

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
DECEMBER 13, 2018
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on December 13, 2018 and continue to December 14, 2018.

Executive Session

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

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges filed against Herman Taitt in Docket No.</u> 2013-1059.

<u>Discussion in executive session regarding charges in Docket No. 2014-758 involving</u> Delrice Jermaine Augustus.

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Lavone Ratcliff in Docket No. 2016-001.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Anthony Andre in Docket No. 2016-1063.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges filed against Adam Colbenson in Docket</u> No. 2017-652.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 17-267

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive regarding a waiver request submitted by Trudy Luke, member of the Louisiana Crab Task Force, involving a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 pfd 146 days late.

G2. Docket No. 18-485

Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$400 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Carlos J. Sam, former member of the BREC Board of Directors (May 2010-December 2015) and Teachers' Retirement System (November 2011 - July 2015), for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 122 days late.

G3. Docket No. 18-887

Waiver request submitted by Stephen Irwin Singer, former board member with the Public Defender Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 161 days late.

G4. Docket No. 18-1332

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenneth P. Garrett, Sr., a candidate for State Representative / 102nd Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election, whose has not amended the 2017 supplemental campaign finance report to accurately disclose the required information.

G5. <u>Docket No. 18-1348</u>

Waiver request submitted by Cheri M. Gioe, with Children's Trust fund, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 189 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G6. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent December 2018 Agenda.

G7. <u>Docket No. 18-11</u>79

Request for an advisory opinion from Crystal Faison relative to postemployment prohibitions regarding her employment as a Chisholm Compliance Coordinator with Louisiana Department of Health.

G8. Docket No. 18-1198

Request for an advisory opinion from Karen Milligan, Programs Director for Jefferson Dollars for Scholars, relative to their providing gifts to public school employees who participate as coordinators for school fundraisers organized by Dollars for Scholars.

G9. Docket No. 18-1279

Advisory opinion request from counsel for the Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD) regarding a potential conflict of interest involving the need for an easement on land owned by PLD Commissioner Jerry Savoy.

G10. Docket No. 18-1286

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Esther Jean Watson may be employed by the Catahoula Parish School Board as a Child Welfare and Attendance/Visiting Teacher while her sister, Dorothy Watson, serves as a member of the Catahoula Parish School Board.

G11. Docket No. 18-1295

Advisory opinion request as to the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics to Mark Borrel, a member of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, and his brother's company, Borrel Engineering.

G12. Docket No. 18-1303

Advisory opinion request by Charles McCrary regarding the application of the post-employment provisions in La. R.S. 42:1121 since his departure from the Baton Rouge Department of Public Works Inspection Division (Inspection Division).

G13. Docket No. 18-1304

Request for an advisory opinion from Matthew Brown on whether the wife of the Chief Nursing Officer of Riverside Medical Center can provide services to Riverside Emergency Physician Partners, LLC, which has a contract to provide medical coverage and management for Riverside Medical Center's emergency department. Washington Parish has a population of 47,168.

G14. Docket No. 18-1306

Advisory opinion as to whether Darleen M. Jacobs may serve on the PAC/Legislative Committee of the Louisiana Oil Marketers Association while she serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Auctioneer Licensing Board.

G15. Docket No. 18-1329

Advisory Opinion request regarding the La. Tech Early Childhood Education Center redeeming points to purchase books from Scholastic.

G16. Docket No. 18-1334

Advisory opinion request regarding the propriety of the sister of two members of the Cottonport Board of Aldermen being employed by the town's police department.

G17. Docket No. 18-1335

Request for approval of a disqualification plan submitted by M. Bofill Duhe, District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District, relative to two employees who are mother and daughter.

G18. Docket No. 18-1336

Advisory opinion request from Caddo Parish Assistant District Attorney Suzanne Williams regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the use of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory's facilities and equipment by an expert witness in post-conviction litigation.

G19. Docket No. 18-1413

Advisory opinion request as to whether Tressa Miller, an appointed member of the St. Landry Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, may participate in contractual matters that come before the Tax Commission involving her employer.

G20. Docket No. 18-1414

Advisory opinion request as to whether Cynthia Sylvain-Lear may accept a monetary award given by Keep Louisiana Beautiful.

G21. Docket No. 18-1417

Advisory opinion request by Barbara Baier, General Counsel for the Louisiana Public Defender Board, regarding whether an attorney working as an independent contractor with a Public Defender's Office in any given judicial district court throughout Louisiana is required to complete a minimum of one

hour of ethics training annually pursuant to R.S. 42:1170A(3)(a)(i).

G22. Docket No. 18-1418

Request for an advisory opinion by Perry Kirkland, Chairman, Webster Fire District 8 Board of Commissioners, as to whether the Fire Chief's brother can be appointed to the Fire District Board of Commissioners. Webster Parish has a population of 41,207.

G23. Docket No. 18-1419

Request for an advisory opinion from the Board of Commissioners of the West Feliciana Fire Protection District No. 1, whether Acadian Ambulance Service can lease property from the West Feliciana Fire Protection District No. 1, at a time when a board member is employed by Acadian Ambulance Service. West Feliciana has a population of 15,625.

G24. Docket No. 18-1420

Advisory Opinion request from Ronald Scott, an employee of the Town of Gramercy, as to whether he may provide backflow preventer services to business in the town.

G25. Docket No. 18-1421

Advisory opinion request from Kim Nesmith, an employee of the Louisiana Department of Education, as to whether she may provide contract services to Future of Privacy Forum.

G26. Docket No. 18-1422

Advisory opinion request from former Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Executive Counsel, Danielle Aymond, regarding post-employment restrictions following the termination of her employment with GOHSEP.

Disclosure Reports

G27. Docket No. 18-1431

PFD answer submitted by Richard Hagey, a former member of the Louisiana Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority.

Regular Business

G28. Docket No. MINUTES

November 2018 Board Minutes

G29. <u>Docket No. 13-1383</u>

Consent offer involving the employment of Otis Jones with the Lincoln Parish School Board while his father, Eddie Jones, served as a member of the Lincoln Parish School Board.

G30. Docket No. 15-885

Signed consent order by Rebecca Murley for a violation of La. R.S. 42:1111A in connection with her receipt of funds from Project Celebration while being employed by Northwestern State University.

G31. Docket No. 15-1173

Consent Order regarding Bridgette Clark and Clark Entities contracting with Vision Academy Charter School while Ms. Clark's sister, LaToya Jackson, served as the CEO of the Vision Academy Charter School.

G32. Docket No. 16-017

Consent order signed by Arnold Bellow agreeing that he violated La. R.S. 42:1117 and La. R.S. 42:1161F by his participation in a Lake Charles Police

Department employee receiving compensation while on-duty but physically attending college.

G33. <u>Docket No. 16-468</u>

Consent orders signed by John Crow, Tommy Futch, Futch & Crow, and Jeanna Smith regarding their violations of La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) while serving as D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board members.

G34. Docket No. 17-099

Consent order signed by Agnes Guillory whereby she agreed to violating La. R.S. 42:1112B(1) by her participation and supervision of her husband, Michael Guillory, while he was employed by the Allen Parish Library.

G35. Docket No. 17-512

Consent order signed by Michael Beadle, the Facilities Manager of the Amelia Community Center, regarding his violation of La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) for receiving compensation from Gulf Coast Wrestling while it had a business relationship with the Amelia Community Center.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

December 2018 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 18-1159

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Janise Anthony, a candidate for Councilwoman, St. Martinville City Council (Pop. 6114), in the March 24, 2018, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 84 days late.

Docket No. 18-1331

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against the International Union of Operating Engineers, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, D. Jason Billings, and treasurer, Peter Babin IV, whose 2018 August monthly campaign finance report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 18-1354

Request that the Board waive \$2,000 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Randy S. Nunez, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Clerk of Court in the October 22, 2011 and October 24, 2015 elections, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 394 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-1415

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Harold Brooks, Jr., a candidate for Chief of Police, Town of White Castle (Pop. 1883), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 18-1416

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Medicine LA PAC, LLC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Steve Spedale, and treasurer, Dale Coffman, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 47 days late.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. WaiChar

May 2018 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart

Docket No. 18-1411

Request to waive the \$100, \$50 and \$1,500 late fees assessed against Sarah Omojola for the late filing of a Supplemental Registration, June 2018 Lobbying Expenditure Report and a second Supplemental Registration.

Docket No. 18-1412

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mark West for the late filing of a Supplemental Registration Report.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

December 2018 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 18-1189

Untimely waiver request submitted by Peter Cannizzaro, with the St. Tammany Parish Recreation/ District 12, regarding a \$1,250 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual 25 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 69 days late.

Docket No. 18-1297

Waiver request submitted by Chris Workman, with the Washington Parish Council, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 annual pfd 155 days late.

Docket No. 18-1298

Waiver request submitted by Wynn T. Harvey, with the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 231 days late.

Docket No. 18-1299

Waiver request submitted by Delores Eileane Cameron LeBaron, with the Montgomery Town Council, Grant Parish (Pop. 730), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 90 days late.

Docket No. 18-1300

Waiver request submitted by C. Howard Nichols, with the Hammond Historic District Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 113 days late.

Docket No. 18-1301

Waiver request submitted by Videssa Lillania Morris-Owens, with the Northeast Claiborne Charter School Board, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 4 days late.

Docket No. 18-1337

Waiver request submitted by Mark Wayne Allen, with the Merryville Board of Aldermen, Beauregard Parish (Pop. 1103), regarding two \$1,500 late fees assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD & amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate PFD178 and 178 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-1338

Waiver request submitted by Penny Douglas-Williams, candidate for the Bogalusa City Council, Washington Parish (Pop. 12232), regarding a \$1300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 candidate PFD 13 days late.

Docket No. 18-1339

Waiver request submitted by Patrick O'Neal Johnson, with the Assumption Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2013 Tier3 annual PFD 325 days late.

Docket No. 18-1340

Waiver request submitted by Michelle Carter, former member of the Vision Academy Charter School, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 3 days late.

Docket No. 18-1341

Waiver request submitted by Antoiette Arrington Shields, with the St. Joseph Board of Aldermen, Tensas Parish (Pop. 1176), regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 7 days late.

Docket No. 18-1342

Waiver request submitted by Anthony Zaunbrecher, with the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 254 days late.

Docket No. 18-1343

Waiver request submitted by Nicole Boudreaux, with the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 94 days late.

Docket No. 18-1344

Waiver request submitted by Larry Proctor, with D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 3 days late.

Docket No. 18-1345

Waiver request submitted by Michael Pool, Chief of Police, Town of Eros, Jackson Parish (Pop. 155), regarding a \$50.00 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 18-1346

Waiver request submitted by William Floyd Joubert, with the South Tangipahoa Port Commission, regarding a \$100.00 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 2 days late.

Docket No. 18-1347

Waiver request submitted by Amanda Mars, with the Animal Welfare Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 93 days late.

Docket No. 18-1349

Waiver request submitted by Donald "Don" Popp, with the Board of Aldermen, Estherwood, Acadia Parish (Pop. 889), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 105 days late.

Docket No. 18-1350

Waiver request submitted by Kathleen McBride Valdetero, former member of the Crowley Board of Aldermen, Acadia Parish (Pop. 13265), regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 16 days late.

Docket No. 18-1351

Waiver request submitted by Burrell Mullett, with the Sun Board of Aldermen, St. Tammany Parish (Pop. 470), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 94 days late.

Docket No. 18-1352

Waiver request submitted by Trent Patrick Clark, with the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 6 days late.

Docket No. 18-1424

Waiver request submitted by Germaine Simpson, with the Eunice Board of Aldermen, Acadia/St. Landry Parishes (Pop. 10398), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 35 days late.

Docket No. 18-1425

Waiver request submitted by George Randolph Floyd, with the Used Motor Vehicle Commission, regarding two \$950 late fees assessed for filing both his 2015 & 2106 Tier 2.1 annual PFDs 19 days late.

Docket No. 18-1426

Waiver request submitted by Mark Anthony Thomas, with the Developmental Disabilities Council, regarding a\$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 99 days late.

Docket No. 18-1428

Waiver request submitted by Christina K. LaBove, with the Cameron Parish School Board, regarding two \$1500 late fees assessed for filing both her amended 2015 and 2016 Tier 3 annual PFDs 107 days late.

Docket No. 18-1429

Waiver request submitted by Jason Clark Turner, with the Allen Parish School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 103 days late.

Docket No. 18-1430

Waiver request submitted by Jesse Clarence "Coach" Smith, candidate for the Monroe City School Board, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 candidate PFD 6 days late.

Docket No. 18-1433

Waiver request submitted by Sherice Clark, with New Orleans Charter School Board, regarding a \$950 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 19 days late.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 18-1302

Untimely waiver request submitted by June Creech Hooper, member of the Municipal Gas Authority and the Logansport Town Council, DeSoto Parish (Pop. 1555), regarding a \$850 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 17 days late.

Docket No. 18-1423

Untimely waiver request submitted by James Neal Kirkham, a former member of the Bienville Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 137 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 18-865

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive regarding a waiver request submitted by Susan T. Herring, former member of the Homer Board of Aldermen - Claiborne Parish (Pop. 3,237), for a \$1500 late fee assessed for

filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 207 days late.

Docket No. 18-885

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to suspend all but \$200 of the late fee regarding a waiver request submitted by Shannon Glenn Morris, the former Mayor of Eros - Jackson Parish (Pop. 155), for a \$ 1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 86 days late.

Docket No. 18-1002

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive and offer a payment plan regarding a waiver request submitted by Anthony E. Moreau, Chief of Police of Melville, St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1041), for a \$750 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 15 days late.

Docket No. 18-1004

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive a late fee regarding a waiver request submitted by Ana Elizabeth Bohorquez, with the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #2/ Caddo Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 PFD 260 days late.