

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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First Floor - LaBelle Room
MARCH 5, 2020
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on March 5, 2020 and continue to March 6, 2020.

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 EAB charges pending against Gwen Jackson in Docket No. 2017-1308.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Jenny Bobal in Docket No. 2019-031.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. <u>Docket No. 19-1025</u>

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gregory M. Jordan, with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 250 days late.

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.

G3. Docket No. 20-036

Waiver request submitted by Donna Renee McComas, Constable, Ward 7, Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for not filing her 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd.

G4. Docket No. 20-084

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Rachel Edelman (the Court Administrator for the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court), concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Marty Dean (District 1 - St. Tammany Parish Councilman) from entering into several transactions with the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Court.

G5. Docket No. 20-088

Advisory Opinion request from Lotte T. Delaney, a board member of the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana who also serves as the CFO at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, relative to whether she can receive a per diem payment for attending a board meeting.

G6. Docket No. 20-115

Advisory Opinion request from Jeff Everson, as the potential Caddo Parish Commission Clerk, and his wife's employment with Robinson's Rescue non-profit organization.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. CHART

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

G8. Docket No. 19-1275

Advisory Opinion request from Kimberly Martel, a teacher with Grolle Elementary School under the St. Landry Parish School Board, regarding her ability to open a driving school regulated by the Office of Motor Vehicles.

G9. Docket No. 20-002

Advisory Opinion Request from Benjamin E. Jordan, Webster Parish Police Juror - District 12.

G10. Docket No. 20-007

Advisory Opinion Request Keith A. Chaney, Jr., State Park Warden at Bayou Segnette State Park within the Office of State Parks, regarding off-duy security details.

G11. Docket No. 20-010

Withdrawal of an Application for Declaratory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union"), that requested reconsideration of an advisory opinion previously issued by the Board in Docket No. 2018-401 (on July 23, 2018).

G12. Docket No. 20-081

Advisory Opinion request by Sara Virginia Pic, an employee of the La. Supreme Court Law Library, regarding her receipt of an honorarium from OCLC.

G13. Docket No. 20-082

Advisory Opinion Request from Ervin Menard, Fire Chief for Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 in St. Landry Parish, regarding the appointment of his daughter.

G14. Docket No. 20-083

A request for advisory opinion, submitted by Donna Pitre (the Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority), concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit a property manager of a Section 8 Program property from being appointed as a commissioner for the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

G15. Docket No. 20-085

A request for advisory opinion, submitted by Dr. Gia Tyson, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Dr. Tyson from participating in Gilead's Speaker's Bureau while employed by Ochsner.

G16. Docket No. 20-086

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Lori Desselle from pursuing outside employment while she is employed with the Office of Juvenile Justice.

G17. Docket No. 20-087

Advisory opinion as to whether Matthew Caplan may contract to provide services for the 16th Judicial District Court while he is employed as an assistant district attorney with the 22nd Judicial District Court.

G18. Docket No. 20-106

Request for an advisory opinion from two Nicholls State University professors relative to publicizing two books for sale at the request of their publishers.

G19. Docket No. 20-107

Advisory opinion regarding whether a Captain of a Fire Station for the St. George Fire Department or any of his firefighters/first responders may refer victims to the services of CLEAR Restoration, LLC/1-800-BoardUp of Greater Baton Rouge of which the Captain is an employee.

G20. Docket No. 20-108

Advisory opinion regarding whether Thompson Core, Crowley City Councilman and member of the Crowley Police Department's Public Service Committee, may become a reserve police officer with the Crowley City Police Department.

Regular Business

G21. Docket No. MINUTES

February 2020 Board Minutes

G22. Docket No. 16-1034

Consent Opinion to be executed by G. Bert Allain concerning his violations of La. R.S. 42:1111C(1)(a) and La. R.S. 42:1113A(1)(a).

G23. Docket No. 20-058

Advisory Opinion request from Michael Echols, State Representative, District 14 and his employment/ownership in Vantage Health Plan, Inc.

G24. Docket No. RULE

Memorandum concerning the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event.

G25. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

March 2020 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 19-1136

Request that the Board waive four (4) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Nicholas R. P. Wright, a candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-G, 2016, 2017 and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1745, 980 and 615 days late, respectively. The 2018 supplemental report has not been filed.

Docket No. 19-1138

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jerry Landrum, a candidate for Police Juror, District 3, West Feliciana Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2017 and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed.

Docket No. 20-090

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jefferson Safe and Strong PAC, a political action committee, its committee's director, Amy Winchester; chairperson, Kim Carver, and treasurer, Michele Avery, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 20-091

Request that the Board 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 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 20-093

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Keith Landry, a candidate for Coroner, Assumption Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 20-096

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shelly Mayo, a candidate for Police Juror, District 3, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-097

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Roger A. Casama, a candidate for Coroner, Washington Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-098

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marcus Johnson, a candidate for State Representative, 28th Representative District, Avoyelles Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-099

Request that the Board waive a \$1,140 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert "Rock" Davis, a candidate for Sheriff, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 20-101

Request that the Board waive a \$480 and \$540 campaign finance late fees assessed against Neal Lartigue, a candidate for Evangeline Parish Sheriff, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 and 9 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. CHART

Lobbying Waiver Request Chart for the March 6, 2020 meeting.

Docket No. 20-078

Request to waive the \$150 late fee assessed against Keely Miller for the late filing of a November 2019 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 20-079

Request to waive the \$600 late fee assessed against Hannah Cox for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbying Registration Report.

Docket No. 20-080

Request to waive the \$300 late fee assessed against Amanda H. Edge for the late filing of a October 2019 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

March 2020 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-017

Waiver request submitted by Thomas Henry Dufrene, Jr., Chief of Police, Stonewall, Desoto Parish (Pop. 1814), regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 20-018

Waiver request submitted by Calvin Lynn Vogel, with the Creola Board of Aldermen, Grant Parish (Pop. 213), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 413 days late.

Docket No. 20-019

Waiver request submitted by Sarah Ann Reliford, with the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 1056), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 49 days late.

Docket No. 20-020

Waiver request submitted by Jayme Lee Polotzola Johnson, with the Melville Town Council, St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1041), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 61 days late.

Docket No. 20-021

Waiver request submitted by Robert Earl McKinnon Jr., with the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisal Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 131 days late.

Docket No. 20-022

Waiver request submitted by Raymond James Leger, Sr, Mayor of, Morse, Acadia Parish (Pop. 812), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 159 days late.

Docket No. 20-023

Waiver request submitted by Stefanie Ashford, with the Laurel Oaks Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 124 days late.

Docket No. 20-024

Waiver request submitted by Tammy Phelps, candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2 candidate pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 20-025

Waiver request submitted by Richard Paul Brandt, with the Louisiana Naval War Memorial Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 301 days late.

Docket No. 20-026

Waiver request submitted by Harry Gene Brignac, Sr., former Chief of Police, French Settlement, Livingston Parish (Pop. 1,116), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 117 days late.

Docket No. 20-027

Waiver request submitted by Jason Harold Coats, Chief of Police, Morse, Acadia Parish (Pop. 812), regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 1 day late.

Docket No. 20-028

Waiver request submitted by Reginald Higgins, with the East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District, District 6, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 5 days late.

Docket No. 20-029

Waiver request submitted by Phyllis S. Glover, with the St. Mary Parish Tourism Commission, regarding a \$ 1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 155 days late.

Docket No. 20-030

Waiver request submitted by Mr. James L. Llorens, with the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 230 days late.

Docket No. 20-031

Waiver request submitted by Carlos Enrique Harvin, with Charter Schools USA - Lafayette Charter Foundation, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 20-032

Waiver request submitted by Martin Jackson, Northshore Harbor Center, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1annual pfd 84 days late.

Docket No. 20-033

Waiver request submitted by Ronald Lewis "Ronnie" Nielsen, Constable, Ward 8, District 59, Washington Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 447 days late.

Docket No. 20-034

Waiver request submitted by Brian Alan Burns, with the Quitman Board of Aldermen, Jackson Parish (Pop. 181), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 69 days late.

Docket No. 20-035

Waiver request submitted by Rana Ismail Ottallah, with the Commission for the Deaf, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 148 days late.

Docket No. 20-037

Waiver request submitted by Gary V. Evans, District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District Court, DeSoto Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 489 days late.

Docket No. 20-038

Waiver request submitted by James Edward Green, candidate for Shreveport City Council, District F., Bossier and Caddo Parishes (Pop. 199,311), in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 candidate pfd 414 days late.

Docket No. 20-039

Waiver request submitted by Larry M. Snyder, St. John the Baptist Parish Council, District 6, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 256 days late.

Docket No. 20-040

Waiver request submitted by Tommy Evans, Mayor, Clarence, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 499), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 483 days late.

Docket No. 20-041

Waiver request submitted by Dwan Troy Johnson, former member of the Terrebonne Parish Levee & Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 247 days late.

Docket No. 20-042

Waiver request submitted by Patricia Freeman Westley, with the Kenner Housing Authority, Jefferson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 201 days late.

Docket No. 20-043

Waiver request submitted by Morgan Debonea Carter, with the Tensas Parish School Board, District 2, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 37 days late.

Docket No. 20-044

Waiver request submitted by Brian Timothy McCarthy, with the Sterlington Board of Aldermen, Ouachita Parish (Pop. 1,594) regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 62 days late.

Docket No. 20-045

Waiver request submitted by Albert "Mike" Martin Rives, IV, with the Grand Cane Board of Aldermen, DeSoto Parish (Pop. 242), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 159 days late.

Docket No. 20-046

Waiver request submitted by Amanda Dawn Pointer, with the Merryville Board of Aldermen, Beauregard Parish (Pop. 1,103), regarding a \$1500 late fee

assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 159 days late.

Docket No. 20-047

Waiver request submitted by McKinley Bates, Jr., candidate for Concordia Parish Police Juror, District 1-A, in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 candidate pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 20-048

Waiver request submitted by Caleb Atwell, candidate for the Killian Board of Aldermen, Livingston Parish (Pop. 1,206) in the October 12, 2019 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 candidate pfd 82 days late.

Docket No. 20-049

Waiver request submitted by Reginald Cedric Prealow, Jr., with the Coushatta Town Council, Red River Parish (Pop. 1,964), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 162 days late.

Docket No. 20-050

Waiver request submitted by Michael D. Gillie, Jr., Chief of Police of the Village of Natchez, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 597), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 66 days late.

Docket No. 20-051

Waiver request submitted by Eric D. Tarver, with the Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 8, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 159 days late.

Docket No. 20-052

Waiver request submitted by Irvin Juneau, Jr., with the Plaquemines Parish Council, District 4, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 166 days late.

Docket No. 20-053

Waiver request submitted by VaRhonda Burrell, Constable, Morehouse Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd.

G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 20-016

Waiver request submitted by Edith Morrison, Beekman Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 36 days late.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 19-1051

Untimely waiver request submitted by Janice Simon, with the Oberlin Board of Aldermen/District 4/Allen Parish (Pop. 1770), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 35 days late and a Timely waiver request regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 pfd 13 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 19-468

Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$600 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Sandra Brown, former member of the Northshore Charter

School Board, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 143 days late.

Docket No. 19-1083

Waiver request submitted by Vanner James Erikson, with the Natchitoches Historic Development Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.