

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

# LaSalle Building First Floor - Griffon Room MARCH 14, 2019 2:30 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on March 14, 2019 and continue to March 15, 2019.

# **Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against LaShawn Colligan in Docket No. 2013-712.

<u>Discussion regarding charges against Broderick Fobbs and Lee Fobbs in Docket No.</u> 2014-1337.

Discussion in executive session regarding charges in Docket No. 2014-1412 involving Harry Pastuszek, Jr.

Discussion regarding charges against Terrance Stewart in Docket No. 2017-208.

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# GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 18-1333

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive two \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Walter P. Reed, a candidate for District Attorney, 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016 and 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed.

G2. Docket No. 18-1541

Request that the Board waive a \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerber Porter, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish (Pop. 47,723), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

G3. Docket No. 18-1544

Advisory opinion request from Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr. as to the propriety of using campaign funds to pay for costs associated with the Allen Ray Bolin Trial Advocacy Workshop.

G4. Docket No. 19-117

Advisory Opinion request from Henry D. Olinde, Jr., on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish President Major Thibaut.

**G5.** Docket No. 19-172

Request for an advisory opinion regarding post-employment restrictions that would apply to Kim Bailey Barnette after her retirement from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections.

# **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

G6. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent March 2019 Agenda.

G7. Docket No. 19-105

Advisory Opinion request from Jonathan M. Rhodes regarding possible prohibitions of outside employment.

# **G8.** Docket No. 19-106

Request for an advisory opinion from Mark Alan Pope relative to any potential conflict with his running for Lafayette City Council while working as a substitute radio talk-show host.

# **G9.** Docket No. 19-137

Request for an advisory opinion as to whether Jay King may continue his employment with Franklin Foundation Hospital if he is elected as a Councilman in St. Mary Parish in the upcoming election.

**G10.** Docket No. 19-140

Advisory opinion request by Don Marshall, Executive Director for the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), regarding whether Jay Banks may receive complimentary Jazz Festival tickets while serving on the New Orleans City Council and as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

# **G11.** Docket No. 19-141

Advisory opinion request by Jeremy Hidalgo regarding whether there would be any ethics violations if he continues to serve as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the City of Broussard if he is elected to the Lafayette Parish Council.

## **G12.** Docket No. 19-143

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Jackson Parish Police Jury from appointing Jay Mallard to the Watershed District Board.

# G13. Docket No. 19-158

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a former Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Engineer from seeking employment with a consulting firm or governmental entities.

# G14. Docket No. 19-159

Advisory opinion request by Luanna Cambas, P.E., regarding whether she or Pave Way, Inc. may perform work for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Materials & Testing Lab in Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC), the DOTD Contracts & Specifications Section, or the DOTD Headquarters Construction Section after her retirement from the DOTD District 2 Laboratory in Bridge City, Louisiana.

# **G15.** Docket No. 19-160

Request for an advisory opinion relative to the hiring of a person as a part-time clerk with the Town of Henderson (pop. 1,674) whose mother-in-law serves as the Town Clerk.

# **G16.** Docket No. 19-161

Advisory opinion request as to whether Bernard Brown III may work as an independent contractor with the Public Defender's Office while maintaining his full-time employment with the Louisiana Department of Health.

# G17. Docket No. 19-171

Advisory Opinion request from Jude Reese, Mayor of Gueydan (Pop. 1,398) in Vermilion Parish, as to whether the Town can enter into transactions with volunteer fire fighters and reserve police officers.

# G18. Docket No. 19-173

Request for an advisory opinion from Carla Chiasson, the Grants Officer with St. Charles Parish Government, as to whether she can provide grant counseling to governmental agencies other than St. Charles Parish Government.

# **G19.** Docket No. 19-174

Advisory Opinion request from Brenda Stanifer, Purchasing Agent for Plaquemines Parish, regarding whether she may purchase or bid on assets disposed of or auctioned by the parish.

# G20. Docket No. 19-176

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jodi Stansbury, the spouse of Youngsville City Councilman Kenneth Stansbury, from being appointed to the Youngsville Beautification Committee (Committee) by the Youngsville City Council.

# G21. Docket No. 19-187

Advisory Opinion request from John Stovall, Director of Finance for Council on Aging St. Tammany, regarding board members entering into transactions with the agency.

# **G22.** Docket No. 19-190

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Sandra Walker from continuing her outside employment with

Assertive Aspirations while serving as a Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Welfare Consultant.

# G23. Docket No. 19-196

Request for an advisory opinion from Lynn Guidry, an architect recently appointed to the Lafayette Airport Commission, relative to hisparticipation in matters that involve construction at the Lafayette Airport.

# G24. Docket No. 19-197

Advisory opinion request regarding the receipt of donations which would be utilized as door prizes and ditty bags during the upcoming Louisiana Emergency Management Conference, which is co-sponsored by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

# G25. Docket No. 19-199

Advisory opinion request as to the propriety of Voice of the Experienced acting as fiscal agent for the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions Clinic.

# G26. Docket No. 19-208

Advisory opinion request by Robert Dale regarding whether he could work for a consulting engineer, Atrovia, LLC, who is a subcontractor providing services to the Jefferson Parish Sewerage Department within two years of his departure from the Jefferson Parish Drainage/Pumping Stations Division.

# G27. Docket No. 19-235

Advisory Opinion request from Merritt Chastain, on behalf of Mr. B. Wayne Brown, a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

# **Disclosure Reports**

**G28.** Docket No. 19-088 PFD Answer submitted by Byron Adams, Jr., a former member of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Board.

# G29. Docket No. 19-100

PFD Answer submitted by Jonald Walker, III, a former member of the Chennault International Airport Authority.

**G30.** Docket No. 19-182 PFD Answer submitted by Douglas Dodt, member of the Jefferson Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

# **Regular Business**

- **G31.** Docket No. MINUTES February 2019 Board Minutes
- **G32.** Docket No. 14-758 Consent Opinion of Delrice Jermaine Augustus, former Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) employee.
- **G33.** Docket No. 16-1071 Consent order signed by Doris Singleton regarding her violation of La. R.S. 42:1119A and 1112A as an Alderwoman of the Village of Clarence when she participated in the hiring of her sister by Village of Clarence (Natchitoches Parish- Pop. 499).
- **G34.** Docket No. 18-037

Consent order regarding the employment and supervision of the daughter of April Volpe with the Accounting Department of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office while April Volpe served as the supervisor in the Accounting Department with the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office.

## G35. Docket No. 18-1210

Request for an advisory opinion by Morgan Lamandre as to the propriety of the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses that she would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities.

#### G36. Docket No. 19-198

Advisory opinion request by Jessica Monroe, an employee of Johnson & Johnson, regarding whether the Johnson & Johnson Global Community Impact team of volunteers can engage in a volunteer capacity to improve operations and data collection for better community development in the City of New Orleans government.

## G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

#### Docket No. chart

March 2019 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 18-1439

Request that the Board waive the \$40 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Larry D. Morris, Jr., a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Minden in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were 1 and 12 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 18-1534

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Floyd "Y" Knott a candidate for Member of School Board, District 9, St. Martin Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-071

Request that the Board waive \$160 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against Calvin G. Battley, Sr., a candidate for Pointe Coupee Parish Council Member, District C in the November 6, 2018 elections, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4 and 5 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 19-074

Request that the Board waive the \$80 campaign finance late fee assessed against Versa "V.O." Clark, a candidate for Councilman, District D, City of Shreveport, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-075

Request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bernadine St. Cyr, in her capacity as a candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-078

Request that the Board waive a \$440 campaign finance late fee assessed against Winston Florence, a candidate for Alderman, District B, City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-082

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Lonnie LaBouve, a candidate for Sheriff, St. Mary Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-084

Request that the Board waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Corey Orgeron, a candidate for Member of the School Board, District 4, Ascension Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 22 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-114

Request that the Board waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cheryl Knott, in her capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District 9, St. Martin Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

## Docket No. 19-115

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alvin Bagby, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, Madison Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

## Docket No. 19-142

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sharetha "Reda" Houston, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

## Docket No. 19-166

Request that the Board waive the \$40 and \$320 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sheila Crosby Wimberly, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 12, Caddo Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special and 10-G campaign finance reports were filed 1 and 8 days late, respectively.

# Docket No. 19-185

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Friends of Marlin Gusman PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Brian King, related to its participation in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P Report campaign finance report has not been filed.

# Docket No. 19-191

Request that the Board waive a \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Amos J. Cormier, III, in his capacity as a candidate for Parish President, Plaquemines Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

# Docket No. 19-192

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joy Nelson, a candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

# G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

# Docket No. 19-118

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed for the late filing of a November 2018 Expenditure Report and an untimely request for reconsideration of the

Board's decision to suspend a \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance assessed against Sarah Omojola for the late filing of a Supplemental Registration report.

# G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

## <u>Docket No. waiver</u> March 2019 PFD Waiver Chart.

## Docket No. 19-162

Waiver request submitted by Marshall Kent Deen, candidate for Chief of Police, Ball, Town of Ball, Rapides Parish (Pop. 4000) in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate pfd 79 days late.

# Docket No. 19-177

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Stephen Glenn Taylor, with the Ward II Industrial Board, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

## Docket No. 19-178

Waiver request submitted by Tommie Norwood Gipson, Jr., with the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority, regarding a \$1350 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 27 days late.

## Docket No. 19-179

Waiver request submitted by John Claiborne Brass, candidate for the Lutcher Board of Alderman, District 1, Division A, St. James Parish (Pop. 3559) in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500.00 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate pfd 106 days late.

# Docket No. 19-180

Waiver request submitted by Shalandra L. Allen, candidate for Mayor, Town of White Castle, Iberville Parish (Pop. 1883) in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate pfd 103 days late.

# Docket No. 19-181

Waiver request submitted by Richard T. Hilliard, Southern University Board of Supervisors, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 37 days late.

# Docket No. 19-183

Waiver request submitted by Wendy O'Quin-Perrette, Mayor of Bogalusa, Washington Parish (Pop. 12,232), regarding a \$1300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 13 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-184

Waiver request submitted by Pamela McCann, candidate for the Lafourche Parish School Board in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 candidate pfd 1 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-186

Waiver request submitted by Kelly P. Stalsby, candidate for the Elizabeth Board of Aldermen, Allen Parish (Pop. 532) in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate pfd 6 days late.

# G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

# Docket No. 18-1332

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenneth P. Garrett, Sr., a candidate for State Representative / 102nd Representative District in the October 24, 2015 election, who amended the 2017 supplemental campaign finance report to accurately disclose the required information after the late fee was assessed.