

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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

Note: Meetings begin on November 3, 2022 and continue to November 4, 2022.

Executive Session

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

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 22-515

Request that the Board waive the \$540, \$1,140 and \$180 campaign finance late fees assessed against Barbara Norton, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 2020 & 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 19 and 3 days late, respectively.

G2. Docket No. 22-548

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the daughter of a Franklin Parish School Board member may be employed as a paraprofessional and/or substitute teacher with the School Board.

G3. Docket No. 22-594

Untimely waiver request submitted by Randy Paul Broussard, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Fourth Planning Consortium, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 198 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G4. Docket No. 18-1180

Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges issued against George Carraway and Terry Campbell, in Docket No. 2018-1180.

G5. Docket No. 22-386

Withdrawal of a request for Advisory Opinion regarding a transaction between Orleans Parish District Attorney and a non-profit organization which employs the DA's wife.

G6. Docket No. 22-462

Advisory Opinion request from Crystal Washington, employee of Louisiana Department of Education, as to post-employment matters.

G7. Docket No. 22-582

Advisory opinion request from Erik Smith as to whether the post-employment provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit him from providing engineering services to the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), through a consultant who has existing contracts or may attempt to obtain future contracts, for both design and maintenance services.

G8. Docket No. 22-592

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Natalie Aguillard (Director of Human Capital with Pointe Coupee Parish School Board), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Morgan Aguillard from continuing her employment as a teacher while her mother is the Director of Human Capital.

G9. Docket No. 22-593

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether any Board member of the Louisiana Shrimp Association would violate the Code if the Louisiana Shrimp Association were to accept funds from the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force Marketing Fund pursuant to H.B.1. of the Regular Legislative Session of 2022.

G10. <u>Docket No. 22-615</u>

Advisory Opinion request from Philip Qualls, an employee of the La. Dept. of Treasury, regarding post-employment restrictions following his service on behalf of Treasurer John Schroder on the Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board.

G11. Docket No. 22-642

Advisory Opinion request from Victoria Burise, Executive Director of the Marksville Housing Authority as to the possible hiring of a current tenant and the hiring of a Board Member's grandchild as employees.

G12. Docket No. 22-643

Advisory Opinion request from Gary LeBlanc, former employee of the Dept. of Transportation and Development ("DOTD"), regarding post-employment restrictions in connection with engineering services provided to the DOTD, local municipalities, or parish governmental entities.

G13. Docket No. 22-644

Advisory Opinion request regarding the Touro Bouligny Security District (TBSD) contracting with a company that may be represented by a law firm that employs the husband of the Chairman of the security district.

G14. Docket No. 22-664

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the NSU's Physical Plant Office, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Physical Plant Office of Northwestern State University ("NSU") from contracting with Real Carpet Cleaning of Natchitoches, LLC ("RCCN") while the daughter of the RCCN owner is employed at NSU.

G15. Docket No. 22-680

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government ("LCG") for the approval of a disqualification plan regarding employees Joshua Bertrand and Chris Bertrand.

G16. Docket No. 22-681

Advisory Opinion request from Kem Jones, on behalf of Thomas Jones, Jr., Mayor of Mansfield, as to certain questions related to the employment of family members.

G17. Docket No. 22-699

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Shawn Hotstream, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from accepting employment as the Executive Director for Service District Hospital Association after terminating his public employment with the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office ("LFO") in the Health & Social Services Section.

G18. Docket No. 22-705

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Arthur Hickman Jr., DDS (Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the selected LSBD member from serving on the CDCA/WREB/CITA Board of Directors.

G19. Docket No. 22-706

Request for the approval of a disqualification plan involving the Human Resources Manager of Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) and her husband, a horticultural attendant for the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery (SELVC).

Regular Business

G20. Docket No. MINUTES

October 2022 Board Minutes

G21. Docket No. 19-1167

Consent Opinion regarding Vana Acker, an employee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, participating in the processing and paying of a claim for damages to a vehicle owned by her daughter, Davanya Tabb.

G22. Docket No. 21-405

Consent opinion concerning the Dean of the College of Business at Nicholls State University ("NSU") Marilyn Macik-Frey.

G23. Docket No. 22-586

Advisory Opinion Request from Cara Chance as to whether she may accept funds donated to a GoFundMe account while employed by the Lafayette

Public Library.

G24. Docket No. Report

Administrator's Report

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 22-259

Request that the Board waive the \$600, \$420 and \$540 campaign finance late fees assessed against Aldine Lockett, unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 2, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 17, 7 and 9 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-553

Request that the Board waive \$800, \$240 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Billy Spikes, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilmen at Large, City of DeRidder, Beauregard and Vernon Parishes, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 20, 6 and 42 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-554

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$2,500 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$5,000 assessed against Voters Organized to Educate, as an other person in the November 13, 2021 election, and its Deputy Director, Bruce Reilly, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 66 and 45 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-555

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Clint Cradeur, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 2021 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 100 days late.

Docket No. 22-556

Request that the Board waive the \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against Francis J. Plaisance, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Abbeville (population 12,167), Vermilion Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-625

Request that the Board waive a \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Luke Fontana, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 22-626

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Harold Bartholomew, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division F, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-645

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$450 campaign finance late fees assessed against John Ray LeBlanc, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports

were filed 247 and 16 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-708

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Community Organization for Urban Politics, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, and treasurer, Lambert Boissiere, Jr., in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

Docket No. 22-709

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Manny "Chevrolet" Bruno, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 22-712

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$6,000 assessed against Jamar Gailes, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016, 2017 & 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1652, 1287 & 922 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-714

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Keith Anthony Baudin, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 46th Representative District, Iberia, St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-715

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jefferson "Jeff" Joyce, unopposed candidate for City Judge, City Court, Division B, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 22-587

Waiver request submitted by Earlin Fruge, Constable / Ward 2 / Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 272 days late.

Docket No. 22-589

Waiver request submitted by Paul Ogden Johnson, Louisiana Rice Promotion Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 390 days late.

Docket No. 22-591

Waiver request submitted by Robin A. Barnes, New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 319 days late.

Docket No. 22-595

Waiver request submitted by Michael T. LaGarde, Terrebonne Parish School Board, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 512 days late and a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 4 days late.

Docket No. 22-596

Waiver request submitted by Steven P. Hebert, Louisiana Real Estate Commission / Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission / Lafayette Planning and Zoning Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 252 days late.

Docket No. 22-597

Waiver request submitted by Matthew W. "Warren" Watts, former Constable / Ward 3 / Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 418 days late.

Docket No. 22-598

Waiver request submitted by Brian Dean Kuehne, former member of the Audubon Area Security District, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 22-599

Waiver request submitted by Judy W. Wagner, former member of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 72 days late.

Docket No. 22-600

Waiver request submitted by Tara Nunez Smith, former member of the Louisiana Development Disabilities Council, regarding a \$1300 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 26 days late.

Docket No. 22-601

Waiver request submitted by Paul B. Gladden, MD, Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN), regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 22-602

Waiver request submitted by Robbie Andrew Siadek, Jonesboro Board of Alderman (Pop. 4,704)/ District B / Jackson Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 225 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 225 days late.

Docket No. 22-603

Waiver request submitted by Alfred Lee "Al" Doyle, Constable / District 1 / Beauregard Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 134 days late.

Docket No. 22-605

Waiver request submitted by Frederick "Pos" Douglas, Oakdale City Council (Pop. 7,780) / District 2 / Allen Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 205 days late.

Docket No. 22-606

Waiver request submitted by Michael W. Stockwell, Constable / Ward 2 / Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 219 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 22-612

Waiver request submitted by Gary Smith, Sr., regarding a \$700, \$800, \$400 and \$100 late fees assessed for the late filing of four initial Disaster Contract Disclosures pursuant to R.S. 42:1114.3.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 22-588

Untimely waiver request submitted by Brandon Delshawn "BJ" Johnson, Monroe City School Board / District 6 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 224 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$2100 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 21 days late.

Docket No. 22-590

Untimely waiver request submitted by Nicholas Edward "Nic" Hunter, candidate for Mayor / City of Lake Charles (Pop. 71,993) / Calcasieu Parish in the March 20, 2021 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 candidate pfd 64 days late.