

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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JUNE 19, 2014
1:00 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on June 19, 2014 and continue to June 20, 2014.

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 litigation involving Bryan Krantz and Paul Anthony</u> Bourgeois.

Discussion in executive session regarding charges issued against Kevin Guidry.

Discussion in executive session concerning the Court of Appeal. First Circuit's decision in 2012-CA-1887 with respect to the declaratory opinion in BD 2012-388 that Sheriff Royce Toney of Ouachita Parish was prohibited from using campaign funds to pay legal fees that he incurred in connection with the defense of charges contained in a federal indictment.

Discussion in executive session of litigation involving Monroe Perry.

Discussion in executive session of litigation involving Mitchell Bratton.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 14-033

Untimely waiver request submitted by Thomas Cade Benoit, a member of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 amendment annual pfd 170 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 amendment candidate pfd 170 days late.

G2. Docket No. 14-048

Untimely waiver request submitted by Katherine Conklin, a member of the ReNew Schools Charter, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing her 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 14 days late.

G3. Docket No. 14-220

Waiver request submitted by Mary Theresa Baker, Union Parish Assessor, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 amended Tier 2 annual pfd 523 days late.

G4. Docket No. 14-265

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Quad Area Community Action Agency may accept \$15,000 from Tangipahoa Parish at a time when Parish Councilman Ronnie Bankston is an employee.

G5. Docket No. 14-438

An appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$3,000 and \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against LA First PAC whose 10-G and 2011 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 489 and 391 days late.

G6. Docket No. 14-600

Waiver request submitted by Philip Bourgeois, Sr., a member of the Slaughter Community Charter School, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 269 days late.

G7. Docket No. 14-640

Advisory opinion request regarding whether a former investigator with the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists that may be appointed to the Board of Directors may participate in disciplinary proceedings involving cases the investigator was involved in.

G8. Docket No. 14-642

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Perry Fleming may run for the office of Chief of Police for the Town of Mangham in the November, 2014 election after resigning his current position as Interim Chief of Police.

G9. Docket No. 14-652

Waiver request submitted by Camille Menard, a member of the Cankton Board of Aldermen, St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing a 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 323 days late.

G10. Docket No. 14-727

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC, owned, in part, by Jay Guillot, a member of the Louisiana State Board of

Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), may enter into a subcontract with a private firm awarded a contract by the Division of Administration through the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit (DRU) when the DRU is not a party to the subcontract and is not required to approve the subcontract.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions & Items Requiring No Board Action

G11. Docket No. 13-1349

Advisory opinion request regarding the employment of Joshua Lee McNemar with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and EP-FEMA Grant Closeout.

G12. Docket No. 13-1448

Advisory opinion request submitted regarding a restaurant owned by the husband of the Director of Student Programs at Northwestern State University, contracting with the University.

G13. Docket No. 13-1786

Advisory opinion regarding Curtis Roller, a member of the Ward Four Fire Protection District and District Fire Chief, renting office space from the Ward Four Fire Protection District.

G14. Docket No. 14-208

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Jennifer Boutte's employment with the Office of Motor Vehicles in New Iberia prohibits her spouse, Randall Boutte, from operating an auto title company.

G15. Docket No. 14-283

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the former Board Members of the Christian Coalition Against Gang Violence (Coalition) may be employed by the Coalition.

G16. Docket No. 14-309

Advisory opinion regarding whether Brian Mistich, a former Regional Engineer for the Office of Public Health, may submit project plans and specifications to the Office of Public Health within two years of the termination of his employment with the Office of Public Health.

G17. Docket No. 14-321

Advisory opinion request regarding how the Ethics Code would effect Simon Mahan if he were elected to the Lafayette Parish School Board (LPSB).

G18. Docket No. 14-417

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Michael Ouree and Angelo Pepe may serve on two public boards at once.

G19. Docket No. 14-418

Advisory opinion request as to whether Paul Eubanks, the husband of Dodi Eubanks, Union Parish Clerk of Court, may be employed with the Louisiana Secretary of State.

G20. Docket No. 14-419

Advisory opinion request regarding Carla Smith, a former employee of the Criminal District Court, contracting with the Court on a temporary basis to monitor legislative activity during the legislative session.

G21. Docket No. 14-426

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Ethics Code prohibits St. Bernard Parish employees from bidding on real estate that St. Bernard Parish is selling at public auction.

G22. Docket No. 14-537

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Belinda Little-Wood, the Executive Director of the Naval Support Activity New Orleans Advisory Task Force, may seek employment opportunities with contractors selected to perform work on the Base Realignment and Closure project.

G23. Docket No. 14-540

Advisory opinion request concerning whether John Amato, an immediate family member of St. James Parish councilman Jason Amato, may render services to a company that may have a contractual relationship with the Parish.

G24. Docket No. 14-547

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Kenneth R. Epperson, as a commissioner for the Caddo Parish Commission, may serve on the Board of Directors for Caddo Community Action Agency.

G25. Docket No. 14-548

Advisory opinion request by Dorothy Brixey regarding potential nepotism in the town of Ridgecrest.

G26. Docket No. 14-625

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Jason Brown, board member of the St. Mary Parish Fire District No. 3, may accept a paid fire fighter position with Amelia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

G27. Docket No. 14-632

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dr. Stephen B. Morris, a a board member of the Lafourche Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, may accept a position as Medical Director with Ochsner Bayou, LLC d/b/a Ochsner St. Anne General Hospital.

G28. Docket No. 14-638

Advisory opinion request from regarding whether the Emily Taylor, the daughter of the Mayor of the Town of Vivian, Dr. Stephen Taylor, may be employed as a life guard with the Town Recreation Department.

G29. Docket No. 14-641

Advisory opinion request regarding Gonzales City Councilman Terrance Irvin participating in a vote to fund a study to select a location for a service road which may be placed on his father's land.

Disclosure Reports

G30. Docket No. 14-087

Staff memo regarding a response received from Michael A. Polito, a former member of the Stadium and Exposition District in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, regarding his failure to file his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

G31. Docket No. 14-570

Notice of all disclosure reports filed with the Board during the month of March

G32. Docket No. 14-574

Answer submitted by Edward Harris in response to a notice of delinquency issued requesting his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Regular Business

G33. Docket No. MINUTES

May 2014 Board Minutes

G34. Docket No. 11-1202

Publication of a consent opinion regarding David Gafford, the son-in-law of Natchez Mayor, Edna Jones, being employed by the Village.

G35. <u>Docket No. 13-352</u>

Consent opinion regarding Adam Williams, an employee of the Jefferson Parish Planning Department for alleged violation of the Ethics code involving prohibited transactions with his agency.

G36. Docket No. 13-371

Consent Opinion regarding Ingrid Simon, a former employee of Baton Rouge City Court, receiving money to fix tickets.

G37. Docket No. 14-512

Proposed disqualification plan for participation by Registrar of Voters of St. Landry Parish, Cheryl Milburn, in transactions involving an immediate family member.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. Chart

June 2014 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 14-435

A request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$240 campaign finance late fees assessed against James Salsbury, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 26 and 6 days late.

Docket No. 14-436

Request that the Board waive the \$640 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alice Guess, a candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Leesville, Vernon Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, whose 10-P Report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 14-437

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Great New Orleans AFL-CIO PAC whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late,

Docket No. 14-627

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Christopher Evans, a candidate for Council Member, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish in the April 5, 2014 election, whose EDE-P Report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 14-628

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kimaron Haynes Moore, a candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of DeRidder, Beauregard and Vernon Parish, in the April 5, 2014 election, whose Special Report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 14-629

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Leroy J. Laiche, Jr., a candidate for Justice of the Peace, District 2, Ascension Parish, in the October 17, 2009 election, whose 2013 Supplemental Report was filed 30 days late.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

June 2014 Lobbying Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 14-421

Request that the Board waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Telley Madina for his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

Docket No. 14-558

Request that the Board waive the \$350 late fee assessed against Kelli Bottger for her failure to timely file a Lobbyist Supplemental Registration.

Docket No. 14-639

Request that the Board waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Michael Myers for his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

Docket No. 14-749

Request that the Board waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Stasha Rhodes for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

June 2014 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 13-956

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Jason, a candidate for the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 463 days late.

Docket No. 14-431

Waiver request submitted by Jim Bruce, a Constable for Richland Parish, Ward 5, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 267 days late.

Docket No. 14-432

Waiver request submitted by David Fruge, Mayor of the Village of Mermentau, Acadia Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 209 days late.

Docket No. 14-560

Waiver request submitted by Chauna Banks-Daniel, a candidate for the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council in the November 6, 2012 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing an Amended 2011 Tier 2 candidate pfd 77 days

late.

Docket No. 14-562

Waiver request submitted by Ernest Savoie, a member of the Cajundome Commission, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing a 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 4 days late.

Docket No. 14-563

Waiver request submitted by Joe Walker, a member of the Natchez Board of Aldermen, Natchitoches Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 135 days late.

Docket No. 14-564

Waiver request submitted by Patrick Johnson, a member of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 536 days late; \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 478 days late; \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 478 days late; and an untimely waiver request regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 232 days late.

Docket No. 14-566

Waiver request submitted by Fred Carmouche, Marshal for Avoyelles Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing a 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 210 days late.

Docket No. 14-567

Waiver request submitted by Norma Ramos, a member of the Rapides Parish Waterworks District #3, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing a 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 18 days late.

Docket No. 14-568

Waiver request submitted by Joannes Westerink, a member of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing a 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 14-599

Waiver request submitted by David Anderson, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Development District, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 14-601

Waiver request submitted by Henry Dean, a member of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 283 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 121 days late.

Docket No. 14-645

Waiver request submitted by Albert Petrie, a member of the Rivergate Development Corporation, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 14-646

Waiver request submitted by Anthony Baltakis, a member of the St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 266 days late.

Docket No. 14-647

Waiver request submitted by Theresia Lavergne, a member of the Louisiana Egg Commission, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 14-650

Waiver request submitted by Paul Pecnon, a member of the Langston Hughes Charter School, regarding a \$100 late fee for filing a 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 14-653

Waiver request submitted by Teri Cavalier, a former member of the Terrebonne Parish Council, District 4, regarding a \$2,000 late fee assessed for filing her Amended 2012 Tier 2 annual pfd 20 days late.

Docket No. 14-656

Waiver request submitted by Lois Lawrence, a former member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, regarding a \$1,450 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 29 days late.

Docket No. 14-658

Waiver request submitted by Harvey Johnston, a Constable for Caddo Parish, Ward 2, regarding a \$1,500 assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 280 days late.

Docket No. 14-660

Waiver request submitted by James Hebert, a former member of the St. Martin Parish Council, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2 annual pfd 143 days late.

Docket No. 14-651

Waiver request submitted by Pamela Olson, a member of the Louisiana Serve Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing a 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 46 days late.

Docket No. 14-661

Waiver request submitted by Paul Allen, Jr., Village of Chataignier Chief of Police, Evangeline Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 276 days late.

Docket No. 14-662

Waiver request submitted by Barbara Anderson, a former member of the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 286 days late.

Docket No. 14-663

Waiver request submitted by Margie Davenport, Mayor of the Town of Powhatan, Natchitoches Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 258 days late.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

<u>Docket No. 14-655</u>

Waiver request submitted by John Morris, III, a member of the Iberville Parish School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013-2014 School Board Disclosure Statement 139 days late.

G42. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 14-561

Untimely waiver request submitted by Andrea Coleman, a member of the Dequincy City Council, Calcasieu Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 359 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 23 days late.

Docket No. 7113-49

Untimely waiver request submitted by Arlis R. Williamson, Jr., a member of the Village of Georgetown Board of Aldermen, Grant Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 74 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 74 days late.

G43. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 13-979

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gwendolyn Iles-Foster, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of Alexandria, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 206 days late

Docket No. 14-227

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of the waiver of a \$500 late fee assessed against Jennifer Pappan for her failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report



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Regular Business

GS1. Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of legislation enacted during the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.