

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building First Floor - LaBelle Room JUNE 5, 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.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Anthony Andre in Docket No. 2016-1063.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Dan Klein in Docket No. 2018-085.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Reagan Currence in Docket No. 2018-963.

Discussion in executive session of charges regarding Kimberley Powell in Docket No. 2019-051.

GENERAL

Appearances

- **G1.** <u>Docket No. 19-1127</u> Waiver request submitted by Sybil Haydel Morial, with the New Orleans Science and Mathematics Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd.
- G2. Docket No. 20-054

Untimely waiver request submitted by Phyllis L. Miller, with the Grambling City Council, Lincoln Parish (Pop. 4949), regarding a \$ 1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 77 days late.

G3. Docket No. 20-091

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$560 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mark Pope, a candidate for City Council Member, District 1, City of Lafayette, Lafayette Parish, in the October

General Agenda 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

G4. Docket No. 20-187

Request that the Board waive the \$420, \$540, \$480 and \$660 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ricky J. Gonsoulin, a candidate for State Representative, 48th District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G, 40-G and 2 Special campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7, 9, 8 and 11 days late, respectively.

G5. Docket No. 20-194

Request that the Board waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kyle "Hoot" Parker, a candidate for Councilman, District 2, Livingston Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

G6. Docket No. 20-197

Request that the Board waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael Brister, a candidate for Police Juror, District 4, Winn Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 26 days late.

G7. Docket No. 20-204

Waiver request submitted by William Mertz, candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 499 days late.

G8. Docket No. 20-260

Request that the Board waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bob Fisher, a candidate for Councilman, District 6, St.Charles Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

G9. Docket No. 20-268

Request that the Board waive the \$420 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Shalon Latour, a candidate for State Representative, 37th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 & 40 days late, respectively.

G10. Docket No. 20-300

PFD Answer filed by Joseph Piconne, III, a member of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fireman's Survivor Benefits Review Board.

G11. Docket No. 20-330

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Central Louisiana Action Committee in Rapides Parish, a political committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kevin M. Cavell, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was not filed.

G12. Docket No. 20-372

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the commissioners of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District are "public employees" under the Code of Ethics?

G13. Docket No. 20-383

Request that the Board waive the \$1,380 and two \$780 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mack Cormier, a candidate for State

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Representative, 105th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G, EDE-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 23, 13 and 13 days late, respectively.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G14. Docket No. CHART

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

G15. Docket No. 19-769

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Tina Petry, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Franklin Foundation Hospital Board of Commissioners member Dr. Roland Degeyter from participating in discussions and voting on the employment terms and conditions of Dr. Steven McPherson.

G16. Docket No. 20-359

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit former Coastal Resources Scientist Senior for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA) from assisting CE Hydro, LLC in any transaction in which she participated during her public service employment for a period of two years, following her termination of employment with CPRA.

G17. Docket No. 20-360

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Richardson Medical Center/Richland Parish Hospital Service District No. 1B may enter into a lease for a medical office building owned by an employee.

G18. Docket No. 20-362

Advisory opinion request from Dr. Vincent Culotta, the Executive Director of Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit LSBME from entering into a contract with the law firm of Jones Walker while his son, Jason Culotta, is employed as an associate with Jones Walker.

G19. Docket No. 20-364

Request for advisory opinion as to whether the Executive Committee of the Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning Commission may hire a former member as its Executive Director.

G20. Docket No. 20-365

Advisory opinion regarding whether Phil Ashurst, the Operations Director of Cajundome Commission may accept employment with Populous, Inc. within two years of the termination of his employment with the Commission.

G21. Docket No. 20-366

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

G22. Docket No. 20-368

Advisory opinion regarding whether Deloitte would be prohibited from responding to requests for proposals or entering into contracts with the Louisiana Office of Community Development while the wife of Patrick Forbes, Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development, is employed with Deloitte.

June 2020 **G23.** <u>Docket No. 20-369</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether a member of the Terrebonne Parish Council may apply and receive a small business grant from the nonprofit corporation, Terrebonne Economic Development Foundation through their Bayou Business Recovery Grant Program, for his personal business as a result of COVID-19 recovery efforts, when the grant is administered by the Terrebonne Parish Economic Development Authority, which is under the supervision of his agency.

G24. Docket No. 20-370

A request for advisory opinion, submitted by Christian M. Miltenberger, inquiring as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics provides any additional post-employment restrictions related to other institutions in the LSU System.

G25. Docket No. 20-371

Request for an advisory opinion from Bruce Danner, Town Attorney for the Town of Madisonville (pop.748), relative to his participation in prosecuting a defendant who made accusations against him in the nature of having transactions with the Town of Madisonville.

G26. Docket No. 20-422

Advisory opinion as to whether the members of the Infrastructure Advisory Board are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

Disclosure Reports

G27. Docket No. 20-361

PFD Answer submitted by Walter Chatoney, a member of the Louisiana Board of River Pilot Commissioners and Examiners.

G28. Docket No. 20-398

PFD Answer submitted by Allan Warren, member of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, in response to a NOD requesting he file his 2016, 2017, and 2018 Tier 2.1 PFDs.

G29. Docket No. 20-399

PFD Answer submitted by Walter Bigby, Jr., member of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, in response to a NOD requesting he file his 2016, 2017, and 2018 Tier 2.1 PFDs.

G30. Docket No. 20-400

PFD Answer submitted by Dr. Gerald Stell, Webster Parish Coroner, regarding a NOD received requesting he file his 2018 Tier 2 PFD.

Regular Business

- G31. Docket No. MINUTES May 2020 Board Minutes
- G32. Docket No. 17-652 Consent Order regarding Daniel Eittman, former Band Director at Northshore High School in Slidell (St. Tammany Parish).
- G33. Docket No. 20-363

Advisory Opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jamie Boudreaux's daughter, Jolie Boudreaux, from becoming the

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Head Librarian for Cameron Parish while he serves on the Cameron Parish Library Board.

G34. Docket No. 20-367

Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the post-employment statutes apply to the Hall family members, who seek to resign from their current unpaid officer positions at PIE-LA and become unpaid officer of various other non-profits, seek to enter into contracts with their former organization, PIE-LA, seek the ability to subcontract with 9 Dot Education Solutions, a for profit company owned by the Hall family, and their ability to contract with 9 Dot Solutions two years after resigning their positions as officers with PIE-LA.

G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

June 2020 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-376

Request that the Board waive a \$1,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Neal, in his capacity as a candidate for State Representative, 87th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 30 days late.

Docket No. 20-378

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ricky McPhearson, a candidate for Police Juror, District 6, DeSoto Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late.

Docket No. 20-379

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Britton Carroll, a candidate for Assessor, Grant Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 152 and 117 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-382

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against McKinley "Pop" Keller, a candidate for Police Juror, District 6, Avoyelles Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 102 days late.

Docket No. 20-384

Request that the Board waive a \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against LaKeisha J. Johnson, a candidate for Clerk of Court, Ouachita Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 20-385

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Active Ballot Club, a political committee, the committee's chairperson, Anthony Perrone, and treasurer, Shaun Barclay, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 20-386

Request that the Board waive a \$960 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Richmond, in his capacity as a candidate for Natchitoches

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Parish President, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 20-387

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Leadership for Louisiana, a political committee, the committee's chairperson, Mike Michot, and treasurer, Michael Guidroz, in the October 12, 2019, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 20-391

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert H. "Bob" Titus, a candidate for State Representative, 96th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-392

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert McKnight, a candidate for State Representative, 91st Representative District, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-394

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Barry Dale Hardy, a candidate for Councilman, District 8, Livingston Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-395

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Renee Hoffpauir-Klan, a candidate for State Senate, District 30, in the October 12, 2019, and her committee's treasurer, Michael Sanders, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 72 days late.

Docket No. 20-396

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rickey A. Jones, a candidate for Sheriff, Tensas Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 139 days late.

Docket No. 20-397

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Thomas Rodrigue, a candidate for Sheriff, Lafourche Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

June 2020 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart.

Docket No. 20-252

Request to waive the \$800 late fee assessed against Chester Stroyny for filing his 2020 lobbying registration 16 days late.

Docket No. 20-253

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Worth Hal Thomas for filing his 2020 lobbying registrations 47 days late.

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Saleem Baird for filing his 2020 lobbying registrations 47 days late.

Docket No. 20-374

Request to waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jason Woodsby for filing his 2020 lobbying registration 37 days late.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. Waiver June 2020 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-401

Waiver request submitted by Mandrel Pansy, Sr., a former member of the Regional Planning Commission, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 PFD 5 days late.

Docket No. 20-403

Waiver request submitted by Tangeyon Wall, a member of the Orleans Parish Hospital Service District Board, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 PFD 2 days late.

Docket No. 20-405

Waiver request submitted by Lennie Raley, a former member of the Village of Epps Board of Aldermen, West Carroll Parish (Pop. 854) regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 PFD 84 days late.

Docket No. 20-406

Waiver request submitted by Jackelyn Gallo, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 PFD 139 days late.

Docket No. 20-407

Waiver request submitted by Deryle Mattison, a former member of the Bossier City Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 20-408

Waiver request submitted by Alvin Pearson, Jr., a member of the Gibsland Board of Aldermen, Bienville Parish (Pop. 979), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2018 Tier 3 PFD.

Docket No. 20-409

Waiver request submitted by Robin Parker, a candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 PFD 103 days late.

Docket No. 20-411

Waiver request submitted by Emily Hull Bellaci, a former member of the Behavior Analyst Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 PFD 137 days late.

Docket No. 20-413

Waiver request submitted by Stephanie Savoy, a former member of the Morganza Town Council, Pointe Coupee Parish (Pop. 610), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 PFD 557 days late.

Docket No. 20-414

Waiver request submitted by Travis Darnell, a member of the Patterson City Council, St. Mary Parish (Pop. 6112), regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 PFD 3 days late.

Docket No. 20-415

Waiver request submitted by Earl Graves, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #7, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 PFD 331 days late.

Docket No. 20-420

Waiver request submitted by Joe Walker, Jr., a former member of the Natchez Board of Aldermen, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 597), regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 PFD 11 days late.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 20-417

Waiver request submitted by Dr. Jose Mata, a member of the Iberia Parish Hospital Service District #1, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Hospital Disclosure Statement 14 days late.

Docket No. 20-418

Waiver request submitted by Roland Louis, a member of the Iberia Parish Hospital Service District #1, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Hospital Disclosure Statement 14 days late.

Docket No. 20-419

Waiver request submitted by Dr. Kurt O'Brien, a member of the Iberia Parish Hospital Service District #1, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Hospital Disclosure Statement 14 days late.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 20-404

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gary Warford, a member of the Sarepta Board of Aldermen, Webster Parish (Pop. 891), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 PFD 566 days late. Timely waiver request submitted by Gary Warford, a member of the Sarepta Board of Aldermen, Webster Parish (Pop. 891), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 PFD 105 days late.

Docket No. 20-410

Untimely waiver request submitted by John Brown, Sr., a member of the Orleans Parish School Board, regarding a \$1900 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 PFD 19 days late.



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Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Maxie Ratcliff in Docket No. 2016-001.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Sara Hall in Docket No. 2019-021.

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Regular Business

GS1. <u>Docket No. LEGISLA</u> Consideration of legislation for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.