

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

# LaSalle Building First Floor - Griffon Room OCTOBER 17, 2019 2:30 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on October 17, 2019 and continue to October 18, 2019.

# **Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session in Docket Nos. 2009-807, 2010-190 and 2011-247 regarding charges issued against Robert Marionneaux.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Victoria Vaughn Simmons in Docket No. 2015-885.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Courtney Magee in Docket No. 2019-023.

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# GENERAL

# Appearances

**G1.** Docket No. 19-355

Request that the Board waive the \$2,800, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$3,000, \$3,000, \$885, and \$3,000 (\$17,685) campaign finance late fees assessed against the

New Orleans East Leadership, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Dwight Jarrett, and treasurer, Clarence Bickham, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special reports were 14, 10 and 33 days late; EDE-P, 10-G, EDE-G and 40-G reports were filed 35, 23, 115 and 84 days late, respectively.

## G2. Docket No. 19-639

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jason Verdigets, a candidate for District Judge, 23rd Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. A, Ascension Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 82 days late.

## **G3.** Docket No. 19-830

Request that the Board waive the \$3,00 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against St. Tammany DPEC PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Sean Morrison, and treasurer, Marie Wade, whose January and May 2019 Monthly campaign finance reports were filed 55 and 16 days late, respectively.

## G4. Docket No. 19-996

Waiver request submitted by Kevin Brannigan Doran, with the Madisonville Town Council, St. Tammany (Pop. 748), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 92 days late.

## **G5.** Docket No. 19-1106

Waiver request submitted by Lynn Alline, a former member of the Twin Brook Security District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD 139 days late and failing to file her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 PFD.

# **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

# G6. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent October 2019 Agenda.

# G7. Docket No. 19-760

Advisory opinion request from Tobias Mroch regarding whether or not his company may contract or subcontract to provide services to his former employer, LSU.

## G8. Docket No. 19-820

Advisory opinion regarding whether advisory members of the First Planning District Workforce Development Board are required to file Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1 and take the annual Ethics training pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1170.

# G9. Docket No. 19-873

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Atty. Edward M. Leonard, Jr., concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit his client from serving as a councilman on the Morgan City Council when members of his family lease property to a company that does business with Morgan City.

## G10. Docket No. 19-875

Advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Greg Jones and his company, Sandlot Sports Network, from receiving compensation in connection with internet coverage of local events.

## **G11.** Docket No. 19-876

Advisory Opinion request from Dr. MayBelle N. Trahan, member of Terrebonne Parish School Board, regarding her possible appointment to the Terrebonne Parish Library Board.

## G12. Docket No. 19-877

Withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Atty. Bruce M. Danner, regarding selling his building to the Town of Madisonville as the Town Attorney.

## G13. Docket No. 19-883

Advisory Opinion request from Kevin Belanger, Chief Executive Officer of the South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC), regarding board member and employee participation in a federal grant program administered by the agency.

## G14. Docket No. 19-884

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Jessica Thibodeaux, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the continued employment of her husband, Hodge Thibodeaux, at Assumption High School after she was named the principal on July 1, 2019.

## G15. Docket No. 19-885

Advisory Opinion request regarding the need for board members, staff, and volunteers of the Regional Military Museum Foundation, Inc., to complete annual ethics training.

## G16. Docket No. 19-886

Advisory Opinion request from Michael Clabro on behalf of the Assumption Parish School Board whether the spouse of a school principal can be hired as an athletic coach.

# G17. Docket No. 19-888

Request for advisory opinion from Michah Moscovis, Chair of the Acadiana Area Human Services District, relative to whether it is an ethics violation for two of its board members to also be employed by the Louisiana Department of Health.

## G18. Docket No. 19-889

Advisory Opinion request from Debbie Villio, State Representative-elect for District 79, as to a professional services agreement with the La. Attorney General.

# G19. Docket No. 19-890

Advisory opinion request as to whether Tara Zito Dugas may contract or be hired to provide paraprofessional services at Rougon Elementary School while her sister, Marcie Cazayoux, serves as the principal of Rougon Elementary School.

## G20. Docket No. 19-905

Advisory Opinion request from Gonzales Middle School (Ascension Parish) teacher Carla Babin regarding ordering shirts for her students.

# G21. Docket No. 19-907

Advisory opinion request as to whether Bonnie Duhon would be prohibited from continuing to serve as a member of the board for the St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District 3 (District), if her husband is elected as a member of the St. Mary Parish Council in the October 12, 2019 election.

## G22. Docket No. 19-909

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by Jena Garrison, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit siblings from being employed in a public school setting.

**G23.** <u>Docket No. 19-1091</u>

Advisory Opinion request from Johnny Ray Carpenter, Chief of Police, City of Winnfield regarding the hiring of Angie Curry.

G24. Docket No. 19-1107

Advisory opinion request from Senator Gerald Long concerning the postemployment restrictions that apply after his term of office ends.

## **Regular Business**

- G25. <u>Docket No. MINUTES</u> September 2019 Board Minutes
- G26. Docket No. 15-885

Consent opinion concerning Project Celebration regarding payments it made to employees of Northwestern State University that they were not entitled to receive.

G27. Docket No. 15-1038

Consent opinion regarding Amanda Monnerjahn, a former employee of the Kenner Volunteer Fire Company, who used funds from her agency for her personal use.

G28. Docket No. 16-406

Consent opinion regarding Roy Austin d/b/a Austin Sales and Service, Inc. receiving compensation for private security services that were not actually performed, at a time when Mr. Austin was employed with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office.

## G29. Docket No. 18-195

Consent Opinion regarding Irma Farfan-Cobb as the Chair of World Languages Program at Southern University hiring her daughter, Carolina Cobb Delgado to teach Spanish at Southern University.

# G30. Docket No. 18-941

Consent opinion regarding the Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 purchasing fuel for its aircraft from Riceland Aviation, a company owned by one of its commissioners, Dwayne Bebee.

# G31. Docket No. 18-1406

Consent Order regarding Joseph and Charlotte Prothro in connection with prohibited participation in transactions involving the Natchitoches Parish Fire District No. 1.

# **G32.** Docket No. 19-157

Consent opinion regarding the Chairman of the Livingston Council on Aging, Inc. involving the purchase of property bought by the Livingston Council on Aging, Inc.

# G33. Docket No. 19-887

Advisory opinion request submitted by Antonio Ferachi, General Counsel 1 for the Louisiana Department of Revenue, regarding his displaying artwork at a gallery owned by an attorney that has a contract with the Louisiana Department of Revenue to provide legal services.

G34. Docket No. CALENDR

2020 Proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics

## G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

#### Docket No. chart

October 2019 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 19-076

Request that the Board waive \$320 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Fitzgerald Darbone, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 2, Calcasieu Parish in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 170 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 19-624

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against LeVette Fuller, a candidate for Council, District B, City of Shreveport, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 97 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-737

Request that the Board waive two (2) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Wallace K. "Wally" Porter, in his capacity as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 1, St. Tammany Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, whose 10-G and 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 406 & 103 days late, respectively.

#### Docket No. 19-774

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against ABC Merit PAC, political action committee, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Philip Rebowe, whose December 2018 Monthly Report campaign finance report was filed 1 day late.

#### Docket No. 19-878

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Glenn Cornell, a candidate for Caddo Parish Sheriff in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-879

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against PACE Group of Gonzales, PAC, Ascension Parish, its committee's cochairperson, Marie Broussard, and treasurer/co-chairperson, Neal Bourque, whose May 2019 Monthly campaign finance report was filed 1 day late.

#### Docket No. 19-880

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kim Stringfellow, a candidate for Alderman, Ward 1, Division B, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, in the November 6, 2018, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 61 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-881

Request that the Board waive a \$40 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ronald W. "Ronnie" Grace, a candidate for Council Member, City of St. Gabriel, Iberville Parish, in the March 30, 2019, election, whose Special and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 29 days late, respectively.

# G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

<u>Docket No. waiver</u> October 2019 PFD Waiver Chart

#### Docket No. 19-891

Waiver request submitted by Bradley Ryan Louque, with the St. James Parish Council, District 3, St. James, regarding a \$1350 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 27 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-906

Waiver request submitted by Cindy Langton Manasco, Assessor, Sabine Parish, regarding a \$1100.00 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 11 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-908

Waiver request submitted by Clifford Leslie "Kip" Holloway, with the Louisiana Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 55 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-991

Waiver request submitted by Alicia D. Caesar, with the Outreach Community Development Corporation, regarding a \$1500.00 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 31 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-992

Waiver request submitted by David Wayne Anthony, with the Washington Parish Council, District 7, regarding a \$2500.00 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 188 days late.

#### Docket No. 19-993

Waiver request submitted by Cynthia Poindexter Barkschat, with the Oil City Board of Alderman, District 4, Caddo Parish (Pop. 1,008), regarding a \$650.00 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier3 annual pfd 13 days late.

## Docket No. 19-994

Waiver request submitted by Erica McGeachy Crenshaw, with the Louisiana Key Academy, regarding a \$200.00 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 4 days late.

## Docket No. 19-995

Waiver request submitted by Joseph W. Lockett Sr., City Marshal, City Court, City of Oakdale, Allen Parish (Pop. 7,780), regarding a \$2500.00 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 annual pfd 357 days late.