



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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Executive Session

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

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. [Docket No. 12-149](#)

Appearance regarding an advisory opinion as to whether Kira-Orange Jones may continue to be the Executive Director for Teach for America-Greater New Orleans while she serves as a member of the BESE Board.

G2. [Docket No. 12-381](#)

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carolyn N. Hill, a candidate for BESE,

District 8 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

- G3.** [Docket No. 12-407](#)
Waiver request submitted by Donald Cravins, Sr. regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial statement 55 days late.
- G4.** [Docket No. 12-420](#)
Reconsideration of waiver request submitted by Alcide Champagne regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 245 days late.
- G5.** [Docket No. 12-453](#)
Reconsideration of waiver request submitted by Ernest Broussard regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 265 days late.
- G6.** [Docket No. 12-535](#)
Appearance in connection with a request for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$420, \$120, and reassessed \$4,300 (\$4,840 total) campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael Wayne "Mike" Stagg, a candidate for Lafayette Parish President, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 2 days late.
- G7.** [Docket No. 12-540](#)
Appearance in connection with a request for a reconsideration of a waiver of the \$240 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kelly J. Scott, a candidate for State Senate, District 24, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4 and 8 days late.
- G8.** [Docket No. 12-543](#)
Appearance in connection with a request for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Patrick Bell, Sr., a candidate for Ascension Parish Council, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

**Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions
&
Items Requiring No Board Action**

- G9.** [Docket No. 12-519](#)
Advisory opinion request regarding the appointment of a tenant commissioner to the Housing Authority of New Roads at a time when the appointee's child serves as the Housing Manager.
- G10.** [Docket No. 12-574](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether HydroTerra Technologies, LLC, may provide surveying services to the State of Louisiana if it performs similar services to other contractors of the State.
- G11.** [Docket No. 12-655](#)
Advisory opinion request regarding Elizabeth Mossop, a Professor of Landscape Architecture at LSU, providing compensated services to an architectural firm contracting with the Office of Facility Planning and Services on a project for LSU.
- G12.** [Docket No. 12-674](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether Ms. Christi Lewis Grant may be hired by the

Vernon Parish School Board to teach in a school in which her father, Mr. Charles R. Lewis, is the principal.

G13. [Docket No. 12-678](#)

Request for an advisory opinion from Ms. Kelli Cavalier-Barbee (an employee with the Iberville Parish School System) concerning when she is no longer the immediate family member of Michael Barbee (a member of the Iberville Parish School Board) following the divorce from her husband.

G14. [Docket No. 12-701](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether a member of the Acadia Police Jury may provide contractual services for the 6th Ward Crowley-Gravity Drainage District.

G15. [Docket No. 12-713](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether Jarod Martin, the son of the Superintendent of Schools for Terrebonne Parish, may be promoted to a principal position.

G16. [Docket No. 12-875](#)

Advisory opinion concerning whether Chance's Computer may maintain a contract with the City of Walker Police Department when the owner of Chance's Computer has been elected to a position on the Livingston Parish Council.

G17. [Docket No. 12-877](#)

Request to have the Board confirm a lease was entered between Lavern Mixon and the Town of Chatham prior to the election of Lavern Mixon to the position of Alderman for the Town of Chatham.

G18. [Docket No. 12-882](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether a company owned by Jack McCain, a former councilman for the City of Natchitoches, may sell equipment and auto supplies to the City of Natchitoches.

G19. [Docket No. 12-886](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether Ville Platte city employees and councilmen may continue to use the Civic Center at a 100% discount rate where private citizens are required to pay a rental fee.

G20. [Docket No. 12-892](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding the parent company of an investment firm borrowing money from a hedge fund that provides consulting services to the Firefighters Retirement System, a client of the investment firm.

G21. [Docket No. 12-894](#)

Advisory opinion from Chief Carlos Stout of the Carenro Police Department concerning whether a Chief of Police for a municipality can work private security details within his jurisdiction.

G22. [Docket No. 12-897](#)

Request for an advisory opinion from Mr. Daryl Purpera concerning whether employees of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA) Office may attend free events held by a vendor that are open to the public.

G23. [Docket No. 12-900](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether a violation of the Ethics Code exists where a member of the Fire Protection District No. 13 Board of Commissioners, Robert Fontcuberta, also works as an employee of the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's

Office.

- G24.** [Docket No. 12-1002](#)
Request for an advisory opinion concerning whether the Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission (AF Commission) may hire Ms. Ellen Denice while her father, Mr. Donald Segura, serves in a volunteer capacity as a Commissioner for the AF Commission.
- G25.** [Docket No. 12-1004](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister may represent Louis Dreyfus Commodities LLC at a time when Louis Dreyfus has a contract with the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and a shareholder and attorney with Roedel Parsons serves on the Port Commission.
- G26.** [Docket No. 12-1012](#)
Advisory opinion regarding a former geologist for the Injection and Mining Division of the Office of Conservation (Division), Department of Natural Resources, Kaycee Garrett, engaging in consulting work for companies that may have applications with the Division.
- G27.** [Docket No. 12-1173](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the Vermilion Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Directors d/b/a Abbeville General Hospital are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements.

Regular Business

- G28.** [Docket No. MINUTES](#)
June 2012 Board Minutes
- G29.** [Docket No. 12-072](#)
Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Russell E. Evans, a candidate for Sheriff of Evangeline Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 56 days late.
- G30.** [Docket No. 12-087](#)
Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against James J. "Jimmy" Licciardi, Jr., a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Assessor in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.
- G31.** [Docket No. 12-371](#)
Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$420, \$480, and \$1,680 campaign finance late fees assessed against Otis Chisley, a candidate for State Representative, District 17, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 8, and 28 days late.
- G32.** [Docket No. 12-442](#)
Reconsideration of a waiver request of the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Andrew L. Gressett, a candidate for Orleans Parish Council, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.
- G33.** [Docket No. 12-539](#)

Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee W. Balinas, a candidate for State Representative, District 76, in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

G34. [Docket No. 12-666](#)

Advisory opinion regarding the staff of the private non-profit organization, Acadiana Works, Inc. (AWI), and whether they are classified as "public servants" as defined by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics and thus subject to the training requirement of La. R.S. 42:1170(3).

G35. [Docket No. 12-708](#)

Request for a payment plan submitted by Eddie Price regarding a \$2,500 late fee for filing his 2008 Tier 2 annual pfd 601 days late.

G36. [Docket No. 12-706](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the board and staff of the private non-profit organization, Northeast Louisiana Workforce Centers, Inc. (NLWC), are "public servants" as defined by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics and thus subject to the training requirement of La. R.S. 42:1170(3).

G37. [Docket No. 12-1171](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Paul Johnson may be appointed to the Jefferson Parish Charter Advisory Committee at a time when his company has a contractual relationship with the Jefferson Parish Council.

G38. [Docket No. 12-542](#)

Reconsideration of a waiver request of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John "Randy" R. Sexton, a candidate for Assessor of Iberville Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 25 days late.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

[Docket No. Chart](#)

July 2012 CF Waiver Request Chart

[Docket No. 12-1123](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against Vanessa Guidry-Whipple, a candidate for 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, 1st District, Div. D, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1125](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Levi Lewis, Sr., a candidate for Washington Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 145 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1126](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles Lee Hinton, a candidate for City of Central Council, in the March 27, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1127](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Teresa Brumfield, a candidate for Assessor of St. Helena Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 70 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1128](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$480 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Scott Masson, a candidate for State Representative, District 88, in the November 24, 2001 election, and State Representative, District 79 in the October 20, 2007 election, whose two (2) Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were each filed 8 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1129](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Herman R. Love, a candidate for Sheriff of Sabine Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 133 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1131](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mike Goss, a candidate for Acadia Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1132](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Darren Mire, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1133](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$540 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Alfred R. "Trey" Blossman, III, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 1 day(s) late.

[Docket No. 12-1134](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Deputies for a Safe St. Bernard, a political action committee, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1135](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Larry Pernel Jones, a candidate for Sheriff of Lincoln Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 91 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1136](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Lynda Van Davis, a candidate for Orleans Parish Criminal Court Judge, in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1137](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Evelyn Ware-Jackson, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in

the October 2, 2010 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

[Docket No. 12-1138](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mark W. Shumate, a candidate for E. Carroll Parish Sheriff, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 111 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1139](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$240 and \$280 campaign finance late fees assessed against Robert F. Zabbia, a candidate for Mayor of Ponchatoula, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1140](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Richard Thomas, a candidate for Washington Parish President, in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1141](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles A. Tarver, a candidate for Concordia Parish Sheriff, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1142](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian Thompson, a candidate for Rapides Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1143](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jerry Beatty, a candidate for Concordia Parish Police Juror, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 5 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1145](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Athletics in Action, a political action committee, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 60 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1146](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rickey J. Boudreaux, a candidate for Youngsville Chief of Police, in the October 2, 2010 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 343 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1147](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sonya Ohmer Collins, a candidate for Livingston Parish Council, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1148](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$738 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jonathan K. Greene, a candidate for Alderman for the Town of White Castle, in the October 2, 2010 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 459 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1149](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Willie Jones, Jr., a candidate for State Representative, District 101, in the January 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1150](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Willard J. Brown, Sr., whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 435 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1163](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ron Webb, a candidate for Shreveport City Council, in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1164](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Leonard Johnson, a candidate for Vernon Parish Police Juror, District 7, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 195 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1170](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$1,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Barbara Norton, a candidate for State Representative, District 3, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 25 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

[Docket No. 12-1188](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Nial Patel for failure to timely a lobbyist expenditure report.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

[Docket No. waiver](#)

PFD Waiver Chart July 2012

[Docket No. 12-502](#)

Waiver request submitted by Susan Rabb regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 159 days late.

[Docket No. 12-509](#)

Waiver request submitted by Romona Guillory regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 291 days late.

[Docket No. 12-858](#)

Waiver request submitted by Kevin Guidry regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed

for filing his amended 2088 Tier 2 annual pfd 54 days late.

[Docket No. 12-859](#)

Waiver request submitted by Raymond Baker regarding a \$1,300 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 26 days late.

[Docket No. 12-860](#)

Waiver request submitted by Clarice Thomas Kirkland regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 5 days late.

[Docket No. 12-861](#)

Waiver request submitted by Mark Spears, Jr. regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate pfd 126 days late.

[Docket No. 12-862](#)

Waiver request submitted by Johnny Price regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 13 days late.

[Docket No. 12-863](#)

Waiver request submitted by Tracy Lynn French regarding a \$1,500 late fee for filing her amended 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 60 days late.

[Docket No. 12-864](#)

Waiver request submitted by William Elliot regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late.

[Docket No. 12-866](#)

Waiver request submitted by Michael Norton regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-867](#)

Waiver request submitted by Angela King regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

[Docket No. 12-868](#)

Waiver request submitted by Paula McNabb regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 59 days late.

[Docket No. 12-869](#)

Waiver request submitted by William Hawkins, Jr. regarding a \$1,100 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 22 days late.

[Docket No. 12-870](#)

Waiver request submitted by Jeremy Harson regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 2 days late.

[Docket No. 12-920](#)

Waiver request submitted by Richard Fuller regarding a file a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 33 days late.

[Docket No. 12-993](#)

Waiver request submitted by John Wallace regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 42 days late.

[Docket No. 12-994](#)

Waiver request submitted by Chery Gegelman regarding a \$1,000 late fee

assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 20 days late.

[Docket No. 12-995](#)

Waiver request submitted by Tina Pohlmeier regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 12 days late.

[Docket No. 12-997](#)

Waiver request submitted by Daniel Carruth regarding a \$1,500, a \$1,500 and a \$1,500 late for filing his 2009 and 2010 Tier 3 annual pfds and his 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd each 56 days late.

[Docket No. 12-998](#)

Waiver request submitted by Steve Hunter regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 57 days late.

[Docket No. 12-1119](#)

Waiver request submitted by Steward Collins regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

G42. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE

[Docket No. 12-1013](#)

Waiver request submitted by James Murphy regarding a \$1,200 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Retirement System Disclosure Statement 12 days late.



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GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Appearances

GS1. [Docket No. 12-388](#)

Declaratory Opinion regarding whether Sheriff Royce Toney may use his campaign funds to pay the legal fees he has incurred in connection with a federal indictment

**Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions
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Items Requiring No Board Action**

- GS2.** [Docket No. 10-1128](#)
Consent opinion regarding a company owned by Nelson Marceaux, a member of the Vermilion Parish Hospital Service District No. 3 Board, doing business with the District.
- GS3.** [Docket No. 10-833](#)
Consent opinion regarding Fire Chief Damon Johnson of the Caddo Parish Fire District No. 6 receiving compensation from the District to teach paramedic training course.
- GS4.** [Docket No. 11-002](#)
Consent opinion regarding the contract employment of Sarah Belsha with the Vernon Parish School Board at a time when her mother, Beryl Ford, served as a member of the school board.
- GS5.** [Docket No. 11-166](#)
Consent opinion regarding a former City of Opelousas Alderman-at-Large Harvey Darbonne being appointed to the Opelousas Housing Authority Board by the Mayor of the City of Opelousas.
- GS6.** [Docket No. 12-1229](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether Chereen Gegenheimer may be employed as the Deputy Judicial Administrator for the 24th JDC while her husband serves as the Clerk of Court for the 24th JDC.
- GS7.** [Docket No. 12-1262](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Program Integrity Section of the Bureau of Health Care Integrity may hire Jina Hughes, while her husband, Robert Hughes, is a contract employee for the Louisiana Medicaid Program.
- GS8.** [Docket No. 12-1263](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether Alisa Boothe may be hired as the Chief Deputy Registrar with the Catahoula Parish Registrar of Voters while her sister, Donna Rutledge, serves as the Registrar of Voters.
- GS9.** [Docket No. 12-1264](#)
Advisory opinion concerning whether the information technology contractor for the Jackson Parish School Board (Alpha-Tech Computers) may place a bid to sell the school district computers.
- GS10.** [Docket No. 12-898](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether Lakeisha Lucas-Powell may be employed by the LSU AgCenter when her mother is the secretary-treasurer of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury.

Regular Business

- GS11.** [Docket No. 12-070](#)
Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Albert "A.B." Franklin, a candidate for State Representative, 34 District, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.
- GS12.** [Docket No. 12-571](#)
Advisory opinion regarding whether a member of the Ascension Parish Council, Bryan Melancon, may accept an iPad, that he won at a seminar that he

attended.