



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
NOVEMBER 4, 2021
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on November 4, 2021 and continue to November 5, 2021.

Executive Session

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

Discussion of charges against Brian Pope in Docket No. 2017-1404.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 20-861

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ernest A. Burguieres, III, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

G2. Docket No. 21-127

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donald R. Dobbins, an

unsuccessful candidate for City Judge, City Court, Division C, City of Baton Rouge, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose EDE-P Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 224 days late.

G3. Docket No. 21-274

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Steven Marcus, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Town of Madisonville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

G4. Docket No. 21-281

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bob Fisher, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 6, St. Charles Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 35 days late.

G5. Docket No. 21-435

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Clara Day, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 5, Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

G6. Docket No. 21-496

Waiver request submitted by Verna C. "Teta" Smith, Jean Lafitte Town Council (Pop. 1,903) / Jefferson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 1655 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent November 2021 Agenda.

G8. Docket No. 21-675

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether members of the Louisiana Water Resources Commission are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements.

G9. Docket No. 21-718

Request for an advisory opinion from Eleanor Burke, Deputy Director of New Orleans and Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission ("HDLC"), on behalf of HDLC and its employee Gabrielle LeBlanc, as to whether a building inspector employed by HDLC may be employed as a private home inspector for a third-party employer.

G10. Docket No. 21-720

Request for an advisory opinion, submitted by attorneys Ethan P. Arbuckle and Rhys E. Burgess, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit them from entering into an agreement with Sevy Title, LLC to provide loan closing and title services.

G11. Docket No. 21-739

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether there are any conflicts of interest in connection with a nonprofit organization that honors the late son of Iberia Parish School Board Member Raymond "Shoe Do" Lewis.

G12. Docket No. 21-762

Request for an advisory opinion from Dr. Latricia Kyle as to whether she may

enter into the purchase of property from a governing authority of which her biological brother is a member.

- G13.** Docket No. 21-786
Request for an advisory opinion from Sgt. M. Laz Wilson, a Digital Evidence Custodian with the Baton Rouge Police Department, relative to post-employment restrictions under the Code of Ethics.
- G14.** Docket No. 21-787
Request for an advisory opinion from Ben Westerburg, a West Monroe Alderman, regarding whether he may remain employed as a Disc Jockey for K-104 KJLO Radio while a candidate for re-election.
- G15.** Docket No. 21-874
Request for an advisory opinion from Ernest Garrett III, on behalf of the Board of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, as to whether members of the board may receive services from the Commission.

Disclosure Reports

- G16.** Docket No. 21-558
PFD Answer regarding whether members of the Poverty Point Reservoir District are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

Regular Business

- G17.** Docket No. MINUTES
October 2021 Board Minutes
- G18.** Docket No. 08-747
Consent opinion involving charges against New Orleans Affordable Homeownership Corp., (NOAH) Executive Director Stacey Jackson.
- G19.** Docket No. 19-1077
Consent Opinions executed by Destin Ortego, Director of Opportunity Machine, and Scott Huber, owner of Accolades IT Consultants, relative to violations of La. R.S. 42:1111C(2)(d) and La. R.S. 42:1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.
- G20.** Docket No. 20-514
Consent Opinion executed by Pamela Roberts, former Secretary/Treasurer of the Washington Parish Volunteer Fire Department District 1, concerning her violation of La. R.S. 42:1111A(1)(a) of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.
- G21.** Docket No. 20-720
Consent Opinion regarding Everette Johnson's violation of post-employment provisions with the Jonesboro Housing Authority.
- G22.** Docket No. 21-074
Consent opinion regarding the employment of Deseree Wallace and Darrius Wallace with the Calcasieu Parish School Board while their father, Desmond Wallace serves as a member of the school board.
- G23.** Docket No. 21-075
Consent opinion regarding the employment of Rebecca Smith Sanders with the Calcasieu Parish School Board while her father, Alvin Smith, serves as a member of the school board.

- G24.** Docket No. 21-352
A Request for Reconsideration of an Advisory Opinion, submitted by John C. Hopewell, III (City Attorney for the City of Zachary), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit his law firm from subleasing an office to a third party contractor of the City of Zachary while he is the City Attorney for the City of Zachary.
- G25.** Docket No. 21-711
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent Araminta Rainey, an employee of the Terrebonne Parish Department of Housing and Human Services, from enrolling her son in the head start program.
- G26.** Docket No. 21-721
Advisory Opinion request from Kevin A. Caillouet, on behalf of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District, as to whether St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District and its employees may receive certain royalties related to a device created by such employees.
- G27.** Docket No. RULE
Discuss promulgating a rule to allow for the acceptance of electronic signatures on reports filed with the Louisiana Board of Ethics.
- G28.** Docket No. RULE
Consideration of a proposed rule concerning the enforcement of suspended late fees.
- G29.** Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of suggestions for legislation for the 2022 Legislative Session.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

November 2021 CF Waiver Request Chart.

Docket No. 21-460

Request that the Board waive each of the \$80, \$280 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jason Landry, a successful candidate for Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward B, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 2, 7 and 11 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-520

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against R. C. "Chris" Nevils, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 8th Judicial District Court, Winn Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-613

Request that the Board waive \$540 and \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against Derrick Earles, a successful candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-614

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Laura Humble Culpepper, successful candidate for Clerk of Court, Jackson Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign

finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-615

Request that the Board waive a \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed against Andrea Cosey, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 10, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 21-616

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Troy Guitreau, an unsuccessful candidate for Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 43 days late.

Docket No. 21-617

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against April D. Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 2, Jefferson Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-618

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed Marcus DeLarge, a successful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K, Orleans Parish, his committee's chairperson, Sean A. Blondell, and treasurer, Krystal Ancar, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-619

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed Antoinette Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 5, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-621

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chasity Berthelot Easley, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 2, Iberville Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-622

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Emma Luster Shepard, an unsuccessful candidate for BESE, District 4, in the March 20, 2021 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-625

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a successful candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division A, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late.

Docket No. 21-626

Request that the Board waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chance Henry, a successful candidate for Police Juror, District 3, Acadia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 21-627

Request that the Board waive a \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Northwest LA Common Sense Fund, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Ashley Van Earl, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-628

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against La State Pelican PAC, LLC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, and treasurer, Thomas C. Delahaye, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 112 days late.

Docket No. 21-756

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Royce Duplessis, a candidate for State Representative, 93rd Representative District in a future election, and his committee's chairperson, Hedy Duplessis, and treasurer, Ashton M. Jackson, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 57 days late.

Docket No. 21-757

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jonathan M. Snyder, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 11, EBR Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 65 days late.

Docket No. 21-758

Request that the Board waive \$720 and \$500 campaign finance late fees assessed against Rodney D. Miller, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, Town of Livingston, Livingston Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 18 and 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-759

Request that the Board waive a \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Derrick Edwards, an unsuccessful candidate for Treasurer in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. WaiChar

November 2021 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart and Guidelines

Docket No. 21-774

Request to waive the \$1,100 late fee assessed against Carol Stewart for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbying Registration Report.

Docket No. 21-784

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Eric Peterson for the late filing of the June 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 21-785

Request to waive the \$700 late fee assessed against Robert Morgan for the late filing of the June 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 21-688

Waiver request submitted by Mickel "Mike" Wilson, candidate for the Board of

Aldermen / Town of Chatham (Pop. 557) / Jackson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 candidate pfd 311 days late.

G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 21-732

Waiver request submitted by Carolyn Cromer, the daughter of George Cromer, the Mayor of Slidell, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 La. R.S. 42:1114 Public Servant Financial Disclosure Statement 39 days late.

G34. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 21-209

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$500 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance submitted by Christine Bailey, former member of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority, for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 372 days late.

Docket No. 21-378

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Pammela Lattier, a successful candidate for City Judge, City Court, Election Dist. 2, Div. C, City of Shreveport, Bossier Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-508

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$1,000 of a \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance submitted by Rebecca Lynn Cook, Cheneyville Board of Aldermen (Pop. 625) / Rapides Parish, for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 242 days late.