



Louisiana Board of Ethics

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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 Melissa Guitreau in Docket No. 2018-1404.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against Kimberly Powell in Docket No. 2019-051.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against James Gibson and Gibson Entities, LLC in Docket No. 2019-796.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 19-1025

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 pdf 250 days late.

G2. Docket No. 20-310

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$2,000, for a total of \$6,000, campaign finance late fees assessed against Gerald Chelette, a candidate for Sheriff, Grant Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 79, 114 and 134 days late, respectively.

G3. Docket No. 20-708

Advisory Opinion Request of Thomas S. Schneidau, Slidell City Attorney, regarding the privatization of the Slidell water and wastewater services and facilities.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G4. Docket No. CHART

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

G5. Docket No. 20-586

Advisory Opinion request from L.J. Brady, a retired Assistant Director of Wastewater with St. Charles Parish (pop. 52,812) relative to post employment restrictions.

G6. Docket No. 20-619

Advisory Opinion Request from Michelle L. Ludwigsen, former Parenting Coordinator for the 22nd JDC Family Court - Division K, regarding post-employment restrictions.

G7. Docket No. 20-632

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Doreen O. Brasseaux of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana ("ACECL"), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit public servants from accepting an invitation from the ACECL to attend the Excellence Awards banquet and receiving their award.

G8. Docket No. 20-674

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Christopher P. Guerin, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from continuing to provide CPA services to the 18th JDC Public Defender's Office and Port City Enterprises, Inc., while he serves as the Assessor for West Baton Rouge Parish beginning on January 1, 2021.

G9. Docket No. 20-687

A Request for an Advisory Opinion by Rose M. Jackson, regarding Louisiana Open Meeting Laws.

G10. Docket No. 20-696

Advisory Opinion Request from Scott Wilson, President of the City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council, regarding the awarding of a contract to Kevin Newman, a reserve officer with the East Baton Rouge Parish Police Department.

G11. Docket No. 20-703

Advisory Opinion Request of Barbara Albert, an employee of Belle Chasse Middle School in Plaquemines Parish, regarding her business, LegalShield and IDShield.

- G12. Docket No. 20-706**
Advisory Opinion Request of Kaelysia Cooper, a Talent Development Consultant Specialist in State Civil Service, regarding her professional coaching business.

Regular Business

- G13. Docket No. MINUTES**
October 2020 Board Minutes
- G14. Docket No. 15-1151**
Consent Opinion involving David W. Romano concerning his violation of La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) and ABC Caster Company, Inc. for its violation of La. R.S. 42:1117.
- G15. Docket No. 17-1308**
Consent Order regarding Gwen Jackson, former Executive Director of the Housing Authority for the Village of Fenton (Pop. 379) in Jeff Davis Parish.
- G16. Docket No. 18-154**
Consent Opinion relative to Kimberly King, a former employee of the Ruston Housing Authority, writing checks to herself and claiming extra overtime.
- G17. Docket No. 20-616**
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Wade Rouse, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the McNeese State University Foundation ("Foundation") from hiring Richard H. Reid (the former Vice President for University Advancement and current Senior Assistant to the University President) once he retires from McNeese State University ("McNeese").
- G18. Docket No. 20-704**
Advisory Opinion Request on behalf of Calcasieu Parish District Attorney John DeRosier regarding the reimbursement of fundraising tickets.
- G19. Docket No. 20-707**
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Thomas S. Schneidau (the City Attorney for Slidell), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the City of Slidell, through the Slidell Police Department ("SPD"), from placing retired K9 officers with their SPD handler or other sufficiently trained law enforcement employees of the SPD.

G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver
November 2020 CF Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-638
Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Scott Discon, a candidate for Council Member, District III, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-639
Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Citizens for Cutting the Crap Out of Politics, a political committee, its committee's chairperson, Dan Shapiro, and treasurer, Melodie Johnson, for the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was

filed 60 days late.

Docket No. 20-640

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Maurice "Scooter" Keen, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, Livingston Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 104 days late.

Docket No. 20-641

Request that the Board waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randy Armentor, a candidate for Police Juror, District 10, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 20-642

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Roger Duncan, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilman, District 10, Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-643

Request that the Board waive each of the two \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Phillip D. "David" Ridder, Jr, a candidate for Councilman, District 4, Tangipahoa Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 69 and 215 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-645

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles "Charlie" Schrupf, a candidate for Judge, City Court, City of Sulphur, Calcaieu Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-647

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shawon Bernard, a candidate for BESE, District 2, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-650

Request that the Board waive a \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robbins Graham, a candidate for Judge, 1st City Court, Section B, Orleans Parish, his committee's chairperson, Brenda Harris, co-chairperson, Claudette Madere, and treasurer, Kim Madere Graham, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 214 days late.

Docket No. 20-651

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Melissa Gueldner, a candidate for Council Member, District A, City of Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-652

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against John L. "Jay" Dardenne, Jr., a candidate for Governor in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was 6 days late.

Docket No. 20-653

Request that the Board waive the \$360 and \$280 campaign finance late fees assessed against Charles "Chuck" Lamarche, a candidate for Council Member, District 9, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019, election, whose Special and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 7 days late.

Docket No. 20-654

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joseph "Joe" Fertitta, a candidate for Lafourche Parish President in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 20-656

Request that the Board waive a \$600 and \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Biaster Hewitt George, a candidate for East Carroll Parish Assessor, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 11 and 5 days late, respectively.

G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 20-637

Request to waive the \$450 late fee assessed against Alecia Sistrunk for the late filing of the June 2020 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. waiver

November 2020 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-658

Waiver request submitted by Robert Van Westmoreland, former member of the Central Louisiana Human Service District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 378 days late.

Docket No. 20-660

Waiver request submitted by Byron C. Williams, former member of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 322 days late.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELYDocket No. 20-591

Untimely waiver request submitted by Kevin Ross on behalf of his father, Charles Ross, a former member of the St. Landry Parish School Board, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2018 Tier 2 PFD; and, untimely request to reconsider the reassessment of a \$1300 late fee arising out of his late filing of his 2016 Tier 2 PFD 13 days late that was previously suspend in full based on future compliance.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 20-409

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Robin Parker, a candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 PFD 103 days late.

Docket No. 20-415

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1,050, based on

future compliance, of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Earl Graves, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #7, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 PFD 331 days late.



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GS1. Docket No. EABSELC

Appearance by Emalie A. Boyce, Director of the Division of Administrative Law, to select an administrative law judge to serve as an alternate on the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.