.

Docket No. 24-560

Request that the Board waive the \$480.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Herman R. Love, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff for Village of Florien, Sabine Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 24-561

Request that the Board waive the \$1,100.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Melanie Newkome Jones, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 2nd District., Subdistrict. 1, Div. A, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 24-562

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Patricia "Patty" McCarty, a successful candidate for Member of Parish Council, District 5, Plaquemines Parish in the November 8, 2022, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed.

Docket No. 24-563

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Randy S. Nunez, an unopposed candidate for Clerk of Court, St. Bernard Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 134 days late.

Docket No. 24-593

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gloria R. Robertson, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 50th Representative District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 215 days late.

Docket No. 24-594

Request that the Board waive the \$1,1400.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Lori Brown, an unsuccessful candidate for Clerk of Court in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 24-592

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Benjamin Clapper for the late filing of the May 2024 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 24-629

Request to waive the \$1,050 late fee assessed against Ethan Melancon for the late filing of the May 2024 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 24-630

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Caleb Malone for the late filing of the April 2024 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 24-538

Waiver request submitted by Abby Pugh, Stanley Board of Aldermen / Desoto Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 470 days late.

Docket No. 24-539

Waiver request submitted by Mattie Sampson, Newellton Board of Alderman / District 4 / Tensas Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 264 days late.

Docket No. 24-540

Waiver request submitted by Raymond Todd Riley, Sr., Concordia Parish School Board / District 2, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 252 days late.

Docket No. 24-542

Waiver request submitted by Matthew "Matt" Steven Faulkner, Council Member / District 5 / Haynesville / Clairborne Parish, regarding a \$475 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 19 days late.

Docket No. 24-543

Waiver request submitted by Christopher "Tipper" Esponge, Alderman / District 3 / Delcambre / Iberia & Vermilion Parishes, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 482 days late.

Docket No. 24-544

Waiver request submitted by Brian Deane Andrews, LaSalle Parish Police Juror, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 245 days late.

Docket No. 24-545

Waiver request submitted by Travis Ross Beaty, Bossier City Metropolitan Planning Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 201 days late.

Docket No. 24-547

Waiver request submitted by Albert Peyton Bush, IV, New Orleans Military Academy Charter School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 463 days late.

Docket No. 24-548

Waiver request submitted by Alan L. Kirkpatrick, West Feliciana Planning and Zoning Commission, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 24-550

Waiver request submitted by Rex McCarthy, Councilman / District 5 / Winnsboro / Franklin Parish, regarding a \$275 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 98 days late.

Docket No. 24-565

Waiver request submitted by Andrew "Rabbit" Lamonte Henderson, Chief of Police / Roseland / Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 323 days late.

Docket No. 24-566

Waiver request submitted by Brent Charles Morales, Cameron Parish Port Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 282 days late.

Docket No. 24-567

Waiver request submitted by Charlene Trusclair, Workforce Development Board #21 / East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 56 days late.

Docket No. 24-568

Waiver request submitted by Joel Patrick McSpadden, Workforce Development Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 425 days late.

Docket No. 24-569

Waiver request submitted by Mark M. "Aubrey" Cole, State Police Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 90 days late.

Docket No. 24-596

Waiver request submitted by Kristi Miller Copeland, Northwest Human Services District, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 9 days late.

Docket No. 24-597

Waiver request submitted by Jonathan Kurt Reynolds, Shreveport Airport Authority, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 24-598

Waiver request submitted by Roger D. Boudreaux, Acadia - St. Landry Hospital Service District, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 24-599

Waiver request submitted by Amanda Jane LaFleur, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 169 days late.

Docket No. 24-612

Waiver request submitted by James R. LeLeux, Sr., Livestock Brand Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 238 days late.

Docket No. 24-613

Waiver request submitted by David Ryan Daigle, Calcasieu Soil & Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 43 days late.

Docket No. 24-614

Waiver request submitted by Jason T. Nolde, Calcasieu Soil & Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 47 days late.

Docket No. 24-615

Waiver request submitted by Steven "Ike" Sagrera, II, Constable / Ward / Vermilion Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 225 days late.

Docket No. 24-616

Waiver request submitted by Jucynthia Jessie, Young Audiences Charter School, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 245 days late.

Docket No. 24-617

Waiver request submitted by Vince Almond, Mayor / Edgefield / Red River Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 279 days late.

Docket No. 24-655

Waiver request submitted by Ronnie Carter Gregoire, Albany Town Council / Albany / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd N/A days late.

Docket No. 24-656

Waiver request submitted by Anicia Banks, Cane River Waterway Commission, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 24-657

Waiver request submitted by Ralph Edwin Woodall, Alderman / Village of Jamestown / Bienville Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 Tier 3 annual pfd 55 days late.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELYDocket No. 24-564

Timely request that the Board waive the \$480.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Terence Vinson, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 3, Caddo Parish in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late. AND Untimely request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mr. Vinson, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 2nd District, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late AND Untimely request that the Board waive the \$960 and \$480 (\$1,440 total) campaign finance late fees assess against Mr. Vinson, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 2nd District, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-G and 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 16 days late, respectively.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 24-254

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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.

Docket No. 24-259

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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. 24-400

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$550 late fee submitted by John B. "Trey" Harris, Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board, for filing his 2022 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 11 days late.

Docket No. 24-402

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$500 late fee assessed against William Keith Dennis, Madisonville Town Council (Pop. 850) / St. Tammany Parish, for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 34 days late.



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Executive Session

Discussion in Executive Session of Charges pending before the EAB in Docket No. 2014-1278 involving Clarence Savoie and CJ Savoie Consulting Engineers.

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

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Appearances

GS1. Docket No. 22-304

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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.

GS2. 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.

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GS3. Docket No. 24-571

Advisory Opinion on behalf of D.E. Shaw Renewable Investment, LLC ("DESRI") as to whether certain members of the St. James Parish Planning and Zoning Commission (the "Commission") and the St. James Parish Council (the "Council") may participate in the approval of a permit.

GS4. Docket No. 24-589

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Pride Opportunity Development LLC from applying for grants from the Northway Economic Development District ("District") at a time when Pride Opportunity Development LLC, has a cooperative endeavor agreement with the District.

GS5. Docket No. 24-706

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Chris Guidry to work for GEC, Inc. on the Calcasieu River Bridge Owner Verification Project after retiring from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD").

Regular Business**GS6. Docket No. CALENDR**

2025 Proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.