

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
DECEMBER 15, 2016
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on December 15, 2016 and continue to December 16, 2016.

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 in BD 2011-1037 against Great Southern Dredging, Inc.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against Rebecca Murley in Docket No. 2015-885.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of the charges pending against Billiot Pest Control</u> and Ernie Esteve in docket No. 2015-1151.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. EABSELC

Appearance by Ann Wise, Director of the Division of Administrative Law, to select administrative law judges to serve on the panels of the Ethics

Adjudicatory Board, as well as an alternate.

G2. Docket No. 16-080

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Calvin E. Millender, a former member of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #7, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 209 days late.

G3. Docket No. 16-088

Waiver request submitted by Olga Foster Butler, Richmond Board of Aldermen - Madison Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual PFD 122 days late.

G4. Docket No. 16-727

Reconsideration request in connection with the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Jack Blossman, Jr., for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbying Registration Report.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G5. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent December 2016 Agenda.

G6. Docket No. 16-890

Request for clarification of prior advisory opinions rendered in BD Nos. 2016-890 and 2016-770, in regard to St. Tammany Parish Recreation District Number 4 (District).

G7. Docket No. 16-910

Advisory opinion request by Kirk Quinn, Cameron Parish Police Juror District 3, regarding whether he may be employed with Cameron Fisheries when Cameron Fisheries has a lease agreement with the West Cameron Port.

G8. Docket No. 16-963

Advisory opinion regarding Gaston Dupas, Jr., continuing his part-time employment with Autozone while he is employed with the City of New Iberia Public Works Department.

G9. Docket No. 16-1024

Advisory opinion request from Richard Campbell, an attorney for GCR Inc. (GCR), regarding post-employment issues. In particular, GCR is seeking Board approval for GCR's Independent Contractor Agreement with former St. Tammany Parish public servant, Dayna Williams.

G10. Docket No. 16-1035

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post-employment restrictions found in the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit former St. Landry Parish Councilman Mr. Ronald E. Buschel from being hired to serve as the District Five Public Works Director for District Five Public Works Commission of St. Landry (Commission).

G11. Docket No. 16-1042

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Mickey Hamilton may contract with Bossier City Purchasing Department to provide concessionaire services for the Bossier City sports complexes while Stephen Boyd is employed as a Youth Sports Supervisor.

G12. Docket No. 16-1043

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Town of Livonia may continue to conduct business with Livonia Auto Repair, LLC.

G13. Docket No. 16-1047

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit Deborah Dees from being appointed to the Desoto Parish Communications District Board.

G14. Docket No. 16-1049

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Medical Temps may enter into a temporary staffing contract with Morehouse General Hospital.

G15. Docket No. 16-1050

Advisory opinion request, submitted on behalf of Washington National Insurance Company, regarding whether certain gifts would be considered promotional items.

G16. Docket No. 16-1112

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit St. Mary Parish Recreation District Number 3 board members Diane and Daniel Irwin from participating in a vote regarding whether Central Catholic High School can use the St. Mary Parish Recreation District Number 3 softball fields.

G17. Docket No. 16-1113

Advisory opinion request by Jacqueline Whitmore, a social worker with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Program, regarding whether a conflict of interest would exist if she were employed by Band of Angels, a private business assisting nursing home residents and their families.

G18. Docket No. 16-1166

Advisory opinion request as to whether Walter G. Kirkland may continue to provide surveying services after he is sworn in as the elected Assessor for Jackson Parish.

G19. Docket No. 16-1245

Consideration of a disqualification plan submitted by the Iberia Parish Government regarding William Hulin and Christine Hulin, employees of the Iberia Parish Government.

Disclosure Reports

G20. <u>Docket No. 16-1052</u>

PFD answer filed by Christina Cohea, former member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, District F.

G21. Docket No. 16-1053

PFD answer filed by Johnny Shepherd, former member of the Ringgold Town Council, District 1.

G22. Docket No. 16-1055

PFD answer filed by Arthur Farmer, former member of the Richland Parish School Board, District 4.

G23. Docket No. 16-1057

PFD answer filed by Julius Caraway, III, a member of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, District 13.

G24. Docket No. 16-1059

PFD answer filed by James Mobley, a former member of the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority.

G25. Docket No. 16-1060

PFD answer filed by Cheryl Ann Boudreaux, former member of the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitor Commission.

G26. Docket No. 16-1095

PFD answer submitted by Pamela Bryan, former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission.

G27. Docket No. 16-1098

PFD answer submitted by John Sammons, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District #7.

Regular Business

G28. Docket No. MINUTES

November 2016 Board Minutes

G29. Docket No. 12-880

Consent opinion concerning Intercoastal Redi-Mix, LLC providing cement products to contractors of the City of Morgan City, which were used on the city's projects, when Michael Loupe served as the city's Director of Public Works.

G30. Docket No. 13-1477

Consent opinion regarding Dr. Peter Galvan, former St. Tammany Parish Coroner, using his position as Coroner for personal gain.

G31. Docket No. 14-762

Consent order regarding Vermilion Parish Sheriff Mike Couvillon purchasing a home from a Sheriff's sale.

G32. Docket No. 14-889

Consent opinion regarding the Village of Richmond awarding a contract to family members of Mayor Robert Kivett.

G33. Docket No. 15-845

Consideration of Consent Opinions regarding Brandon Andrews and his company, J & B Industries, LLC, providing drug screening services for the 21st Judicial District Court while his mother, Sara Brumfield, was employed as the Judicial Administrator.

G34. <u>Docket No.</u> 16-679

Advisory opinion request by Philip C. Williams, President of McNeese State University (McNeese), regarding the application of the exceptions contained in La. R.S. 42:1123(1) and La. R.S. 42:1123(41) to complimentary admission, travel, lodging and reimbursement by organizations to McNeese and its employees.

G35. Docket No. 16-1015

Advisory opinion request regarding the potential employment of Lisa Ivey within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office while her father, Christopher Ivey, serves as the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office.

G36. Docket No. 16-1048

Advisory opinion request by Mark DeBosier, a former employee with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

(GOHSEP), regarding whether the post employment prohibitions in La. R.S. 42:1121 would prohibit him from being compensated by the Orleans Levee District as an expert in an arbitration hearing involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

December 2016 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 16-1037

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Patricia Schwarz Core, in her capacity as a candidate for Assessor in the October 22, 2011, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 163 days late.

Docket No. 16-1039

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Arthur K. Lewis, in his capacity as a candidate for Chief of Police / Town of Vidalia in the March 5, 2016 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 16-1041

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Anthony "Tony" Lewis, in his capacity as a candidate for District Judge /17th Judicial District Court, Division B in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 227 days late.

Docket No. 16-1046

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vereta Lee, in her capacity as a candidate for State Rep / 29th Dist in the April 9, 2016 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 16-1091

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against the Algiers Political Action Committee, whose January 2016 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 16-1092

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sherman Jackson, in his capacity as a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Gonzales, in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 16-1094

Request that the Board waive the \$2000 campaign finance late fee assessed against the St. Tammany Chamber PAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Larry Manshel, and treasurer, Bret Kolman, whose July 2016 Monthly report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 16-1162

Request that the Board waive the \$1400 campaign finance late fee assessed against the LA Assisted Living Association PAC, whose March 2016 Monthly report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 16-1163

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Shannon James Gremillion, in his capacity as a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal / 3rd Circuit, 1st Dist., Division C, in the November 8, 2016 election, and his committee, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 165 days late.

Docket No. 16-1164

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert C. Johnson, in his capacity as a candidate for District Judge / 4th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. J, and his committee for the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2015 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 252 days late.

Docket No. 16-1167

Request that the Board waive the following late fees assessed against Committee for Better Schools in Calcasieu Parish, and its committee's chairperson, Paul Bonin, and treasurer, Winfield E. Little, Jr., for the May 2, 2015 Proposition Election: \$1,000 for 30-E report that was filed 151 days late, \$1,000 for 10-E report that was filed 131 days late, and \$1,000 for 40-E report that was filed 81 days late.

Docket No. 16-1168

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond "Shoe Do" Lewis, in his capacity as a candidate for City Judge, New Iberia, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 63 days late.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

December 2016 Lobbying Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 16-1018

Request to waive the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Jack Whitehead, Jr., for the late filing of the July 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 16-1038

Request to waive the \$100 late fee assessed against Carmack Blackmon for the late filing of the August 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 16-1161

Request to waive the \$550 late fee assessed against William Bryan for the late filing of the August 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

December 2016 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 16-1006

Waiver request submitted by Craig Arnold Gremillion, Plaucheville Board of Aldermen - Avoyelles Parish, regarding a \$1,100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual PFD 22 days late. Waiver request submitted by Craig Arnold Gremillion, Plaucheville Board of Aldermen - Avoyelles Parish regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 9 days late.

Docket No. 16-1051

Waiver request submitted by Jesse Augustine, former member of the Tamaron Subdivision Improvement District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing

his 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 215 days late.

Docket No. 16-1056

Waiver request submitted by Kenneth Brad Banks, former member of the Northeast Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 223 days late.

Docket No. 16-1061

Waiver request submitted by Barbara A. Eveque-Hornsby, former member of the New Orleans Business Park, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 136 days late.

Docket No. 16-1062

Waiver request submitted by Thomas J. Jones, III, Jefferson Parish Workforce Investment Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 308 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 16-159

Request for reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Adrienne Sage Hodges Steele, Northeast Louisiana Film Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 125 days late.

Docket No. 16-175

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Tammy Hartley, Constable - West Carroll Parish, District 2, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual PFD 161 days late.

Docket No. 16-427

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Joseph L. Hilton, unsuccessful candidate for Vernon Parish Policy Jury - District 11 in the 10/24/2015 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his Amended 2014 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 293 days late.

Docket No. 16-605

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$250 in connection with a waiver request submitted by Thomas Randolph "Tom" Hanlon, former member of the South Burbank Crime Prevention and Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 148 days late.