

## **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

LaSalle Building
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1:00 PM
617 North 3rd Street
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Note: Meetings begin on May 16, 2013 and continue to May 17, 2013.

## **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 Charlotte Randolph.

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## **GENERAL**

### **Appearances**

## **G1.** <u>Docket No</u>. 13-282

Waiver request submitted by Leroy Owens, constable for Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 578 days late; a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 218 days late; and a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2 annual pfd 104 days late.

### **G2.** Docket No. 13-312

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael A. Ragusa, a candidate for Mayor of Independence, in the March 24, 2012 election, whose EDE-P and EDE-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 294 and 279 days late.

#### **G3.** Docket No. 13-313

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$60, \$600, and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Justin L. Conner, Sr., a candidate for State Representative, District 21, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1, 358, and 17 days late.

## **G4.** Docket No. 13-390

Waiver request submitted by Shelby Loe, II, a member of the Tullos Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 295 days late.

## **G5.** <u>Docket No. 13-396</u>

Waiver request submitted by Clarence Williams, a candidate for Terrebonne Parish Assessor in the October 22, 2011 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate pfd 330 days late.

## **G6.** Docket No. 13-433

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against David Moses, a candidate for Assessor of Beauregard Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

### **G7.** Docket No. 13-434

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against David M. Ditch, a candidate for Iberia Parish Council, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

### **G8.** Docket No. 13-438

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Association of Fire and Casualty Companies PAC, a political action committee, whose Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

### **G9.** Docket No. 13-468

Advisory opinion regarding whether Senator Dan Morrish, a member of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Board of Directors, may resign from the Senate and the Corporation to apply for the Chief Executive Officer's position with the Corporation.

## **G10.** Docket No. 13-491

Appearance in connection with an advisory opinion request regarding whether Ed Antie may be appointed to the Louisiana Board of Regents while he and his wife own an interest in Central Telephone.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions &
Items Requiring No Board Action

## **G11.** Docket No. 12-2320

Advisory opinion regarding whether Kushner LaGraize, LLC may do business with Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) where the Director of Administration for Kushner, Michelle Rojas, is married to the Director of Facilities and Information Technologies for JEDCO, Scott Rojas.

## **G12.** Docket No. 13-351

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to the former Assessor of Acadia Parish.

#### **G13.** Docket No. 13-354

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Mayor of Bossier City, Lorenz Walker, may use his campaign funds to purchase a fallen soldier monument.

## **G14.** Docket No. 13-356

Advisory opinion regarding post-employment restrictions applicable to Kerry Williams, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

## **G15.** Docket No. 13-358

Advisory opinion request from Mr. Mason Harrison, an employee of a New Orleans City Councilmember, regarding his potential service on the Executive Board for the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) of the Gulf South.

#### **G16.** Docket No. 13-360

Advisory opinion concerning post-employment restrictions applicable to Tony Tramel, the Director of the Traffic and Transportation Department with the Lafayette City-Parish Government.

### **G17.** Docket No. 13-362

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Superintendent of Caddo Parish School System, Paul Nelson, may hire the daughter of the Special Education Program Supervisor for the Parish School System as the Occupational Therapist for the Parish School System.

#### **G18.** Docket No. 13-363

Advisory regarding whether William Jarrell, or a firm he works for, may continue to perform work for the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District (SLEIDD) while his father-in-law serves as a member of SLEIDD.

### **G19.** Docket No. 13-364

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Alderwoman Renee Stringer of Jonesboro may accept contributions from the campaign fund of an alderwom from another town and whether Ms. Stringer may be publicly endorsed by elected officials if she were to run for Mayor of Jonesboro in the upcoming election.

## **G20.** Docket No. 13-366

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dr. John George, a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, may serve as the uncompensated CEO of the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana at a time when it has a contractual relationship with the LSU Board of Supervisors.

## **G21.** <u>Docket No. 13-367</u>

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to Virginia Benoist, a former Assistant Attorney General.

## **G22.** Docket No. 13-368

Advisory opinion request regarding Ms. Kim Williams the director of the "Healthy Start" for the City of New Orleans, may provide consulting work through her firm, Solutions for Better Living, L.L.C.

#### **G23.** Docket No. 13-418

Advisory opinion request from Ms. Bobbie Bourgeois of the East Feliciana Parish Economic Development District (EFPEDD) regarding the hiring of Ms. Maria Bowen as a consultant while her father, Carneal Woodyear, is a member of EFPEDD Board of Directors.

#### **G24.** Docket No. 13-420

Advisory opinion request regarding post employment restriction on Mr. James H. Lee an employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) if he were to take a job with Fugro Consulting.

## **G25.** Docket No. 13-421

Advisory opinion request as to the propriety of the Mayor of the Town of Sterlington accepting an invitation from Dow/Angus Chemical to attend a Monroe Chamber of Commerce Update Luncheon.

#### **G26.** Docket No. 13-422

Advisory opinion regarding whether there would be an Ethics violation if Hood Memorial Hospital were to let out a contract with Blanchard Mechanical Contractors to fix the cooling system at the Hospital when Hospital Chairman Ray Glasgow's bother-in-law is employed by the company.

#### **G27.** Docket No. 13-423

Advisory opinion regarding whether the post-employment restrictions will prohibit Ms. Diana Williamson's employment with a private company who may receive a contract with the Division of Administration.

#### **G28.** Docket No. 13-424

Advisory opinion request as to the propriety of an employee of the Department of Public Works for Lafayette Consolidated Government being employed by a private company that has previously conducted business with a company that is under contract with his agency.

#### **G29.** Docket No. 13-449

Advisory opinion request regarding the acceptance of per diem for meals by board members of the Capitol City Family Health Center to attend the annual national conference in Washington, DC, on March 20 through March 23, 2013.

### **G30.** Docket No. 13-451

Advisory opinion request regarding Ms. Kathie Pohlman's employment with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) and potential employment with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE).

## **G31.** Docket No. 13-453

Advisory opinion request from Andrea Mahfouz the City Clerk for the City of Westlake regarding whether the Ethics Code would allow her husband to be employed with M&M Lawn Services, LLC (M&M).

#### **G32.** Docket No. 13-463

Advisory opinion from Ms. Maria Leon as to whether companies which provide benefits to City of Kenner employees may provide door prizes and other gifts to

city employees at the benefits fair.

## **G33.** Docket No. 13-469

Advisory opinion request from Col. Russel Bordelon, Secretary of the Louisiana Polygraph Board regarding whether it would violate the Ethics Code if The Louisiana Polygraph Board were to grant tuition assistance for its members to attend continuing education classes hosted by the Louisiana Polygraph Association.

### **G34.** Docket No. 13-475

Advisory opinion regarding whether William Mitcham, Mayor of the Town of Bernice, may lease or sell a building to a person that purchases products from a person that leases a building from the Town of Bernice.

## **G35.** <u>Docket No. 13-476</u>

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Ellison Builders, L.L.C, (Ellison Builders) a company owned by the brother of Leslie Ellison, a member of the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB), may enter into subcontracts with companies who were awarded contracts with the OPSB and/or the Recovery School District (RSD).

#### **G36.** Docket No. 13-478

Advisory opinion request regarding Mr. James Carter's former employment with the City of New Orleans as Commissioner of Criminal Justice and how the post employment restrictions will apply to his law practice as it relates to the City of New Orleans.

## **G37.** Docket No. 13-480

Advisory opinion request as to whether a family member of Jamie Henagan, an assistant principal at Peabody Magnet High School, may work at the same school.

#### **G38.** Docket No. 13-495

Advisory opinion request from Todd Owen regarding whether an Orleans Parish School Board member can also be a vendor for the school system.

### **Disclosure Reports**

### **G39.** Docket No. 11-1524

Charges regarding Gilbert Etienne's failure to file his 2009 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement.

### **G40.** Docket No. 11-1534

Charges regarding David Fruge's failure to amend his 2009 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement.

#### **G41.** Docket No. 12-581

Charges regarding the failure to file a 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd by Charles Walters.

#### **G42.** Docket No. 12-907

Charges regarding the failure to file a 2009 and 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd by Charles Zalfen, a West Baton Rouge Constable.

### **G43.** Docket No. 12-953

Charges involving the failure to file a 2010 Tier 2 candidate pfd by David Edwards, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court.

## **G44.** Docket No. 12-2194

Answer submitted by Michael Stockwell, Constable for Evangeline Parish, Ward 2, regarding a notice of delinquency requesting he file a 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd.

## **G45.** Docket No. 13-492

Notice of ethics disclosures filed with the Board during the month of March 2013.

## **Regular Business**

## G46. Docket No. MINUTES

April 2013 Board Minutes

#### **G47.** Docket No. 12-943

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Vickie Briscoe regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 266 days late.

#### **G48.** Docket No. 12-2047

Request for reconsideration that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against John Perry Gallow, a candidate for Chief of Police for the City of Opelousas in the October 2, 2010 election, whose EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 55 and 147 days late.

#### **G49.** Docket No. 12-2076

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Tabitha McCloud may apply for a grant from the First Time Homebuyers Program in the Parish of Terrebonne when her brother, Antoine Foret, serves as the HOME/Homeless Manager for Terrebonne Parish.

## **G50.** Docket No. 13-228

Advisory opinion regarding whether James Bergeron, Jr., a City of Eunice Aldermen, may enter into a settlement with the City of Eunice involving sewer usage fees.

## **G51.** Docket No. 13-348

Advisory opinion regarding whether a company, MWL Architects, may submit a bid for a contract with Lafourche Parish, where the company has provided consulting services to Lafourche parish in connection with the bidding process for the contract.

#### **G52.** Docket No. 13-369

Untimely request for reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Tracy Lynn French, a member of the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, regarding a \$1,500 late fee for filing her amended 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 60 days late.

#### **G53.** Docket No. 13-378

Waiver request submitted by Stanley Washington, a member of the Iberville Parish School Board, in response to a demand letter received demanding payment of a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 165 days late.

#### **G54.** Docket No. 13-395

Untimely waiver request submitted by Katherine Pickering, member of the Beauregard Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 294 days late.

### **G55.** Docket No. 13-456

Advisory opinion request regarding whether members of the Central Louisiana Human Service District may lobby the Louisiana Legislature for more funds.

### G56. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

#### Docket No. Chart

May 2013 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

## Docket No. 13-002

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bridge PAC, a political action committee, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late.

## Docket No. 13-132

Request that the Board waive the \$200, \$40, and \$320 campaign finance late fees assessed against Harry Lege, a candidate for Vermilion Parish Police Jury, District 9, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Special, EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 5, 1, and 8 day(s) late.

#### Docket No. 13-134

Request that the Board waive the \$920 campaign finance late fee assessed against Walter J. Leger, III, a person who supported a proposition, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 40-days after the election report was filed 23 days late.

## Docket No. 13-274

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Natalie L. Robin, a candidate for Iberia City Council, in the November 6, 2012 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

## Docket No. 13-431

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jerry Denton, a candidate for Marshall, City Court, City of Denham Springs, in the October 4, 2008 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report for the 2012 reporting period was filed 17 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-432

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Claude "Curtis" Hodge, Jr., a candidate for Sheriff of Washington Parish, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 150 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-437

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Demetria Robinson Carter, a candidate for St. John the Baptist Parish Council, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

### G57. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

May 2013 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 13-297

Waiver request submitted by Cecil Dunn, a member of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed fof filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 328 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-373

Waiver request submitted by Harriett Sensley, a member of the Village of Wilson Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier annual pfd 316 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier annual pfd 316 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-374

Waiver request submitted by Clara Ruth Saint, a member of the West Feliciana Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2.a annual pfd 338 days late.

## Docket No. 13-375

Waiver request submitted by Ann Sexton, a member of the Shongaloo Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 303 days late.

### Docket No. 13-376

Waiver request submitted by Jerry Taylor, a member of the Farmerville Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 316 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-377

Waiver request submitted by Russel Landeche, constable for St. John the Baptist Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 382 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-379

Waiver request submitted by Randy Dupree, Mayor of the Village of Provencal, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 382 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-380

Waiver request submitted by Gregory Clark, Mayor of the Town of LeCompte, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 374 days late.

### Docket No. 13-381

Waiver request submitted by Lisa Mills, a member of the Hurstville Security District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 329 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-382

Waiver request submitted by Rene Cross, a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 459 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-383

Waiver request submitted by Irving Comeaux, member of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier annual pfd 323 days late.

## Docket No. 13-384

Waiver request submitted by Louis Fitzmorris, a candidate for St. Tammany Assessor, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 candidate pfd 331 days late.

### Docket No. 13-385

Waiver request submitted by Sylvester Winchester, Sr., constable for St. James Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing a 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 205 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-386

Waiver request submitted by James Fontenot, Police Chief for the City of Eunice, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 355 days late and a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 355 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-387

Waiver request submitted by Henry Washington, Jr., a candidate for the Delhi Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 680 days late.

### Docket No. 13-388

Waiver request submitted by Rose LeGaux, constable for St. Charles Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier annual pfd 411 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-389

Waiver request submitted by Mark Peloquin, a member of the DeQuincy City Council, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 316 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-391

Waiver request submitted by Ty Arnold, a candidate for the Iberville Parish Council in the October 22, 2011 election, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 candidate pfd 357 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-392

Waiver request submitted by Howard Shaw, Jr., a member of the Glenmora Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 338 days late.

### Docket No. 13-394

Waiver request submitted by Terry Willis, member of the Claiborne Parish School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 365 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-397

Waiver request submitted by Karen Reiners-Winfrey, member of the Office of Group Benefits - Policy and Planning Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 291 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-398

Waiver request submitted by Kathy Pipkin, member of the Shongaloo Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 311 days late.

## Docket No. 13-399

Waiver request submitted by Russell Comeaux, constable for Lafayette Parish, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 16 days late.

### Docket No. 13-400

Waiver request submitted by Huey Wyble, member of the St. Landry Parish School Board, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 642 days late; a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 138 days late; and a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2 candidate pfd 635 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-401

Waiver request submitted by Troy Terrell, Mayor of the Village of Converse, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 303 days late.

## Docket No. 13-402

Waiver request submitted by Garrick Scott, candidate for the Maringoin Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate pfd 621 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-403

Waiver request submitted by James Smith, Jr., member of the Village of Bienville Board of Aldermen, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 703 days late.

## **Docket No. 13-404**

Waiver request submitted by Beauty Lege, constable for Vermillion Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 579 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-406

Waiver request submitted by Jarrell Burch, member of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 363 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-407

Waiver request submitted by Marvin Roy, constable for Avoyelles Parish, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 3 days late.

### G58. WAIVER REQUESTS - HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE

### Docket No. 13-393

Waiver request submitted by Dr. James Fontenot, a member of the Mercy Regional Medical Center, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 Hospital Disclosure Statement 14 days late.



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## GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

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## **GS1.** Docket No. 13-240

Advisory opinion regarding whether Edward Parker may accept employment as a water plant operator at the Vivian Town Water/Sewer Plant while his wife, Ashley Parker, serves as the Town book keeper.

#### **GS2.** Docket No. 13-294

Advisory opinion request regarding a potential conflict of interest between Eric Miller a candidate for Kenner City Council and his wife's company Miller Foto of Kenner. LLC.

#### **GS3.** Docket No. 13-419

Advisory opinion regarding whether Mathew Todd, an employee of the

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), may provide asbestos inspections for a local project.

## **Disclosure Reports**

## **GS4.** Docket No. 13-639

Notice of disclosures filed with the Board during the month of April 2013.

## **Regular Business**

# **GS5.** Docket No. LEGISLA

Bills introduced for the 2013 Regular Legislative Session that affect the laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.