

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

# LaSalle Building First Floor - Griffon Room MAY 17, 2012 1:00 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on May 17, 2012 and continue to May 18, 2012.

# **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 Melvin "Kip" Holden.

# Louisiana Board of Ethics

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# GENERAL

Election of Chairman for the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

# Appearances

# G1. Docket No. 12-388

Advisory opinion regarding whether Sheriff Royce Toney of Ouachita Parish, may use his campaign funds to pay legal fees that he incurred in connection with the defense of charges contained in an indictment.

# G2. Docket No. 12-391

Advisory opinion concerning a company owned by Buddy Collins, who serves as a newly-elected member of the Grant Parish Police Jury, working for a company that has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the parish.

# **G3.** <u>Docket No. 12-451</u>

Reconsideration request that the Board waive the \$12,200 in campaign finance late fees assessed against Louisiana UAW, a political action committee, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 15, 18, and 6 days late.

# Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions

# Items Requiring No Board Action

# G4. Docket No. 09-557

Consent opinion regarding a legal entity owned by James Ayers, an employee of the Bossier Parish School Board, entering into transactions with the Bossier Parish School Board.

# G5. Docket No. 10-717

Publication of consent opinions regarding Charlene Lewis, an alderwoman for the Town of Cotton Valley, working for Charles Jacobs, the town attorney.

# **G6.** Docket No. 11-455

Publication of a consent opinion regarding LSU Police Department regarding Sgt. Elisa Lewis accepting \$400 as a reward for finding a lost wallet.

# G7. Docket No. 11-1935

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Mark DeBord, Regional Administrator for the Region VIII Office of Behavioral Health (Region VIII), may serve on non-profit boards or advisory boards that have contracts with Region VIII.

#### **G8.** Docket No. 11-1936

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether Shane E. Romero, Jr., may serve as a member of the board of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish when his father serves as parish president.

# **G9.** Docket No. 12-030

Advisory opinion regarding members of the Terrebonne Parish Fire District and the Bayou DuLarge Volunteer Fire Company.

# G10. Docket No. 12-053

Advisory opinion regarding the application of the post employment restrictions to Michael Ricca, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

#### G11. Docket No. 12-146

Advisory opinion regarding whether Valerie Harvey may become a contract employee with Northwestern State University (NSU).

#### G12. Docket No. 12-156

Advisory opinion regarding whether a part-time case-worker for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Mary Gray, may accept part-time employment with DCFS.

# G13. Docket No. 12-187

Advisory opinion regarding the applicability of the Code of Governmental Ethics to the employment of Ms. Angie Curry to by the Winnfield Police Department while her husband, Charles Curry, serves as Lieutenant with Winnfield Police Department.

# G14. Docket No. 12-384

Advisory opinion regarding the application of the Supreme Court case, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

# G15. Docket No. 12-398

Advisory opinion regarding an outside employment opportunity for Stacie Massey, an employee of Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation.

# G16. Docket No. 12-400

Advisory opinion request from a former DCFS employee, Evelyn Jenkins, asking if post-employment restrictions would apply to her acceptance of a subcontract with Northwestern University as a mentor/coach at her previous agency.

# G17. Docket No. 12-458

Advisory opinion regarding whether Iberia Parish Councilman David Wayne Romero may continue to work for Fremin's Food and Furniture, Inc. when it transacts business with Iberia Parish and its agencies.

# G18. Docket No. 12-460

Advisory opinion regarding whether the continued employment of Sharon Schafer as a paralegal for the St. Bernard Parish Indigent Defender's office for the 34th Judicial District Court will violate the Code of Ethics if Ms. Schafer marries the St. Bernard Parish President.

# G19. Docket No. 12-463

Advisory opinion regarding what information should be reported on a R.S. 42:1114 form by the spouse of the Executive Director, Sandy Edmonds, of the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Interior Designers.

# G20. Docket No. 12-470

Advisory opinion regarding whether Marty Trahan, an Iberia Parish Councilman, may continue to work at Office Mart, Inc. while it transacts business with Iberia Parish and its agencies.

# G21. Docket No. 12-485

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Vermilion Tourist Commission may appoint a parish accommodations owner as a member of the Tourist Commission Board.

# G22. Docket No. 12-513

Advisory opinion regarding whether an applicant for a teaching position at Southeastern Louisiana University, Cody Conarro, may accept employment at the University while he continues to date an employee of the University.

# G23. Docket No. 12-521

Advisory opinion regarding whether St. Helena Parish Police Jury may enter into an agreement with ConneXions of Louisiana, LLC where an employee of the Police Jury, Virginia Bell, is a member of ConneXions.

# **Regular Business**

# G24. Docket No. MINUTES April 2012 Board Minutes

#### G25. Docket No. 12-164

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Naomi Alexander regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 208 days late.

#### G26. Docket No. 12-465

Advisory opinion regarding whether Lisa Cox, an employee of the Morehouse Parish School System, may serve on the Board of Directors for Prairie View Academy.

#### G27. Docket No. 12-479

Advisory opinion regarding whether a member of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, Robert Jones, who is also an employee of Wells Fargo Advisors, may participate in matters involving Wells Fargo Bank.

# G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

# Docket No. Chart

May 2012 CFDA Waiver Request Chart

#### Docket No. 12-450

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Nary Smith, Sr., a candidate for State Representative, District 96, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-529

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA School Boards Association, a political action committee, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-530

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cleveland W. Womack, a candidate for State Representative, District 20, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

# Docket No. 12-531

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Committee for the Advancement of Louisiana Agriculture, a political action committee, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 43 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-532

Request that the Board waive the \$1,100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Elizabeth Meyers, a candidate for BESE, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-533

Request that the Board waive the \$1,560 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Earl F. Dauterive, III, a candidate for St. Bernard Council, Western Division in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 26 and 6 days late.

Request that the Board waive the \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jeffrey Todd Spangler, a candidate for Winn Parish Assessor, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

# Docket No. 12-535

Request that the Board waive the \$420, \$120, and reassessed \$4,300 (\$4,840 total) campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael Wayne "Mike" Stagg, a candidate for Lafayette Parish President, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 2 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-536

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shreveport Committee on Political Education, a political action committee, whose EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-537

Request that the Board waive the \$540, \$540, and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against W. Glenn Soileau, a candidate for St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 9, and 1 day(s) late.

#### Docket No. 12-538

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Fred Everhardt, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Council, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

# Docket No. 12-539

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee W. Balinas, a candidate for State Representative, District 76, in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-540

Request that the Board waive the \$240 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kelly J. Scott, a candidate for State Senate, District 24, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 4 and 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-541

Request that the Board waive the \$1,260 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Herman Ray Love, a candidate for Sheriff of Sabine Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 21 and 1 day(s) late.

# Docket No. 12-542

Request that the Board waive the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John "Randy" R. Sexton, a candidate for Assessor of Iberville Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 25 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-543

Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Patrick Bell, Sr., a candidate for Ascension Parish Council, in the October

22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

# Docket No. 12-544

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Guy E. Bradberry, a candidate for Judge, 14th JDC, Sec. 2, Div. C, in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-545

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Karen W. Schmitt, a candidate for Livingston Parish School Board, District 4, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-546

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Demetrius "Coach" Franklin, a candidate for Assessor of Iberville Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-547

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 and \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against PSI PAC, a political action committee, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 449 and 400 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-548

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles R. Jones, a candidate for Judge, 4th Circuit of Appeal, in the October 1, 1994 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

# Docket No. 12-549

Request that the Board waive the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert J. Guidry, a candidate for Acadia Parish Police Juror, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-550

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ronnie L. Traylor, a candidate for State Representative, District 16, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-551

Request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Allen Joyner, a candidate for Calcasieu Parish Police Juror, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-552

Request that the Board waive the \$1,740 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian Thompson, a candidate for Rapides Parish Clerk of Court, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 29 days late.

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Douglas Day, a candidate for State Senate, District 38, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

# Docket No. 12-554

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Blair Briggs, a candidate for St. Landry Parish Alderman, District C, in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report were filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 12-555

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Terry A. Doughty, a candidate for Judge, 5th JDC, Div. A, in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

# Docket No. 12-556

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles Ponstein, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Council, District B, in the October 4, 2003 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 353 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-557

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Legislative Leadership, a political action committee, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 27 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-558

Request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a candidate for Judge, 22nd JDC in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

# Docket No. 12-559

Request that the Board waive the \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sonja Spears, a candidate for Judge, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, Div. B in the October 5, 2002 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

#### Docket No. 12-560

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Johnny C. Crain, Sr., a candidate for Washington Parish Clerk of Court in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

# G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

# Docket No. CHART

May 2012 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart.

#### Docket No. 12-174

Request that the Board waive the \$250 late fee assessed against John Morgan for failure to timely file his 2010 Lobbyist Registration.

Request that the Board waive the \$850 late fee assessed against Deidra Jackson for failure to timely file her 2012 Lobbyist Registration.

# G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

#### Docket No. waiver

May 2012 Personal Financial Disclosure waiver chart.

#### Docket No. 12-407

Waiver request submitted by Donald Cravins, Sr. regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate personal financial statement 55 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-415

Waiver request submitted by Dr. Charles Fontenot regarding a 2008 Tier 2 annual pfd filed 540 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-416

Waiver request submitted by Darryl Berger regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 262 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-417

Waiver request submitted by Victor Ukpolo regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 pfd 1 day late.

#### Docket No. 12-418

Waiver request submitted by Darrel Rivere regarding a \$1,500 late fee for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 pfd 90 days late.

# Docket No. 12-419

Waiver request submitted by Stanley Washington regarding \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 62 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-420

Waiver request submitted by Alcide Champagne regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 245 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-421

Waiver request submitted by Wilson O'Bannon regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 10 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-422

Waiver request submitted by Russell Bordelon regarding two (2) late fees assessed for filing his 2009 and 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfds late.

#### Docket No. 12-424

Waiver request submitted by Ellen Thompson regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 46 days late.

# Docket No. 12-425

Waiver request submitted by Kendall Thompson regarding a \$1,450 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 29 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-427

Waiver request submitted by Ann Breland regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 405 days late.

Waiver request submitted by Ernest Broussard regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 265 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-455

Waiver request submitted by Keith Howard regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2008 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-496

Waiver request submitted by Calvin Fayard regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 289 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-497

Waiver request submitted by John Cole regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 277 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-498

Waiver request submitted by Kenneth Dawson regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 169 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-500

Waiver request submitted by Robert Bruno regarding a \$1,500 assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 156 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-501

Waiver request submitted by Rydell Turner regarding three late fees assessed for filing multiple Tier 3 pfds late.

#### Docket No. 12-505

Waiver request submitted by Charlie Trimble, Jr. regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 259 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-507

Waiver request submitted by Lisa Houston regarding a \$1,500 late fee for filing her 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 673 days late.

#### Docket No. 12-508

Waiver request submitted by Arnie Fielkow regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 328 days late.

# G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE

#### Docket No. 12-409

Waiver request submitted by Alfred Olinde regarding a \$1,700 late fee for filing his R.S. 42:1114.2 disclosure statement 17 days late.



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# Executive Session

Discussion in executive session of the litigation in the 19th JDC concerning charges issued against Robert Marionneaux.

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# **GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL**

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

# **GS1.** <u>Docket No. 10-383</u> Discussion of decision in matter regarding Neal Clulee, member of the St. Charles Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, and his spouse, entering into transactions with the Commission.

**GS2.** <u>Docket No. 12-518</u>

Advisory opinion regarding whether Thomas Clark may submit a bid to become a drayman for Bossier Parish while his mother, Jeanene Clark, is employed with the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters.

# **GS3.** <u>Docket No. 12-689</u>

Notice of disclosure reports filed with the Board in April 2012.

# **Regular Business**

# GS4. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation introduced during the 2012 Regular Legislative Session affecting the laws administered by the Board of Ethics.

# GS5. Docket No. COMMEND

Commendations issued to former members of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.



# Louisiana Board of Ethics LaSalle Building, 10th Floor, Room 1026 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana MAY 17, 2012 11:00 AM CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES COMMITTEE

**Regular Business** 

CF1. Docket No. CFRULE

Proposed rules concerning the appropriate use of campaign finance funds.