

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.

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding the charges against Robert Allen in Docket No. 2014-1202.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of EAB charges pending against Gwen Jackson in Docket No. 2017-1308.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of Charges issued against (1) Ron Bourgeois and REECO Rental & Supply; and (2) Ronnie Chiasson and Sunbelt Fire Inc. in Docket No. 2018-757.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session relative to charges files against Stefanie Ashford in Docket No. 2018-1506.</u>

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GENERAL

G1. Docket No. CHART

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

G2. Docket No. 20-542

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Kerry Hill from serving as alderman for the Town of Farmerville under four different circumstances. Farmerville is in Union Parish and has a population of 3,717.

G3. Docket No. 20-568

Request for an advisory opinion from Shane Davis, Mayor of the Village of Dry Prong (pop. 436), relative to improvements and maintenance of public streets in a subdivision developed by Billy Chandler, a former alderman for the Village of Dry Prong.

G4. Docket No. 20-569

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dr. Tim Tregle, a paid employee of St. Mary Parish, may be appointed to serve on the St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 2A.

G5. Docket No. 20-570

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Tanya Wood, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit deputy sheriffs from patronizing Perfect Stitches embroidery shop after Sheriff Mark Wood was elected as Rapides Parish Sheriff.

G6. Docket No. 20-572

Advisory Opinion request from Leigh Lissard, Lafayette Parish public school teacher, regarding outside compensation for work as an Amazon Affiliate and sales of crafts to co-workers.

G7. Docket No. 20-581

Advisory Opinion request of Daffaney J. Webster, a registered nurse with LDH, regarding her non-profit organization, Reflection of the Green Leaf Project, receiving a grant from the East Baton Rouge Consolidated Government.

G8. Docket No. 20-582

Advisory Opinion request from Heidi Parker Martin with the Iberia Parish Republican Executive Committee.

G9. Docket No. 20-583

Advisory Opinion request from Stephanie Finley, Town Clerk of Tullos, regarding the ability of the town to hire the mayor's husband's sister as assistant Town Clerk.

G10. Docket No. 20-584

Advisory Opinion request of Kara B. Callender with the Jena Police Department regarding the hiring of Jared Richardson.

G11. Docket No. 20-585

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. David M. Borne, MD, MACP, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from accepting the invitation to become a board member of the National American College of Physicians Political Action Committee.

G12. Docket No. 20-589

Advisory Opinion request from Ronald Coleman regarding general questions

about dual office holding laws.

G13. Docket No. 20-590

Request for an advisory opinion from Neil H. Johnson, relative to whether the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport (pop.199,311) can draft a statement of support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

G14. Docket No. 20-599

Advisory Opinion Request by Vivian Haley Williams, on behalf of Dr. Courtney Phillips, Secretary, La. Department of Health, and Rodney Anthony, Statewide Program Manager, within the Office of the Secretary regarding Mr. Anthony's academic internship.

G15. Docket No. 20-613

Advisory Opinion Request from Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President of the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission, regarding its ability to conduct a raffle fundraiser.

G16. Docket No. 20-614

Advisory Opinion Request from Jeffery B. Carmouche, regarding his candidacy for Marksville City Marshal while being employed by the Rapides Soil and Water Conservation District.

G17. Docket No. 20-615

Request for an advisory opinion from Ascension Parish Councilman, Corey Orgeron, as to whether his wife can be appointed to the Ascension Parish Library Board. Ascension Parish has a population of 107,215.

Regular Business

G18. Docket No. MINUTES

September 2020 Board Minutes

G19. Docket No. 14-888

Consent opinion regarding, former St. Tammany District Attorney, Walter Reed's violation of Sections 1111A and 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics by providing prohibited legal services to the St. Tammany Hospital District.

G20. Docket No. 18-963

Consent order regarding Reagan Currence, Town Clerk for the Town of Haughton (Pop. 3,454) in Bossier Parish.

G21. Docket No. CFFORM

Review of proposed changes to the campaign finance disclosure reporting forms based on legislation enacted during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

G22. Docket No. CALENDR

2021 Proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. Waiver

October 2020 CF Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-305

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Communications Workers of America, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Christopher Shelton, and treasurer, Sara Steffens,

whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 4 days late

Docket No. 20-377

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000, \$400, \$400 and \$704 campaign finance late fees assessed against Darwin Bradley "Brad" Adams, a candidate for Police Juror, District 5B, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 173, 153, 118 and 39 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-393

Request that the Board waive three (3) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed Monique Lafontaine, a candidate for Judge /1st Parish Court, Division B, in the November 4, 2014 election, and her committee's chairperson, Paul Simmons, whose 2015, 2017 and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. Waiver

October 2020 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-592

Waiver request submitted by Andrea Germaine King, Welsh Board of Aldermen/Welsh (Pop. 3226)/Jefferson Davis Parish, regarding a \$50 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 20-593

Waiver request submitted by Christopher M. "Chris" Davis, Denham Springs City Council (Pop. 10,215)/District 4/Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 Annual PFD 211 days late.

Docket No. 20-594

Waiver request submitted by Perry Corrice Catchings, Hammond Area Economic and Industrial Development Board, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 5 days late.

Docket No. 20-601

Waiver request submitted by Cheryl Maria (Turner) Richoux, South Central Louisiana Human Service Authority, regarding a \$1,400 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 28 days late.

Docket No. 20-602

Waiver request submitted by Gerrin John Narcisse, Lacombe Recreation District #4, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 149 days late.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 18-1300

Request to rescind a reassessment of a suspended \$1500 late fee assessed against Clarence H. Nichols, former member of the Hammond Historic District Commission, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 113 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 19-1024

Request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$1000 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Leon Boudreaux, Constable/District 8/ St. Landry, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 301 days late.

Docket No. 20-019

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Sarah Ann Reliford, with the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 1056), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 49 days late.



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Appearances

GS1. <u>Docket No. 20-697</u>

Advisory Opinion Request of Anthony V. Ligi, Jr, Executive Counsel for the La. Department of Treasury, regarding employees applying for funds through the La. Main Street Recovery Program.