



## Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room  
JANUARY 7, 2021  
2:30 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Note: Meetings begin on January 7, 2021 and continue to January 8, 2021.**

### Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against Stephanie Bachemin, Erin Caruso, and Abbey Caruso in Docket No. 2015-042.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding the charges against Cathy Kendrick and Gretchen Bradford in Docket No. 2019-689.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against James Gibson and Gibson Entities, LLC in Docket No. 2019-796.

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## GENERAL

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### Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

**G1. Docket No. CHART**

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent January 2020 Agenda.

- G2.** Docket No. 20-598  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Maghen Shipley Gagnard, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from accepting employment with the Office of Juvenile Justice while being employed by SocialWorx, a non-profit organization who has a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Department of Corrections - Office of Reentry Services.
- G3.** Docket No. 20-808  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Patrick Hobbins, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Mr. Hobbins from serving on the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission ("CAGWCC") while he is employed by Placid Refining Company.
- G4.** Docket No. 20-812  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Luke H. Abrusley, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit his company (LHA Rentals Oberlin, LLC) from purchasing property and continuing a lease to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services after he resigned from the Allen Parish District Attorney's Office.
- G5.** Docket No. 20-844  
Advisory Opinion request on behalf of Ouachita Parish Sheriff Jay Russell as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office from using Monograms Unlimited for embroidery services.
- G6.** Docket No. 20-884  
Advisory Opinion Request by Suzonne V. Cowart, Finance Director for the City of Central, regarding providing accounting services to the Central Chamber of Commerce.

### **Regular Business**

- G7.** Docket No. MINUTES  
December 2020 Board Minutes
- G8.** Docket No. 14-1202  
Consent Opinion arising from charges issued against Robert Allen for issuing bail bonds for defendants appearing before the Mayor's Court in the Town of Ferriday while Robert Allen's father, Gene Allen, served as Mayor and presided over the Mayor's Court.
- G9.** Docket No. 18-1510  
Consent Order relative to Louisiana High School Correspondence Courses, LLC, transacting business with the Louisiana State University Laboratory School.
- G10.** Docket No. 19-808  
Consent Order relative to Louisiana High School Correspondence Courses, LLC, transacting business with the Louisiana State University Laboratory School.
- G11.** Docket No. 20-872  
Request for approval of a disqualification plan submitted by the St. Tammany Parish School Board relative to Superintendent Frank Jabbia and his father, Peter J. Jabbia who is employed with the St. Tammany Parish School Board as Associate Superintendent.
- G12.** Docket No. WAIVER

Consideration of changes to the guidelines used by staff in make recommendations to the Board of Ethics with respect to waiver requests.

### **G13. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

#### Docket No. waiver

January 2021 CF Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 20-456

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sheldon "Mr. Vince" Vincent, Sr., a candidate for Jefferson Parish Councilman, District 1, in the October 12, 2019 election election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-655

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Fredrick Michael Cramer, a candidate for Coroner for East Feliciana Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 215 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-790

Request that the Board waive each of the \$2,500 and \$800 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jonathan Holloway, Sr., a candidate for East Baton Rouge Assessor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 29 and 8 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 20-824

Request that the Board waive the \$880 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alonzo "Lonnie" Shupe, a candidate for Council Member for the City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 22 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-825

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Clay Walker, a candidate for Judge, Juvenile Court, Sect. 2B, Caddo Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-826

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lawrence Batiste, a candidate for Councilman, District 4, City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 146 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-850

Request that the Board waive a \$600 and \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vaughn Ehrman, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court of Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 10 and 7 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 20-854

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tammy M. Stewart, a candidate for Judge, Juvenile Court, Section B, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 20-857

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael O'Brien, a candidate for Councilman, District 2, Jefferson Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 20-858

Request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against John "Johnny" Lee, Jr., a candidate for Judge, 1st Parish Court, Div. B., Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-860

Request that the Board waive the \$360 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Gregory Cook, a candidate for City Judge, City Court, Division C, City of Baton Rouge in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-861

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 and \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ernest A. Burguières, III, a candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 65 and 8 days late, respectively.

**G14. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. waiver

January 2021 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-664

Waiver request submitted by Tanya Dix, Elan Academy Charter School/Orleans Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 Annual PFD 162 days late.

Docket No. 20-828

Waiver request submitted by Noland Joseph Marcantel, unsuccessful candidate for Constable/Justice of the Peace Ward 8 / Rapides Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Candidate PFD 36 days late.

Docket No. 20-829

Waiver request submitted by Charles L. Wilson, Sr., Constable/8th Justice Court/Jefferson Parish, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 Annual PFD 4 days late.

Docket No. 20-831

Waiver request submitted by Ricky Johnson, Sr., Jefferson Parish School Board Member, District 2, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 Annual PFD 197 days late.

Docket No. 20-832

Waiver request submitted by Lance D. Query, Cypress Academy Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 446 days late.

Docket No. 20-835

Waiver request submitted by Travis J. Turner, Ascension Parish Council Member/District 3, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended

2018 Tier 2 Annual PFD 335 days late.

Docket No. 20-836

Waiver request submitted by Jose Massingue, a former member of the Homer A Plessy Community School Board/New Orleans, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 402 days late.

**G15. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. waiver

January 2021 School Board Disclosure Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-827

Waiver request submitted by Milton R. Simar, a member of the Acadia Parish School Board, regarding a \$350 late fee for filing his 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-830

Waiver request submitted by Delo Whalen James Hebert, Jr., a member of the Acadia Parish School Board, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-833

Waiver request submitted by Willis Eugene Garner, a member of Natchitoches Parish School Board, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 5 days late.

**G16. WAIVER REQUESTS - HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. 20-834

Waiver request submitted by Donna Steele, a member of the Washington Parish Hospital Service District No. 1, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Hospital Service District Disclosure 69 days late.

**G17. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

Docket No. 20-543

Reconsideration request that the Board waive a \$640 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chad Bordelon, a candidate for Mayor, City of Mandeville in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.