

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

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Note: Meetings begin on May 15, 2014 and continue to May 16, 2014.

# **Executive Session**

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

<u>Discussion of charges in executive session regarding Garrick Rose, a former employee of the South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCP&DC), accepting employment with a vendor, Veolia Transportation Services.</u>

<u>Discussion in executive session of the litigation in the Fund for Louisiana's Future v. Louisiana Board of Ethics, et al, United States District Court, Eastern District, Case No. 2:14-cv-00368.</u>

Discussion in executive session of litigation involving EmpowerPAC.

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**GENERAL** 

#### **Appearances**

#### **G1.** Docket No. 12-137

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Troy Cloutier, member of the South Central Planning and Development Board regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 264 days late.

#### **G2.** Docket No. 13-1285

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Terri Brock, a former member of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 319 days late.

### **G3.** Docket No. 13-1306

Reconsideration of an untimely waiver request submitted by Clovis Mathews, member of the Clinton Board of Aldermen (East Feliciana Parish), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 272 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd

### **G4.** Docket No. 13-1567

Advisory opinion regarding whether Yvonne Sudderth may contract with the Division of Administration, Office of Risk Management, to provide consulting services to the Attorney General while her husband, John Sudderth, serves as an Assistant Attorney General.

### **G5.** Docket No. 13-1583

An appearance in connection with a request that the Board reconsider waive the \$250 campaign finance late fee assessed against Don Carmardelle, Jr., a candidate for Councilman, District 1, Jefferson Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

#### **G6.** Docket No. 14-048

Untimely waiver request submitted by Katherine Conklin, a member of the ReNew Schools Charter, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing her 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 14 days late.

#### **G7.** Docket No. 14-106

Waiver request submitted by Oscar "O.P." Goody, a member of the Moreauville Board of Aldermen (Avoyelles Parish), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 174 days late.

### **G8.** Docket No. 14-263

An appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division D, Orleans Parish in the October 19, 2013 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

### **G9.** Docket No. 14-364

Waiver request submitted by Martin L. "Marty" Broussard, the Clerk of Court, 2nd City Court, in Orleans Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2 annual pfd 165 days late.

Consent Agenda, Consent Opinions &
Items Requiring No Board Action

Consent opinion regarding charges filed against a company owned by the spouse of Morehouse General Hospital's Chief Financial Officer, James Albritton, entering into transactions with the Hospital.

### **G11.** Docket No. 12-1892

Consent opinion regarding W.B. McCartney, a member of the LaSalle Economic Development District ("District"), providing compensated services to Justiss Oil at a time when Justiss Oil had a lease agreement with the District.

### **G12.** Docket No. 13-1570

Proposed disqualification plan in relation to an advisory opinion request from the Town of Homer regarding potential Ethics violations by Mayor Alecia Smith. Homer is located in Claiborne Parish.

# **G13.** <u>Docket No. 13-1786</u>

Advisory opinion regarding Curtis Roller, a member of the Ward Four Fire Protection District and District Fire Chief, renting office space from the Ward Four Fire Protection District.

## **G14.** Docket No. 14-167

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Carolyn Slacks, an employee of the Office of Aging Adult Services may provide compensated testimonial services for the legal services she received from an attorney.

### **G15.** Docket No. 14-190

Advisory Opinion Request from Leslie Ellison regarding the acceptance of travel, lodging and meals for a seminar in Israel.

### **G16.** Docket No. 14-198

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the former Chief Electrical Engineer of the Substation Engineering Department for the Lafayette Utility System, Scotty Touchette, for may provide services to a company that does business with the Lafayette Utility System.

# **G17.** Docket No. 14-200

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Kathy Tucker, an assistant with the Desoto Parish Fire District, may continue her employment if her son becomes Fire Chief.

#### **G18.** Docket No. 14-201

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Mr. Aaron Peloquin, an employee of Stine Lumber, may be appointed as a Commissioner of the Iowa Housing Authority at a time when the Iowa Housing Authority has a business relationship with Stine Lumber. Iowa is in Calcasieu Parish.

#### **G19.** Docket No. 14-240

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Elster Smith may proceed in carrying out the job functions of the Marksville Chief of Police, Avoyelles Parish.

#### **G20.** Docket No. 14-242

Advisory opinion request as to whether Nicholas J. Muscarello, Jr. may work as a contract attorney for Tangipahoa Parish Sewer District No. 1 while his father serves as a Tangipahoa Parish Councilman for District No. 5.

# **G21.** Docket No. 14-273

Advisory opinion regarding whether Robert Pell, a former Plans Examiner for the

Vieux Carre' Commission, may perform work on projects as an architect that fall under the jurisdiction of the Vieux Carre' Commission.

# **G22.** Docket No. 14-279

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the City of Marksville from issuing back pay to Mr. Lawrence Bordelon.

#### **G23.** Docket No. 14-280

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to Kimberly McDaniel as a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development.

### **G24.** Docket No. 14-281

Advisory opinion request from Kent Davis, Superintendent of West Carroll Parish Schools, regarding the transfer of a teacher to a school where his wife is the principal.

# **G25.** Docket No. 14-305

Advisory opinion request from Emily Bellaci, Chair of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, regarding donations, grants and gifts of money made to the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.

### **G26.** Docket No. 14-307

Advisory opinion request by former employee of the Vernon Council on Aging, Alida Chance, regarding an employee being promoted to executive director.

## **G27.** Docket No. 14-310

Advisory opinion regarding whether members of the New Orleans Access Television, Inc. Board of Directors are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements.

#### **G28.** Docket No. 14-312

Advisory opinion regarding whether Jason Williams, a newly elected member of the New Orleans City Council, continuing to serve on several organizations' board of directors and representing a person in a wrongful death suit against the City of New Orleans.

# **G29.** Docket No. 14-315

Request for an advisory opinion regarding the future ethics requirements of Donna Washington, representative of Region 3, LAT Workforce Investment Board.

#### **G30.** Docket No. 14-319

Advisory opinion request regarding whether John Sumrall may serve as a Bogalusa City/4th Ward Marshal and a part time probation officer for the Bogalusa City Court.

# **G31.** Docket No. 14-328

Advisory opinion request from LaToya Cantrell, New Orleans City Councilwoman, regarding a question as to the proper use of campaign funds.

### **G32.** Docket No. 14-535

Advisory opinion regarding Compliance EnviroSystems (CES) hiring David Guillory, the former Director of Public Works for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

### **Regular Business**

## G33. Docket No. MINUTES

April 2014 Board Minutes

## G34. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of proposed legislation for the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

## **G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

### Docket No. chart

May 2014 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

### Docket No. 14-264

Request that the Board waive the \$60, \$480 and \$1,680 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael Ned, a candidate for Judge, 14th JDC, Calcasieu Parish in the April 5, 2014 election, whose 2013 Annual Report was filed 1 day late, 10-P Report was filed 8 days late and 30-P Report was filed 28 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-299

In connection with a request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jaylynn Bergeron Turner, a candidate for Assessor, St. Bernard Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2013 Supplemental Report was filed 9 days late

# Docket No. 14-303

In connection with a request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles Gregory "Greg" Terry, a candidate for Assessor, Catahoula Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

## Docket No. 14-304

In connection with a request that the Board waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Woody Koppel, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 6, Orleans Parish in the October 4, 2008 election, whose 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

### Docket No. 14-405

In connection with a request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Albert "A.B." Franklin, a candidate for State Representative, 34th District in the Assessor, Catahoula Parish in a future election, whose 2013 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-406

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Daniel Stretcher, a candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish in the October 4, 2008 election, whose 2013 Supplemental finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-407

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Matt Jones, a candidate for Sheriff, Union Parish in the April 5, 2014 election, whose 30-P finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-408

Waiver request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Ernest Charbonnet, a candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division A, Orleans Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 2013 Supplemental finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

### Docket No. 14-409

Request that the Board waive the \$1,600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lafitte Organization for Voter Education Inc., whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

### Docket No. 14-410

In connection with a request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alex Chapman, a candidate for Judge, City of Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish in a future election, whose 2013 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late.

# G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

## Docket No. CHART

May 2014 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart.

### Docket No. 14-277

Request that the Board waive the \$200 late fee assessed against Jan Moller, for failure to timely file his December 2013 lobbying expenditure report.

## Docket No. 14-430

Request that the Board waive the \$150 and \$50 late fees assessed against Jessica W. Monroe for the late filing of expenditure Reports and the \$850 penalty for the failure to complete 2014 Lobbyist Registration timely.

# G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

### Docket No. waiver

May 2014 PFD Waiver Chart.

### Docket No. 13-1199

Waiver request submitted by Jeffery Slack, a member of the Sarepta Board of Aldermen, Webster Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 307 days late; a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 113 days late; and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 candidate pfd 104 days late.

### Docket No. 14-223

Waiver request submitted by Sybil Richard, a member of the Medical Center of LA Administrative Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2008 amended Tier 2.1 annual pfd 231 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-359

Waiver request submitted by Jeff Kershaw, a member of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 7 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-360

Waiver request submitted by Charles J. Heath, a member of the St. George Fire Protection District (East Baton Rouge), regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

# Docket No. 14-361

Waiver request submitted by Melvin D. Robinson, Sr., a member of the Columbia Town Council in Caldwell Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 539 days late, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 286 days late, and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 168 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-365

Waiver request submitted by Stephen Deval Gremillion, a member of the Bayou Vermillion District, regarding a \$850 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 17 days late.

### Docket No. 14-366

Waiver request submitted by John Oscar Nelson, a member of the Workforce Investment Board SDA-83, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 3 days late.

#### Docket No. 14-367

Waiver request submitted by John King, Lafourche Parish Coroner, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 amended Tier 2 annual pfd 143 days late.

## Docket No. 14-368

Waiver request submitted by Aaron Jordan, a member of the Lake Bullard Improvement District (Orleans Parish), regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 3 days late.

## **G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY**

#### Docket No. 13-813

Untimely waiver request submitted by Chad Carrier, a former Police Chief for the Town of Elton (Jefferson Davis Parish), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 415 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-1159

Untimely waiver request submitted by John Savant, Jr., a member of the Montgomery Town Council, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2009 Tier 3 annual pfd 371 days late.

### **G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

#### Docket No. 13-281

Waiver request submitted by Deborah Alexander, a member of the St. Gabriel City Council, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2009 Tier 2 annual pfd 339 days late; a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 2 annual pfd 339 days late; and a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 2 annual pfd 94 days late.

#### Docket No. 13-967

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Jeffery Scanlan, member of the White Lake Property Advisory Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 116 days late.

# Docket No. 13-1277

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Dr. Ron Taravella, a member of the Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Service Board, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 18 days late.

### Docket No. 13-1370

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Keith C. Johnson, a member of Ringgold Town Council (Bienville Parish), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual pfd 480 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 245 days late.

### Docket No. 13-1371

Reconsideration of an untimely waiver requested submitted by Joseph Jones, member of the Harbor and Terminal District of Morgan City, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 407 days late.

# Docket No. 13-1717

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Lee Arthur Thomas, a former member of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 annual pfd 161 days late and a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 4 days late.

## Docket No. 13-1800

Reconsideration of a waiver request submitted by Irwin Charles Hopkins, a Pointe Coupee Parish Constable, District 2, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 3 pfd 192 days late.



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