

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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AUGUST 17, 2017
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617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on August 17, 2017 and continue to August 18, 2017.

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 issued against Roy Jones in Docket No. 2010-049.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 15-1413

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Wallace J. Landry III, Lakeview Crime Prevention District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 141 days late.

G2. Docket No. 16-1040

Request that the Board waive the \$760, \$1,000 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Allen Broussard, in his capacity as a candidate for Chief of Police / City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, in the March 5, 2016 election,

whose 30-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 74 and 19 days late, respectively, and the 40-G has not been filed.

G3. Docket No. 17-422

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Representative Barbara Norton, a candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

G4. Docket No. 17-443

Request from David Vitter to waive the \$1,050 late fee assessed for filing a late registration and \$500 late fee assessed for the late filing of the February 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G5. Docket No. 17-571

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward Jude Bruski, III, in his capacity as a candidate for Mayor, New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

G6. Docket No. 17-690

Waiver request submitted by Carmen Lynette James, New Orleans Workforce Development Board, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7days late.

G7. Docket No. 17-694

Waiver request submitted by Stefan Marks, New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 277 days late.

G8. Docket No. 17-726

Answer submitted by Connie Elkins Bradford, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the LA. School for Math, Science and the Arts, in response to her receipt of a NOD requesting she file a 2015 Tier 2 annual pfd.

G9. Docket No. 17-744

Advisory opinion request regarding the amendment of an ordinance in 2014 by the New Orleans City Council in Orleans Parish related to parade permit requirements.

G10. Docket No. 17-753

Advisory opinion request by Dr. Christy Montegut, St. John the Baptist Parish Coroner, regarding whether the Board may grant a partial waiver of La. R.S. 42:1119 to St. John the Baptist Parish Coroner's Office due to the projected increase in required examinations.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G11. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent August 2017 Agenda.

G12. Docket No. 17-552

Advisory Opinion request of Gary Evans, DeSoto Parish District Attorney, regarding Police Juror Jim Davlin and Code Inspections Plus, LLC.

G13. <u>Docket No. 17-576</u>

Advisory opinion request by Philip Windham, agriculture specialist within the

Department of Agriculture and Forestry, regarding whether he may lease an eighteen wheeler truck to a third party who may haul grain and other various things from places he inspects.

G14. Docket No. 17-660

Advisory opinion request by Chief David McDavid of the Zachary Police Department (Pop. 14,960 in East Baton Rouge Parish) regarding whether there are any conflicts of interest that would arise from the communications supervisor within the Zachary Police Department (ZPD) marrying an employee she supervises.

G15. Docket No. 17-679

Request for Advisory Opinion clarifying whether Calcasieu Parish Police Jurors, during the two (2) year period after leaving public office, are prohibited from engaging in transactions with special service districts created by Calcasieu Parish.

G16. Docket No. 17-680

Advisory opinion regarding a former Department of Transportation and Development employee as to whether he can work part time for a company involving various road projects throughout the state.

G17. Docket No. 17-700

Advisory Opinion and Disqualification Plan request of Eric Mancuso, Jr., an employee with the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans.

G18. Docket No. 17-734

Advisory opinion request as to whether Jamie Wong, the Special Education Policy Director for the Louisiana Department of Education, may accept a \$1,700 honorarium from the U.S. Department of Education.

G19. Docket No. 17-735

Advisory opinion request by Ralph Alexis, III, on behalf of Third District Volunteer Fire Department (Jefferson Parish) regarding whether the Department can use funds in its private bank account to pay expenses in connection with a mailer opposing a proposition.

G20. Docket No. 17-743

Advisory Opinion request of Samuel Schudmak, a member of the Jefferson Parish Finance Authority.

G21. Docket No. 17-745

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jackson Parish Hospital physician, Dr. Paula Parkerson, after hours, from contracting with the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District to perform Medical Director services. The population of Jackson Parish is 15,858.

G22. Docket No. 17-746

Advisory opinion regarding a potential candidate, Mike Danahay, for Mayor of Sulphur as to whether he could remain employed on a part-time basis with a company that does business with the City of Sulphur.

G23. Docket No. 17-747

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit newly appointed Avoyelles Port. Commission member Bruce Coulon and/or his business, Coulon Electrical, from entering into contracts for electrical work with Brudd Construction Company and/or any present or future tenants of the Avoyelles Port. The population of Avoyelles Parish is 41,103.

G24. Docket No. 17-748

Advisory Opinion request of Blaise St. Blanc, Project Manager for DeVillier House Movers, which is owned by Phillip DeVillier, State Representative for District 41 (Acadia, St. Landry, and Evangeline Parishes).

G25. Docket No. 17-754

Advisory opinion request as to whether Christopher Shamburger, a firefighter for the Shreveport Fire Department, and his company, Shamburger Lawns, LLC, would be prohibited from contracting with the City of Shreveport.

Regular Business

G26. Docket No. MINUTES

July 2017 Board Minutes

G27. Docket No. 14-1348

Consent Opinion regarding Ricky Gonsoulin, a member of the Iberia Parish Council, and his business, Gonsoulin Holdings, LLC.

G28. Docket No. 15-369

Consent Opinion regarding Christopher Weddle, a part-time prosecutor for the City of Kenner, and his business, Diversion Resources. Kenner is located in Jefferson Parish.

G29. Docket No. 15-520

Consent Offer arising out of a media report and legislative auditor's report regarding the misuse of funds by Robert Rust, former Executive Director of the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

G30. Docket No. 17-365

Advisory opinion request by Linda Deville, CEO of Bunkie General Hospital, regarding whether there are any conflicts of interest if Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Avoyelles d/b/a Bunkie General Hospital contracts with Beacon Behavioral Hospital (Beacon Hospital) and Bayou Vista Nursing Home (Bayou Vista) to provide a physician for Medical Director positions at both facilities.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

August 2017 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-084

Request that the Board waive three \$2,000 (\$6,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against Patricia Bennett-Briggs, a candidate for Councilman, Metro District 10, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 84, 64 and 34 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-182

Request that the Board waive a \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donald C. Hodge, Jr., a candidate for Commissioner of Insurance in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 17-249

Request that the Board waive the \$600, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Steven Jackson, a candidate for Parish Commission Member /Dist 3/ Caddo Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election,

whose 10-P, 10-G, 40-G and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 15, 582, 529 and 121 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-418

Request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian "T-Noon" Bordelon, a candidate for State Representative, 28th Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 17-501

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael Tassin, a candidate for Justice of the Peace-Ward 8, St. Tammany Parish in the October 24, 2015 election, for the late filing of his 2016 Supplemental campaign finance report which was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 17-504

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000, \$240 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Recall Yenni, Inc., as a recall effort, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Robert B. Evans, III, October 12, 2016 election, for the late filing of the 45-P, 135-P and 200-P campaign finance reports, which were filed 64, 6 and 22 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-540

Request that the Board waive the \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against the LA Engineers Political Education Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, James T. Callahan, and treasurer, Brian E. Hickey, whose 2016 Annual report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 17-545

Request that the Board waive the \$360 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Scott M. Simon, in his capacity as a candidate for State Representative, 74th Representative District, St. Tammany Parish, for the October 20, 2007 election and a future election, whose 2016 Supplemental and 2016 Annual campaign finance reports were both filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 17-597

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee Ann Dugas, in her capacity as a candidate for State Representative, 92nd Representative District in the March 25, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed.

Docket No. 17-668

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Darryl J. Perry, in his capacity as a candidate for Council Member at Large, District 10, St. Mary Parish, in the March 25, 2017, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 17-678

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jamie Roussell, a candidate for State Senator, 2nd District in the April 29, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

<u>Docket No. waiver</u> August 2017 Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-681

Waiver request submitted by John D. Calhoun, PhD., James M Singleton Charter School, regarding a \$1250 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 25 days late.

Docket No. 17-682

Waiver request submitted by John Mark Coghlan, Zachary City Council, District 3 (East Baton Rouge Parish) regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 94 days late.

Docket No. 17-683

Waiver request submitted by Marie Martin Clesi, a former member of the Jefferson Parish Council on Aging, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 17-684

Waiver request submitted by Tommy D. Germany, Oberlin Board of Alderman - Allen Parish, population 1,770, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 4 days late.

Docket No. 17-685

Waiver request submitted by Latonya Shante Hunter, former member of the New Orleans Workforce Development Board, regarding a \$1,150 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 23 days late.

Docket No. 17-686

Waiver request submitted by Jamie Lynn Harrison, former member of the Ridgecrest Board of Aldermen (Concordia Parish, population 694), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 35 days late.

Docket No. 17-687

Waiver request submitted by Michelle Georgette Haj-Broussard, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, regarding a \$1200 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 24 days late.

Docket No. 17-689

Waiver request submitted by Gilda Grace Jenkins, Robeline Board of Aldermen - Natchitoches Parish, population 174, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing her2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 18 days late.

Docket No. 17-691

Waiver request submitted by Darrell Peter Kruger, a former member of the Benjamin Franklin Charter School and Edward Hynes Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 290 days late.

Docket No. 17-692

Waiver request submitted by Hector Linares, Public Defender Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 37 days late.

Docket No. 17-693

Waiver request submitted by Justin Tyler Mahoney, former member of the Workforce Development Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 17-695

Waiver request submitted by Alton McGee III, candidate for Bastrop Board of Aldermen, District B- Morehouse Parish (population 11,365) in the March 25, 2017 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3

candidate pfd 108 days late.

Docket No. 17-696

Waiver request submitted by Monica Alejandra Candal Rahim, McDonough City Park Academy, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 40 days late.

Docket No. 17-697

Waiver request submitted by Stacey Singleton, Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 17-698

Waiver request submitted by Charles Thomas Strong, Webster Parish School Board - District 3, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 189 days late.

Docket No. 17-699

Waiver request submitted by Evelyn Steinhauer, St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #4, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 17-721

Waiver request submitted by Lisa L. Mills, Hurstville Security District, regarding a \$1400 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 28 days late.

Docket No. 17-722

Waiver request submitted by John G. Traylor, Springfield Board of Aldermen (Livingston Parish, 487 population), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 17-723

Waiver request submitted by Johnny Ray Taylor, Red River Parish Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

Docket No. 17-724

Waiver request submitted by Milton Vance Linder, Richland Parish Police Jury - District 1, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 180 days late.

Docket No. 17-725

Waiver request submitted by Jason Travis Beebe, Constable-Rapides Parish - Ward 7, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

<u>Docket No. 17-727</u>

Waiver request submitted by Edward Earl Ray Gongre, Constable- Grant Parish, District A, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 77 days late.

Docket No. 17-728

Waiver request submitted by Terri Lynn West Towns, Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 17-729

Waiver request submitted by Michael Lee Jackson, South Louisiana Charter Foundation Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his

2013 Tier 3 annual pfd 327days late.

G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 17-264

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Prince Robinson, Sr., a member of the Lake Providence Port Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 pfd 56 days late.



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GS1. Docket No. 17-886

Advisory Opinion Request from the Mayor of Slaughter, Robert Jackson, as to whether the Governor's appointment of an alderman to the position of interim chief of police would be a violation under the Code of Governmental Ethics and would the appointee be eligible to run for office to fill the position during the next election cycle?