



## **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - Griffon Room  
JULY 18, 2013  
1:00 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Note: Meetings begin on July 18, 2013 and continue to July 19, 2013.**

### **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 involving Elizabeth Jones, former employee of the City of Grambling.](#)

[Discussion in executive session of litigation in Louisiana Board of Ethics v. Melvin "Kip" Holden, Court of Appeal, First Circuit, 2012-CA-1127.](#)

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9:00 AM  
617 North 3rd Street  
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### **GENERAL**

#### **Appearances**

**G1. [Docket No. 12-2047](#)**

Appearance in connection with a request for reconsideration that the Board waive

the \$1,000 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against John Perry Gallow, a candidate for Chief of Police for the City of Opelousas in the October 2, 2010 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 55 and 147 days late.

**G2. [Docket No. 12-2202](#)**

Reconsideration of a request that the Board waive the \$1,080, \$2,000, and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Thomas L. Arnold, Sr., a candidate for Orleans Parish Council, District C, in the February 6, 2010 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 18, 40, and 527 days late.

**G3. [Docket No. 13-312](#)**

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael A. Ragusa, a candidate for Mayor of Independence, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose EDE-P and EDE-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 294 and 279 days late.

**G4. [Docket No. 13-577](#)**

Waiver request submitted by Ray Trisler, Richland Parish Constable, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 345 days late.

**G5. [Docket No. 13-715](#)**

Advisory opinion regarding whether a member of the St. Mary Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 (the "District") may continue to provide compensated services to Whitney Bank if the District contracts with Whitney Bank for investment services.

**G6. [Docket No. 13-853](#)**

Request that the Board waive a \$840 late fee that was assessed against Edwin Shorty, a candidate for Orleans Parish City Court Constable in the November 6, 2012 election whose 10-G report was filed 14 days late.

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

**G7. [Docket No. 13-508](#)**

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the daughter of Dirk Guidry a member of the Terrebonne Parish Council, would be prohibited from applying to participate in the Terrebonne Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Buyout Program.

**G8. [Docket No. 13-644](#)**

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether Mr. William Hulin may be promoted to the Iberia Parish Facility Maintenance Supervisor while his wife serves as custodian of New Iberia's Veterans Memorial Building.

**G9. [Docket No. 13-682](#)**

Advisory opinion request from Mehdi Nilforoushan regarding whether he may work with consultants on state projects on a contractual basis after his retirement from the Department of Transportation and Development.

**G10. [Docket No. 13-683](#)**

Advisory opinion regarding when a former member of the Iberia Parish Airport Authority, Kenneth Squires, may seek employment with various companies that have relationships with the Airport Authority.

- G11.** [Docket No. 13-687](#)  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Ethics Code would prohibit Matt Johns, a Department of Transportation (DOTD) Transportation Planner in Section 85 from accepting a part-time position with his former employer Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC).
- G12.** [Docket No. 13-692](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether James Donelon, Commissioner of Insurance and President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), may travel on behalf of the NAIC to various meetings, functions, and speaking engagements and receive reimbursements from the NAIC for the travel.
- G13.** [Docket No. 13-705](#)  
Request for an advisory opinion from Ms. Janice Simmons concerning the propriety of Grambling State University (GSU) receiving an erroneously awarded grant, and assisting in administering the grant as a pass through on behalf of the intended grant recipient, the Greater North Louisiana Community Development Corporation (GNLCDC).
- G14.** [Docket No. 13-706](#)  
Advisory opinion request from Ms. Jackie Heber concerning her employment with Motiva Enterprises (Motiva) following her resignation with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- G15.** [Docket No. 13-713](#)  
Advisory opinion request regarding the propriety of Monceaux Fire & Safety, LLC, conducting business with certain public entities.
- G16.** [Docket No. 13-717](#)  
Request for an advisory opinion forwarded from the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General regarding Mr. Neil Lartigue, Chief of the Ville Platte Police Department, and whether his business may begin providing lawn services for the Ville Platte Housing Authority.
- G17.** [Docket No. 13-721](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether Michelle Haj-Broussard, professor for McNeese State University, is required to file a disclosure form with the Board of Ethics in connection with her acceptance of lodging and meals from La Main a la Pate Foundation.
- G18.** [Docket No. 13-724](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the Lake Fosse Point, Lake Dautrerie, and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.
- G19.** [Docket No. 13-725](#)  
Advisory Opinion Request regarding whether the members of the Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Council are required to file an annual personal financial disclosure statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1
- G20.** [Docket No. 13-846](#)  
Advisory opinion request regarding the proper use of public funds by the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.
- G21.** [Docket No. 13-847](#)  
Advisory opinion request from Ms. Margaret Doucet regarding her employment

with the City of Opelousas and her proposed employment with the Town of Washington.

- G22.** [Docket No. 13-854](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether Ms. Carolyn Hill can be employed by Nonpublic Educational Services, Inc. (NESI) while serving as a member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).
- G23.** [Docket No. 13-856](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation Board of Directors are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.
- G24.** [Docket No. 13-859](#)  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission 2 may continue to purchase electrical parts from Lafayette Electric after the appointment of a new commissioner who works at Lafayette Electric.
- G25.** [Docket No. 13-860](#)  
Advisory opinion request from Chief Mac Dickinson of the Harahan Police Department as to the appropriate use of campaign funds in connection with the purchase of a vehicle.
- G26.** [Docket No. 13-861](#)  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether certain members of the St. Charles Parish Government would be prohibited by the Ethics Code from renting the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center which is owned and managed by St. Charles Parish.
- G27.** [Docket No. 13-902](#)  
Request for an advisory opinion from Mr. Paul Aucoin regarding an offer extended to him to serve as the Executive Director for the Port of South Louisiana following his recommendation to the port to look into filing a B.P. claim.

### **Disclosure Reports**

- G28.** [Docket No. 11-1538](#)  
Charges regarding Ronald Goff's failure to file his 2010 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement.
- G29.** [Docket No. 13-888](#)  
Answer submitted on behalf of Caddo Parish Juvenile Court Judge Paul Young, a member of the Louisiana Law Enforcement Commission in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.
- G30.** [Docket No. 13-889](#)  
Answer submitted on behalf of Ms. Irma M. Wright, a member of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.
- G31.** [Docket No. 13-890](#)  
Answer submitted on behalf of Ms. Janet M. Wood, a member of the Lafayette Downtown Development Authority, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.
- G32.** [Docket No. 13-891](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Mr. Stanley Smith, a member of the Red River Soil and Water Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

**G33.** [Docket No. 13-892](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Provencal Alderman, Wilson "W.E." O'Bannon, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd.

**G34.** [Docket No. 13-893](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Villlage of Kilbourne Alderman Billy Merton Owens in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd.

**G35.** [Docket No. 13-895](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Mr. Frank J. Gaffney, a member of the Blind Vendor Trust Fund Advisory Board in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

**G36.** [Docket No. 13-896](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Ms. Betty Nunez Fuller, a member of the Vermilion Parish Tourism Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

**G37.** [Docket No. 13-898](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Mr. Don V. Bankston a member of the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

**G38.** [Docket No. 13-899](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Town of Ridgecrest Alderman Gayle A. Cowan in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd.

**G39.** [Docket No. 13-900](#)

Answer submitted on behalf of Mr. Robert E. Dawson, a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

### **Regular Business**

**G40.** [Docket No. MINUTES](#)

June 2013 Board Minutes

**G41.** [Docket No. 12-1168](#)

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Mario Brown, White Castle Chief of Police, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 362 days late.

**G42.** [Docket No. 13-095](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding the recent appointment of Mr. Cade R. Cole to the Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) and his participation in a matter involving his spouse's employer.

**G43.** [Docket No. 13-690](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Margaret Duhon may provide court reporting services at the 15th Judicial District Court after her retirement.

- G44.** [Docket No. 13-708](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the ADD/NOFA Joint Development Committee for Federal City are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1.
- G45.** [Docket No. 13-734](#)  
Advisory opinion concerning the propriety of the Ferrara Fire Apparatus, the employer of Aaron Griffin, an assistant fire chief of the Lafourche Parish Fire District No. 1, being awarded a contract with the Fire District.
- G46.** [Docket No. 13-812](#)  
Untimely waiver request submitted by James Roland, a member of the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pdf 356 days late and a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pdf 11 days late.
- G47.** [Docket No. 13-842](#)  
Advisory opinion regarding whether employees of the Orleans Parish School Board may serve as board members for charter schools authorized by the Orleans Parish School Board.
- G48.** [Docket No. 13-681](#)  
Answers submitted in response to a notice of delinquency received requesting a personal financial disclosure statement be filed.
- G49.** [Docket No. 13-833](#)  
Answers submitted in response to a notice of delinquency received requesting a personal financial disclosure statement be filed.
- G50.** [Docket No. 13-887](#)  
Answers submitted in response to a notice of delinquency received requesting a personal financial disclosure statement be filed.
- G51.** [Docket No. LEGISLA](#)  
Bills introduced for the 2013 Regular Legislative Session that affect the laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.

**G52. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

[Docket No. Chart](#)

July 2013 CF Waiver Chart

[Docket No. 13-293](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$120 and \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shelley G. Hebert, a candidate for Iberia City Council, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 and 18 days late.

[Docket No. 13-592](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$400 late fee that was assessed against Staci Albritton, a candidate for Alderman for West Monroe in the March 2012 election, whose Supplemental report was filed 14 days late.

[Docket No. 13-656](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$40 and \$120 late fee that was assessed against Mary Morris, a candidate for Lake Charles Constable in the April 6, 2013 election

whose 10-P report was filed 1 day late and an EDE-P report that was filed 3 days late.

[Docket No. 13-695](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 late fee for the late filing of a 2011 Supplemental Report that was assessed against Billy Burns, a candidate for State Representative in the October 22, 2011 election whose 2011 Supplemental Report was filed report was filed 379 days late.

[Docket No. 13-696](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$500 late fee that was assessed against Janet Ahern, a candidate for Orleans Parish Civil Court Judge in the March 24, 2012 election whose Supplemental report was filed 5 days late.

[Docket No. 13-698](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$240 late fee that was assessed against Jefferson Joyce, a candidate for Ouachita Parish City Court Judge in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental report was filed 4 days late.

[Docket No. 13-700](#)

Request that the Board waive a \$600 late fee that was assessed against Christopher Leopold, a candidate for State Representative in the February 27, 1999 election whose Supplemental report was filed 12 days late.

**G53. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

[Docket No. CHART](#)

July 2013 Lobbying Waiver Chart

[Docket No. 13-838](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Julie Mickelberry for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

[Docket No. 13-839](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$300 late fee assessed against Michael Henry for his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

[Docket No. 13-840](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$500 late fee assessed against Reed Henderson for his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

[Docket No. 13-841](#)

Request that the Board waive the \$550 late fee assessed against Jamie Welch for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

**G54. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

[Docket No. waiver](#)

July 2013 PFD Waiver Chart.

[Docket No. 12-407](#)

Waiver request submitted by Donald Cravins, Sr., candidate for Mayor of the City of Opelousas in the October 22, 2011 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial statement 55 days late.

[Docket No. 13-409](#)

Waiver request submitted by Alvin Jackson, Richwood Alderman, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual 134 days late.

[Docket No. 13-809](#)

Waiver request submitted by Matthew Ory, a member of the St. John the Baptist School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 476 days late.

[Docket No. 13-810](#)

Waiver request submitted by Treva Maricle, candidate for Oakdale City Council in the November 6, 2012 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 3 candidate pfd 101 days late.

[Docket No. 13-811](#)

Waiver request submitted by Lisa Washington, a member of the Clinton Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 317 days late.

[Docket No. 13-816](#)

Waiver request submitted by Jack Grayson, III, former member of the Tensas Parish School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 336 days late.

[Docket No. 13-817](#)

Waiver request submitted by David Deere, a former member of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 512 days late; a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 512 days late; and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd days late.

[Docket No. 13-818](#)

Waiver request submitted by David Gentry, a candidate for the Converse Board of Aldermen in the November 6, 2012 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 candidate pfd 133 days late.

[Docket No. 13-819](#)

Waiver request submitted by Becky Rogers, a member of the Workforce Investment Board #21, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 343 days late.

[Docket No. 13-820](#)

Waiver request submitted by John Moreau, Simmesport Police Chief, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd days late.

[Docket No. 13-821](#)

Waiver request submitted by Neil Mott, III, a member of the Oak Ridge Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 358 days late.

[Docket No. 13-823](#)

Waiver request submitted by Margaret Crews, a member of the Village of Mound Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 350 days late. Waiver request submitted by Walter Crews, a member of the Village of Mound Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 350 days late.

[Docket No. 13-824](#)

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Sylvester, a candidate for the St. Martin Parish Council in the October 22, 2011 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate pfd days late.

[Docket No. 13-825](#)

Waiver request submitted by Wyatt Williams, a Slidell City Marshall, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 308 days late.

[Docket No. 13-826](#)

Waiver request submitted by Billy Murphy, a DeSoto Parish constable, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 402 days late.

[Docket No. 13-827](#)

Waiver request submitted by Jeffery Weed, a former member of the Richland Parish School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 365 days late.



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## **GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL**

### **Appearances**

**GS1.** [Docket No. 13-848](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether a biologist for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Martin Floyd, may provide services to companies outside of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

**Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions  
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**GS2.** [Docket No. 13-693](#)

Advisory opinion as to whether the Louisiana Real Estate Appraiser Board (LREAB) may appoint Ms. Cheryl Bella to the LREAB while she teaches courses at the Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors.

**GS3.** [Docket No. 13-709](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding Mr. William K. Rhinehart's former employment with the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), and what limitations the post employment provisions in the Code of Ethics will have on Mr. Rhinehart's new position with Royal Engineers and Consultants.

**GS4.** [Docket No. 13-996](#)

Advisory opinion request as to whether Mr. C.J. Christ, a Board member on the Terrebonne Parish Veteran's Memorial District, may do business with the Regional Military Museum Foundation and the Terrebonne Parish Veteran's Memorial District.

**GS5.** [Docket No. 13-1018](#)

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Daniel Blanchard, a current employee of Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, may provide real estate appraisal services to his former agency after he terminates his employment.

**GS6.** [Docket No. 13-1019](#)

Advisory opinion request from Ms. Donna Mathews seeking clearance to work as a Volunteer Coordinator with the Rapides Children's Advocacy Center/CASA following her employment with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

**GS7.** [Docket No. 13-1020](#)

Advisory opinion regarding whether Brian Trainor may serve as a prosecutor for the Mayor's Court in Abita Springs and magistrate for the Mayor's Court for Abita Springs while he serves as the Chief Deputy for the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.