

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
FEBRUARY 16, 2012
1:00 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on February 16, 2012 and continue to February 17, 2012.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session of litigation in the Matter of Kevin Ambeau.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 11-230

Reconsideration of advisory opinion advising that employees of the Cameron Parish Housing Assistance Program and their immediate family members are prohibited from participating in the Cameron Parish Housing Assistance Program (HAP).

G2. Docket No. 11-1499

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 late fee assessed against NOBLE PAC, a political committee whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

G3. Docket No. 11-1704

Reconsideration 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.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions & Items Requiring No Board Action

G4. Docket No. 09-964

Consent opinion regarding Davezac Engineering, an entity that provided the former St. John the Baptist Parish President, William Hubbard, a gift, at a time when it had a relationship with St. John Parish.

G5. Docket No. 11-1690

Advisory opinion regarding whether an appointed member of the New Orleans Planning Commission may vote to defer a matter in which he recused himself, if his absence from the venue would create a lack of a quorum.

G6. Docket No. 11-1768

Advisory opinion regarding whether Wendy Carr Eldridge may become a member of the Iberia Parish Airport Authority.

G7. Docket No. 11-1796

Advisory opinion regarding whether Mr. Joel Davidson would be in violation of the post employment restrictions if he were to resign as an employee with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), and begin employment with a private company.

G8. Docket No. 11-1847

Advisory opinion regarding whether Larry Rancher, a member of the Delhi Board of Aldermen, may be employed with Denbury Resources, Inc.

G9. Docket No. 11-1931

Advisory opinion regarding whether a design firm is prohibited from bidding on or entering into contracts with the Office of Facility Planning and Control when the Assistant Director, Mark Moses', son marries an employee of the design firm.

G10. Docket No. 11-1933

Advisory opinion regarding various nepotism issues which may be occuring in St. James Parish.

G11. Docket No. 11-1934

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Town of Vivian may hire the son of Ryan Nelson, the Vivian Chief of Police.

G12. Docket No. 11-1938

Advisory opinion regarding outside employment opportunities of Mr. Wilbourne Anderson while he serves as a Lt. Colonel at the BB Sixty Rayburn Correctional Center (RCC).

G13. Docket No. 12-018

Advisory opinion regarding whether private attorneys may provide pro bono services in blight proceedings on behalf of the City of New Orleans.

G14. Docket No. 12-020

Advisory opinion request regarding a company owned by Glenda Stock entering into a contract with LSU-A while she serves on the LSU-A Foundation Board of Directors.

G15. Docket No. 12-022

Advisory opinion regarding how the post employment restrictions apply to Mr. Jeffrey Carey's former employment with the Hazard Mitigation Office in New Orleans.

Disclosure Reports

G16. Docket No. 12-002

Notice of disclosure reports filed with the Board in December 2011.

Regular Business

G17. Docket No. MINUTES

Board Minutes from the January Agendas

G18. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. Chart

February 2012 CFDA Waiver Request Chart

Docket No. 11-1807

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Philip Mason, Jr., a candidate for West Baton Rouge Parish President in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 11-1812

Request that the Board waive the \$360 late fee assessed against Willy J. Martin, Jr., a candidate for Sheriff of St. James Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 11-1881

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donnie Mack Johnson, a candidate for East Carroll Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 11-1882

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joy Williams, a candidate for Grant Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1883

Request that the Board waive the \$180 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Johnny "I Can" Duncan, a candidate for State Representative, 72nd District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 3 and 12 days late.

Docket No. 11-1884

Request that the Board waive the \$60, campaign finance late fee assessed against Beatrice "Doctor Bea" Desper, a candidate for Coroner for St. Tammany Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 11-1885

Request that the Board waive the \$660, campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward L. Brown, a candidate for Sheriff of Tensas Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 11-1886

Request that the Board waive the \$600, campaign finance late fee assessed against Daniel Jude Babin, a candidate for Terrebonne Parish Council, District 7, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

Docket No. 11-1887

Request that the Board waive the \$600, campaign finance late fee assessed against Barry S. Boothe, a candidate for Catahoula Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

Docket No. 11-1888

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rebecca L. "Becky" Crawford, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council, District 6, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 11-1889

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sherman Mack, a candidate for State Representative, District 95, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 11-1890

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joanna Massey, a candidate for Ouachita Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1891

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Leo R. White, a candidate for Lafourche Parish Council, District 6, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 11-1892

Request that the Board waive the \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed against Richard "Ricky" Blake, a candidate for Winn Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 11-1893

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gillis R. Windham, a candidate for State Representative, 81st District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1894

Request that the Board waive the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against T. A. Messina, a candidate for City of Alexandria Court Marshal, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 11-1895

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Becky Craig, a candidate for Red River Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1896

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against David Edwards, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 27 and 7 days late.

Docket No. 11-1897

Request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lawrence "Larry" Byers, a candidate for Tangipahoa Parish Council, District 9, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 20 and 12 days late.

Docket No. 11-1898

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Errol "Romo" Romero, a candidate for Iberia Parish President, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 11-1899

Request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against Tiffany Poche, a candidate for Ascension Parish Council, District 5, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 14 and 5 days late.

Docket No. 11-1900

Request that the Board waive the \$300 and \$700 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jamie Labranche, a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 3 and 7 days late.

Docket No. 11-1901

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Emile Garlepied, a candidate for St. Representative, 56th District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 11-1902

Request that the Board waive the \$80 campaign finance late fee assessed against

Charles "I Spy" Ketchens, a candidate for St. James Parish Council, District 5, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 11-1919

Request that the Board waive the \$300 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against Robert Mik, a candidate for Desoto Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5 and 7 days late.

Docket No. 11-1920

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Glenny Lee Buquet, a candidate for BESE, District 3, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 11-1923

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Matthew Raley, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish President, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1924

Request that the Board waive the \$1,380 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Vincent Alexander, a candidate for State Representative, 96th District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 23 and 6 days late.

Docket No. 11-1926

Request that the Board waive the \$7,729 in campaign finance late fees assessed against Revitalizing Our Community, a political action committee, whose three (3) Specials, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were 10, 6, 1, 365, and 352 day(s) late.

Docket No. 12-004

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bryan Adams, a candidate for State Representative, 85th District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 12-005

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Virginia Blanque, a candidate for Orleans City Council, District A, in the February 6, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 142 days late.

G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

February 2012 Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 11-1672

Waiver request submitted by Robert Dawson regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 11-1674

Waiver request of Warren Founds, Jr. regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for his filing of his 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 445 days late.

Docket No. 11-1678

Waiver request of Albert Mincey, Sr. regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 225 days late.

Docket No. 11-1701

Waiver request of Lawrence Hughes regarding a \$1,500 late assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 227 days late.

Docket No. 11-1702

Waiver request of David Womack regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 11-1819

Waiver request of Stewart Griffin regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 334 days late.

Docket No. 11-1823

Waiver request submitted by Clarence Talbot regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 11-1826

Waiver request submitted by Shannon Cooper regarding a \$2,500 late assessed for filing his 2008 Tier 2 annual pfd 299 days late.



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<u>Discussion in Executive Session of litigation involving the Toni Higginbotham Campaign</u> Committee and Leigh Holdiness Davis, treasurer of the committee.

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GS1. Docket No. 10-911

Consent opinion regarding the spouse of the Clerk of the Village of Morse transacting business with the Village of Morse.

GS2. Docket No. 11-1850

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether Doris Gayle may be hired as a clerical employee with the Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit when her husband, Thomas Fagan (a State employee), is the manager in the office in which she would be hired.

GS3. Docket No. 11-1932

Advisory opinion request regarding Gossen-Holloway and Associates entering into a contract with the Bayou Community Academy, Inc., when the wife of an owner serves as the school's director.

GS4. Docket No. 11-1939

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether certain persons may be appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Iberia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 when members of their families already serve on the board.

GS5. Docket No. 12-012

Advisory opinion regarding whether Patrick Morrow may be appointed to serve on the St. Landry Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 while he and his law firm, Morrow, Morrow, Ryan and Basset, represent the hospital in a class action lawsuit.

GS6. Docket No. 12-017

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether Paul Hildreth and Oliver Shultz, employees of the LSU Health Care Service Division (HCSD), may provide services as a PRN Health Science Center (HSC) employee.

Regular Business

GS7. Docket No. 11-1762

Advisory opinion regarding William Owens working for the Mary Rives Gallaspy Trust #2, which has a financial relationship with Northwestern State University Foundation while William Owens is employed with Northwestern State University.

GS8. Docket No. 11-1873

Advisory opinion regarding CPA's who contract with governmental entities to perform audits needing to receive mandatory training in connection with La. R.S. 42:1170.

GS9. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation filed for the 2012 Regular Legislative Session regarding the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

GS10. Docket No. 12-058

Consideration of an emergency advisory opinion concerning Rep. Girod Jackson, State Representative, District 87, working for a company that has a subcontract to provide HUD Section 3 services in connection with the Louisiana Small Rental Property Program.

GS11. Docket No. COMMEND

Commendation to former Louisiana Board of Ethics member Rev. Gail Bowman.

GS12. Docket No. RULES

Consideration of documents concerning what may constitute the personal use of campaign funds.

GS13. Docket No. RULES
Consideration of proposed rules concerning the the discovery and hearing procedures.