

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
DECEMBER 5, 2024
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on December 5, 2024 and continue to December 6, 2024.

Executive Session

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

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges filed against Coby Clavier in Docket No. 2023-326.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. 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.

G2. Docket No. 23-326

Public discussion on Charges issued against Coby Clavier a Councilman for St. Landry Parish, who violated La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) by receiving compensation

and wages for rendering services to Coburn Supply Company while Coburn Supply Company had or was seeking to have a contractual, financial, or business relationship with the St. Landry Parish government.

G3. 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.

G4. Docket No. 24-697

Request that the Board waive the \$1,140.00 and \$360.00 campaign finance late fees (\$1,500.00 total) assessed against Craig Hawn, an unsuccessful candidate for Coroner for Concordia Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 19 and 6 days late, respectively.

G5. 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").

G6. Docket No. 24-773

Request that the Board waive the four \$3,000.00 campaign finance late fees (\$12,000 total) assessed against, JAY PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Jay Dardenne, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 151, 161, 126 and 76 days late, respectively.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. 24-665

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits an employee of the Acadia Parish Library to also serve as the Secretary of the Civil Service Board in Acadia Parish.

G8. Docket No. 24-668

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Clifton Gremillion to work for the Headquarters Division of the Louisiana Department of Corrections after his retirement from employment with the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

G9. Docket No. 24-673

Advisory opinion request, on behalf of Acadia Fire Protection District #4 ("District"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the District from hiring volunteer firefighter Brian Miller as a compensated fire fighter.

G10. Docket No. 24-733

Advisory opinion request from a former Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development employee concerning the application of her post-employment restrictions as it relates to her current employment with Arcadis U.S. Inc.

G11. Docket No. 24-793

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Leisa Lawson to represent the City of Alexandria in legal

matters after her tenure as the Director of Civil Service for the City of Alexandria.

G12. Docket No. 24-796

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits the Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners ("LSRTBE") to hire former board chairwoman Susan Guarisco.

G13. Docket No. 24-797

Advisory Opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Buffylynn Charpentier to apply for a scholarship through Council for a Better Louisiana for the Leadership Louisiana Class of 2025 Program.

G14. Docket No. 24-798

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Ora Rice from continuing her employment with Grambling State University and providing drafting services to the Child Welfare Training Academy through Southeastern Louisiana University.

G15. Docket No. 24-800

Advisory opinion request from the West Calcasieu Port Board of Commissioners concerning a former board member or his wholly-owned company serving as the contracted Port Director once he resigns as a board member.

G16. Docket No. 24-801

Advisory Opinion Request from Assumption Parish Police Jury (the "Police Jury") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") limits the ability of the Police Jury to appoint members of its evaluation team to review the selection of contractors.

G17. Docket No. 24-806

Advisory opinion request from the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 as to whether the Board of Directors can change an employee's job title.

G18. Docket No. 24-807

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Natchitoches Exterior LLC, a company owned by Adam Edwards, to be a vendor for or contract with Northwestern State University while Mr. Edwards' wife is employed at Northwestern State University.

G19. Docket No. 24-808

Advisory Opinion Request from Johnny Thibodeaux, Mayor of Town of Duson, as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (the "Code") permits Aldermen for the Town of Duson (the "Town") who hold volunteer positions with the Duson Volunteer Fire Department (the "Fire Department") to vote on matters relating to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Town and the Fire Department.

G20. Docket No. 24-837

Advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Jeff Ditman, a teacher at Prairieville High School, from contracting with the Ascension Parish School District to provide track and field timing services through his business, CD Timing.

G21. Docket No. 24-838

Advisory Opinion Request from Brett Arceneaux, Ascension Parish Councilman, as to whether his restaurant can operate a food truck at Parish

facilities.

G22. Docket No. 24-839

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Fire Chief Ervin Menard from contracting to provide lawn care services.

G23. Docket No. 24-860

Advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Timothy Collins from continuing his employment with the City of Plaquemine Police Department if he accepts part time employment to provide legal services to the Iberville Parish Government.

Regular Business

G24. Docket No. MINUTES

October and November 2024 Board Minutes

G25. Docket No. Rules

Review or Chapters 1-7 of the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics (LAC 52:I).

G26. Docket No. EFStudy

Draft of proposed report regarding the Board of Ethics' findings and recommendations after conducting an investigation and analysis of the best practices in other states that could be used to modernize Louisiana' campaign finance and disclosure system, including a review of technological systems that could be implemented in Louisiana.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 24-501

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the three (3) \$300.00 campaign finance late fees (\$900.00 total) assessed against John "Randy" Sexton, a successful candidate for Assessor, Iberville Parish in the October 20, 2007; October 22, 2011; and October 24, 2015 elections, whose 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 24-537

Request to for the Board to reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee submitted by Lisa Ray Diggs, Clerk / 2nd City Court / Orleans Parish, assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2 annual pfd 145 days late.



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Regular Business

GS1. Docket No. 22-200

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Brandon Robertson, candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, District 7, in the November 3, 2020 election, for his failure to file 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.

GS2. Docket No. EAPOS

Consideration of applicants for the ethics administrator position.

GS3. <u>Docket No. 4124-04</u>

Notice of correspondence from the Attorney General regarding an Open Meeting Complaint filed by Representative Beau Beaullieu.

GS4. Docket No. MEETING

Discussion of location of future meetings.