

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

# LaSalle Building First Floor - Griffon Room DECEMBER 15, 2011 1:00 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on December 15, 2011 and continue to December 16, 2011.

# **Executive Session**

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

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LaSalle Building First Floor - LaBelle Room DECEMBER 16, 2011 9:00 AM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

# GENERAL

# Appearances

# G1. Docket No. 11-1453

Advisory opinion regarding Dr. Christopher Rich's participation in matters before the Louisiana Workforce Commission's Office of Workers' Compensation Administration (OWAC) involving certain companies, at a time when he serves as the Medical Director for OWAC and works for companies with patients paid by workers' compensation insurers.

# **Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions**

# Items Requiring No Board Action

# G2. Docket No. 08-1145

Consent opinion regarding Germaine Breaux, a DHH employee who may have received income, through her spouse, from the owner of the building that housed her office.

# **G3.** Docket No. 09-555

Consent opinion regarding Nadine Jarmon, the former director of the Louisiana Land Trust having a member of her immediate family working in the agency.

# **G4.** Docket No. 11-031

Consideration of charges issued against Rickey J. Boudreaux concerning his failure to file a campaign finance disclosure report in connection with the October 2, 2010 election.

# **G5.** <u>Docket No. 11-549</u>

Consideration of the charges filed against Lindora Baker, a candidate for 3rd District State Representative in the October 20, 2007 election, who failed to file a supplemental campaign finance disclosure report which was due by February 15, 2011.

# G6. Docket No. 11-1354

Advisory opinion regarding whether members of the Research Park Corporation may invest in companies that are "incubated" with the Louisiana Technology Park and invest in a company that is partially owned by the Research Park Corporation.

# G7. Docket No. 11-1597

Advisory opinion regarding whether Kenny Ribbeck may continue his outside employment while he is employed as the Biologist Division Administrator of the Wildlife Division of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

# **G8.** Docket No. 11-1605

Advisory opinion regarding a former employee of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (LHFA), Jason St. Romain, assisting a company with an environmental review that is conducted by LHFA.

# **G9.** Docket No. 11-1614

Advisory opinion as to whether Ms Jeanne M. Monte, an employee of the Jefferson Parish School Board, may serve as a board member for a proposed new charter school in Jefferson Parish.

# G10. Docket No. 11-1619

Advisory opinion regarding whether the mother of a technician for the Terrebonne Housing Rehabilitation Program, David Armstrong, may enter into the program.

# G11. Docket No. 11-1621

Advisory opinion regarding a newly elected member of the Jefferson Parish Council, Paul Johnston, and his son being employed by a company, Guillot's Sanitary Supplies, Inc. while Guillot's has a business relationship with the Parish.

# G12. Docket No. 11-1687

Advisory opinion regarding whether Donna Smith, the Office Manager of the West Monroe Office of Motor Vehicles, may open an Auto Title Company and Public Tag Agency.

# G13. Docket No. 11-1692

Advisory opinion regarding whether immediate family members of Barry Ward, the Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Licensing and Compliance in the Dept. of Insurance, may renew their insurance licenses and teach continuing education courses approved by the Office of Licensing and Compliance.

# G14. Docket No. 11-1693

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Lower Mississippi River Port-wide Strategic Security Council may hire an Executive Director who is an Legislator or other part-time elected official.

# G15. Docket No. 11-1697

Advisory opinion regarding Lambert Gravel Company owned by Ricky Lambert, a West Feliciana Parish Police Juror, and his immediate family renting property to the Parish of West Feliciana.

# G16. Docket No. 11-1769

Advisory opinion regarding whether Chance's Computer's, owned by newly elected Livingston Parish Councilman, Chance Parent, may continue to contract with the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4 and the Livingston Parish Communication District Board.

# G17. Docket No. 11-1777

Advisory opinion regarding whether the son of Keith Hardesty, plant manager for Water Works District #4 of Ward #4 of Calcasieu Parish, may work on an as needed basis for the Water Works District.

# **Disclosure Reports**

# G18. Docket No. 11-1770

Notice of disclosure reports filed with the Board during November 2011.

# **Regular Business**

G19. <u>Docket No. MINUTES</u> Board Minutes from November Agendas

# G20. Docket No. 11-936

Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Denise Holden, a candidate for Orleans Parish Council, in the February 6, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 35 days late.

# G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

# Docket No. CHART

CFDA waiver request chart for December 2011

# Docket No. 11-1499

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 late fee assessed against NOBLE PAC, a political committee whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1500

Request that the Board waive 7 late fees totaling \$18,000 total assessed against Badge Star, a political committee whose campaign finance disclosure reports in connection with the October 2, 2010, February 19, 2011 and October 22, 2011 election were filed late.

## Docket No. 11-1580

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Independent RX PAC, a political committee whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 113 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1587

Request that the Board waive the \$420 late fee assessed against Paul Naquin, Jr., a candidate for St. Mary Parish President in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1589

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 late fee assessed against LA Propane Gas Association PAC, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1600

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Peter J. Aranyosi, a candidate for Sheriff of Livingston Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1603

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against James F. "Jim" Slagle, a candidate for Senate, District 39 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1646

Request that the Board waive the \$720 late fee assessed against Michael Thomas, a candidate for Sheriff of Washington Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1647

Request that the Board waive the \$300 late fee assessed against Ronald Lane Bison, a candidate for Sheriff of Sabine Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1648

Request that the Board waive the \$480 late fee assessed against Shawn Granger, a candidate for Coroner of Vernon Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1649

Request that the Board waive the \$420 late fee assessed against Darian Breaux, a candidate for Member at Large for St. Mary Parish Council in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1650

Request that the Board waive the \$720 late fee assessed against Hosie Collins, a candidate for Sheriff of Red River Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1652

Request that the Board waive the \$780 late fee assessed against David Rogoz, a

candidate for Assessor of Tangipahoa Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

## Docket No. 11-1653

Request that the Board waive the \$660 late fee assessed against Irving "Sweetie" Barfield, a candidate for Red River Parish Clerk of Court in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1654

Request that the Board waive the \$780 late fee assessed against Larry P. Jones, a candidate for Sheriff of Lincoln Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1660

Request that the Board waive the \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against David E. Daniels, a candidate for Sheriff of Richland Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1661

Request that the Board waive the \$1,800 late fee assessed against LA Optometric PAC, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1662

Request that the Board waive the \$480 and \$600 late fees assessed against Ray M. Nicholas, a candidate for Sheriff of Assumption Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1663

Request that the Board waive the \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed against Melissa Ficklin Clark, a candidate for Sheriff of St. Helena Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1665

Request that the Board waive the \$480 late fee assessed against Demetrius "Coach" Franklin, a candidate for Assessor of Iberville Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1667

Request that the Board waive the \$780 late fee assessed against Lynn Cawthorne, a candidate for State Representative, 3rd District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1668

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bobby "Beck" Grabert, a candidate for State Representative, District 55, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1669

Request that the Board waive the \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed

against John Hamilton Willis, a candidate for Assessor of West Feliciana Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1703

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 late fee assessed against LA Leadership PAC, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1704

Request that the Board waive the \$1,600 late fee assessed against LA Assisted Living, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

## Docket No. 11-1705

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against James Ronald "Ron" Eldridge, a candidate for State Representative, District 90, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

## Docket No. 11-1706

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against James D. Holt, a candidate for Coroner of East Carroll Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

## Docket No. 11-1707

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brenda Shelling, a candidate for State Representative, District 17, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1708

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marva Lumar, a candidate for Clerk of Court for St. John the Baptist Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

#### Docket No. 11-1709

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 late fee assessed against Title PAC, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 11-1710

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Joaquin "Jr." Matheu, a candidate for Assessor of Tangipahoa Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late and 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

# G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

#### Docket No. 11-1712

Request that the Board waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Knesha Rose for failure to timely file her September 2011 Legislative lobbying expenditure report.

# G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

## Docket No. CHART

The December 2011 Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart

## Docket No. 11-1657

Waiver request of Alvin Moreau, Jr. regarding a \$1,500 late fee for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement 44 days late.

#### Docket No. 11-1659

Waiver request of John Crawford regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure statement late.

# G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

## Docket No. CHART

December 2011 School Board Disclosure Statement Waiver Chart.

## Docket No. 11-1670

Waiver request of Arthur Alexander regarding a \$1,050 late fee assessed for filing his 2011-2012 school board disclosure statement late.

## Docket No. 11-1675

Waiver request of Bonnie Reese regarding a \$1,400 late fee assessed for filing her 2011-2012 school board disclosure statement 28 days late.



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# **GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL**

# Appearances

# **GS1.** <u>Docket No. 11-645</u>

Appearance in connection with a second request for reconsideration of a waiver request of Charles Mayeux, Jr. regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his candidate personal financial disclosure statement 72 days late.

# Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions & Items Requiring No Board Action

# GS2. Docket No. 11-022

Consideration of charges filed against Mickey Hampton, a candidate for Bienville Parish School Board, District 2, in the October 2, 2010 election who failed to file a 10-G report which was due by October 25, 2010.

# GS3. Docket No. 11-1436

Advisory opinion concerning whether the father-in-law of Pointe Coupee Parish School Board employee, Cherie Cazayoux, may continue to provide insurance to the school board.

## **GS4.** <u>Docket No. 11-1567</u>

Advisory opinion regarding Ms. Lottie P. Beebe's recent election to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and her ownership of a long-term personal care service for the elderly and disabled.

## **GS5.** <u>Docket No. 11-1609</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether Patricia LaBrosse, a member of the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators, may become an adjunct professor with LSU Alexandria regarding nursing facility administrators.

## GS6. Docket No. 11-1622

Advisory opinion regarding whether the brother of Van Earl, an employee of the Town of Elizabeth, may be employed by the town.

## **GS7.** <u>Docket No. 11-1683</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Assumption Parish Police Jury can purchase a vehicle from Barbera Chevrolet when the spouse of Myron Matherne (a police juror with the Assumption Parish Police Jury) is a commissioned salesperson employed with the dealership.

## **GS8.** <u>Docket No. 11-1711</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Jefferson Parish Department of Resource and Management may contract with Clesi Burns for consulting services where Clesi Burns members managers and employees hold licenses as insurance producers.

# **GS9.** Docket No. 11-1818

Advisory opinion regarding whether Thomas Watson, a member of the Livingston Parish Council, may accept employment within the executive branch of Livingston Parish Government at the expiration of his term.

# **Regular Business**

# **GS10.** Docket No. 11-1817

Advisory opinion request regarding Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC, owned, in part, by Jay Guillot, a newly elected member of BESE, transacting business with various state and local entities.

# GS11. Docket No. RULES

Consideration of proposed rules regarding the Board's mandatory training program.