

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
JULY 2, 2020
10:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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 pending against Michelle Dennis in Docket No. 2017-672.</u>

GENERAL

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G1. Docket No. CHART

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

G2. Docket No. 20-208

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Roy Burrell, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits his continued involvement as the Managing Director of the ICE Institute after being elected to the Caddo Parish Commission.

G3. Docket No. 20-221

Request for an Advisory Opinion from Amar Raghavendra relative to employment restrictions should he create a consulting business while he is employed by DOTD.

G4. Docket No. 20-242

Request for an advisory opinion relative to the employment of certain individuals with the Terrebonne Parish Parks and Recreation Department who may be related to one another. Terrebonne Parish has a population of 111,860.

G5. Docket No. 20-340

Reconsideration of an advisory opinion request regarding Darren Guidry's recent appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Housing Corporation

G6. Docket No. 20-366

Request for an advisory opinion from the Ascension Parish President regarding the retention of Bill Dawson, a former Parish Council member, as an unpaid advisor.

G7. Docket No. 20-429

Request for an advisory opinion from Terry Welke, Calcasieu (pop. 192,768) Parish Coroner, relative to whether his office can employ the sister of a Calcasieu Parish Police Juror.

G8. Docket No. 20-431

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dr. Tregle, a paid employee of St. Mary Parish, may be appointed to serve on a board which is under the supervision of his agency. Further, whether Dr. Tregle is required to furnish the St. Mary Parish Council with financial, operational and employee information used for consolidation purposes upon request.

G9. Docket No. 20-433

Advisory opinion regarding whether Thomas J. Hardaway Jr., son of District 1 Selectman for the Town of Homer, Linda Hardaway, may be hired in the position of Assistant Recreational Director.

G10. Docket No. 20-443

Advisory request regarding the appointment of Dr. Stephen Barnes to provide services under a contract between the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Louisiana Workforce Commission while he serves on the Louisiana Revenue Estimating Commission.

G11. Docket No. 20-444

Advisory opinion regarding whether Kelly McClure, an Education Program Consultant for the Louisiana Department of Education, is prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from accepting a position as an adjunct professor with Tulane University's School of Professional Advancement.

G12. Docket No. 20-445

A request for advisory opinion, submitted by Haughton Fire Department Fire Chief Jimmy Holland, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Fred McAnn, a Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief in a combination fire department and a volunteer reserve commissioned police officer, from continuing his volunteer service if he is elected to the Town of Haughton (Pop.3,454) Board of Alderman.

G13. Docket No. 20-447

Request for advisory opinion regarding a member of the Council for the Town of Arcadia leasing property owned by the Town.

Regular Business

G14. Docket No. MINUTES

June 2020 Board Minutes

G15. Docket No. 16-001

Consent Order regarding Maxie Ratcliff participating in transactions with the Oak Island Neighborhood Improvement District involving her husband while she served as a commissioner for the District.

G16. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. Waiver

July 2020 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 19-1136

Request that the Board waive four (4) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Nicholas R. P. Wright, a candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-G, 2016, 2017 and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1745, 980 and 615 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-092

Request that the Board waive a \$660 and \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randy Vincent, a candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish President, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11 and 14 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-109

Request that the Board waive \$600 and \$1,897 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kerri Callais, a candidate for Councilman at Large, Eastern Division, St. Bernard Parish, in the October 24, 2015 and in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2017 Supplemental and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 12 and 32 days late.

Docket No. 20-185

Request that the Board waive a \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brett Lang, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of New Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 20-199

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert "Chris" Jordan, a candidate for Councilman, District 8, Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-263

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Roger Z. Toney, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Ball, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late.

Docket No. 20-265

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000, \$600 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marteze DeSean Singleton, a candidate for State Representative, 20th Representative District, Caldwell, Catahoula, Frankin, LaSalle and Tensas Parishes in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 115, 12 & 60 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-317

Request that the Board waive a \$600, \$600 and \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against ShermaDee McDaniel, a candidate for Clerk of Court, Claiborne Parish in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11, 112 & 77 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-319

Request that the Board waive the \$240 and \$840 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tyra Duhe-Griffin, a candidate for Councilman, District 4, St. John the Baptist Parish in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G & 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 & 21 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-332

Request that the Board waive a \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Clarence Williams, a candidate for Council Member, District 2, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 20-333

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gregory A. Fernandez, a candidate for Coroner, St. Bernard Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 153 days late.

Docket No. 20-380

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against David J. Williams, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, Jefferson Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 198 days late.

Docket No. 20-381

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Elizabeth Gray-Carrier, a candidate for Sheriff, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special (48-Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 10 and 5 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-456

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sheldon Vincent, Sr., a candidate for Councilman, District 1, in the October 12, 2019 election election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 days late, respectively.

G17. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 20-432

Request to waive the \$900 late fee assessed against Stephanie Doiron for filing her 2020 lobbying registration 18 days late.

G18. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 20-029

Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$650 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance submitted by Phyllis S. Glover, a member of the St. Mary Parish Tourism Commission, regarding filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 155 days late.

Docket No. 20-030

Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$850 of a \$1500 late fee from a waiver request submitted by Mr. James L. Llorens, with the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, regarding a filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 230 days late.

Docket No. 20-309

Request for reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rodney B. Nicholas, a candidate for Parish President, St. John the Baptist Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was not filed.