

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on February 4, 2021 and continue to February 5, 2021.

## **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 against Jacquetta Grayson and Tommy Evans.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Jeanette Place in Dcoket No. 2020-746.</u>

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# **GENERAL**

## **Appearances**

## **G1.** Docket No. 20-548

Reconsideration request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randall "Randy" Delatte, a candidate for Councilman, District 8, District 9, Livingston Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10- G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 103 days late.

### **G2.** Docket No. 21-027

Request for an advisory opinion from Lt. John Stelly, Louisiana State Police - Troop B, whether he can accept outside employment from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

## **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

### **G3.** Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent February 2021 Agenda.

# **G4.** Docket No. 20-550

Advisory Opinion as to potential conflict of interest issues surrounding Todd Wackerman's potential candidacy for Orleans Parish School Board.

### **G5.** Docket No. 20-705

Request for an advisory opinion from Alton McGee, a teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish, who would like to create a Parent Teacher Organization and a Booster Club at Glen Oaks High School.

## **G6.** Docket No. 20-807

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit Tangipahoa Parish Government employee Jill DeSouge's son, Brody DeSouge, independently or as an employee of KA-JI Construction, from being employed with RAWL or a similarly situated contractor with Tangipahoa Parish while she is employed with the Parish.

## **G7.** Docket No. 20-811

Request for an advisory opinion from Shelta J. Richardson, a member of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, as to whether she can accept a grant from the Louisiana Department of Education on behalf of her licensed child care center, but processed through the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

#### **G8.** Docket No. 20-869

Advisory opinion regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics and found in La. R.S. 27:13 would prohibit Ronnie Jones, a former Chairperson of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board from serving on an advisory board of Entain, a foreign gaming corporation.

#### **G9.** Docket No. 20-901

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Mark I. Baum, AIA, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him or his business from making a charitable contribution to a not-for-profit entity in the name a public servant who is employed by an agency with which he has a business or contractual relationship.

## **G10.** Docket No. 20-912

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Francis Abbott - Executive Director of the Louisiana Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit former employees of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Correction Division of Probation and Parole ("P&P") from entering into a contract with the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Committee on Parole ("LBPCP").

### **G11.** Docket No. 20-913

Request for an advisory opinion from Dr. Emily Nichols, employed by the City of New Orleans as the Director of New Orleans EMS, relative to her joining the medical advisory board for ImageTrend.

## **G12.** Docket No. 20-914

Advisory Opinion Request from Megan Marino, MD, the Deputy Medical Director of the New Orleans Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as to whether she may be appointed to the board of ImageTrend, Inc., a vendor of EMS.

#### **G13.** Docket No. 20-915

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Juliette Villaronga, a Probation and Parole Specialist, from accepting an honorarium from the North American Center for Continuing Medical Education. (NACCME)

### **G14.** Docket No. 21-004

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Joe Magee from serving as the Administrator of the Desoto Parish Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and being appointed to serve on the Desoto Parish Fire District 2 Board.

## **G15.** Docket No. 21-005

Advisory Opinion Request from Paul P. Price, Jr., a member of the Franklin Parish Hospital Service District #1, d/b/a Franklin Medical Center Board of Directors ("FMC"), regarding his employment with a vendor of the District.

## **G16.** Docket No. 21-043

Disqualification plan submitted by DOTD regarding the promotion of Allen Myles, a Mobile Equipment Operator in DOTD District 03, Gang 530.

### **Disclosure Reports**

## **G17.** Docket No. 20-889

PFD Answer submitted by Gordon Propst, member of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority, regarding a NOD-Amend received requesting he disclose income from the Robinswood School.

#### **Regular Business**

#### G18. Docket No. MINUTES

January 2021 Board Minutes

### **G19.** Docket No. 20-737

Request for an Advisory Opinion from Ellen Engemann, Chairman of the Housing Authority for New Roads Board of Commissioners, relative to the authority of the Mayor of New Roads making appointments to the Board of Commissioners. New Roads is located in Pointe Coupee Parish with a population of 4,831.

### **G20.** Docket No. 20-909

Purchasing Plan submitted by the Town of Arcadia (population <5,000) for Joseph Pruitt, a member of the town council, to lease office space from the town, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1123(22).

## **G21.** Docket No. 21-006

Advisory Opinion request from Vermilion Parish Sheriff Michael Couvillon regarding the use of campaign funds to pay legal fees.

# G22. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of suggestions to propose legislation for the 2021 Legislative Session.

### G23. Docket No. RULES

Proposed changes to the Rules for the Louisiana Board of Ethics concerning the procedures to certify third-parties to provide training.

## **G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

#### Docket No. waiver

February 2021 CF Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 20-644

Request that the Board waive a \$2,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Larry George, and treasurer, Edward Jarzyna, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 11 days late.

## Docket No. 20-855

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles "Gary" Wainwright, a candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 26 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-859

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against E. Anthony "Scott" Galmon, a candidate for Assessor, St. Helena Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 114 days late.

## Docket No. 20-862

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jordan Arceneaux, a candidate for Councilman, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 161 days late.

### **G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

#### Docket No. 20-873

Request from Carol Smith to waive the \$450 late fee assessed for filing her September 2020 Lobbying Expenditure Report 9 days late.

### G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

### Docket No. waiver

February 2021 PFD Waiver Chart.

### Docket No. 20-657

Waiver request submitted by Douglas Ray Lenard, former member of the Municipal Gas Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 404 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-661

Waiver request submitted by Ryan Neal Verret, former member of the Acadiana Human Services District Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 112 days late.

## Docket No. 20-662

Waiver request submitted by Nathan Barrett, former member of the Success Preparatory Academy Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual PFD 422 days late.

## Docket No. 20-663

Waiver request submitted by Cynthia Alexander Green, former member of the Eastover Property Owners Association, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 131 days late.

### Docket No. 20-665

Waiver request submitted by Chandra Latrece Ford, former member of the Learning Solutions Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 annual PFD 228 days late.

## Docket No. 20-666

Waiver request submitted by Lavasso L. Monk, former member of the Central Louisiana Human Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 518 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-667

Waiver request submitted by Donna Ann Mabry, former member of the Mayors Commission for Women of Bossier City, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 154 days late.

## **G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE**

#### Docket No. 20-771

Waiver request submitted by Stephen Weeks regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his Retirement Systems Financial Disclosure Statement for 2020 186 days late.

## **G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY**

## Docket No. 14-1453

Untimely reconsideration request by Michael Pitman, candidate for District Judge, 1st Judicial District, Caddo Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, relating to the reassessment of a previously suspended \$280 fine for the late filing of his 30-P.

#### Docket No. 15-759

Untimely reconsideration request by Michael Pitman, candidate for District Judge, 1st Judicial District, Caddo Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, relating to the reassessment of a previously suspended \$540 fine for SUPP2014.

### Docket No. 18-1469

Untimely request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive two (2) \$1500 late fees assessed against Jeri Ann Pilk, former member of the Commission for the Deaf, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 290 days late and her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 611 days late.

### Docket No. 19-1025

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gregory M. Jordan, with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 250 days late.

## **G29.** WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

## Docket No. 19-726

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1050 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance (that was subsequently reassessed) assessed against Jonathan Owen Davis, Sr., with the St. Tammany Recreation District 11, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 344 days late; and, a waiver request regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 PFD

181 days late.

## Docket No. 19-1023

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Louis Johnson, with the Caddo Parish Commission/District 12, for filing his 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 296 days late.

### Docket No. 19-1026

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed against Damon Quenton Hardesty, with the Calcasieu Parish School Board/District 9, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 annual pfd 101 days late.

## Docket No. 20-019

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Sarah Ann Reliford, with the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 1056), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 49 days late.

## Docket No. 20-204

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1000 based on future compliance of a \$1500 late fee assessed against William Mertz, candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 499 days late.

## Docket No. 20-205

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$400 based on future compliance of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Lealon Johnson, Constable for Vernon Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 121 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-377

Reconsideration request that the Board waive the \$1,000, \$400, \$400 and \$704 campaign finance late fees assessed against Darwin Bradley "Brad" Adams, a candidate for Police Juror, District 5B, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 173, 153, 118 and 39 days late, respectively.

### Docket No. 20-602

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$650 based on future compliance of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Gerrin John Narcisse, Lacombe Recreation District #4, for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 149 days late.

## Docket No. 20-658

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$250 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance assessed against Robert Van Westmoreland, former member of the Central Louisiana Human Service District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 378 days late.