

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building First Floor - Griffon Room SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 2:30 PM 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on September 14, 2017 and continue to September 15, 2017.

Executive Session

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

Discussion of charges filed against Stacey Jackson, Hall & Hall Enterprises, LLC, Richard Hall, Jr., Trellis Smith and Parish-Dubuclet Services in Docket No. 2008-747.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Mike Crawford and Chris Kaiser in Docket No. 2014-1419.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Glenn LeBlanc in Docket No. 2015-1040.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 17-080

Request that the Board waive the \$400 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Quentin "Jude" Desormeaux, in his capacity as a candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of New Iberia, Iberia Parish (Pop. 30,617), in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 39 and 9 days late, respectively.

G2. Docket No. 17-248

Request that the Board waive three \$2,000 (\$6,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against Daniel Causey, II, as a candidate for Councilman, Metro District 7/East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 115, 95 and 65 days late, respectively.

G3. Docket No. 17-422

Request that the Board waive the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Representative Barbara Norton, a candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late.

G4. Docket No. 17-601

Appearance related to a reconsideration of an untimely request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Christopher Tyson, in his capacity as a candidate for Secretary of State in the October 24, 2015 election election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 65 days late.

G5. Docket No. 17-772

Waiver request submitted by Carolyn Keating Schexnaydre, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council- Division A, Member at large, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2 annual pfd 92 days late.

G6. Docket No. 17-774

PFD answer submitted by Wysinger Cleveland, a member of the Richwood Board of Aldermen, Ouachita Parish (population of 3,392), in response to a NOD requesting he amend his 2016 Tier 3 Annual PFD.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent September 2017 Agenda.

G8. Docket No. 16-1166

Request to withdraw an advisory opinion request as to whether Walter G. Kirkland may continue to provide surveying services after he is sworn in as the elected Assessor for Jackson Parish.

G9. Docket No. 17-031

Advisory Opinion request regarding Richard Castille, an employee of the Department of Community Development with the Lafayette Consolidated Government, participating in the agency's Rehab Program.

G10. Docket No. 17-042

Advisory opinion request as to whether Camille A. "Cam" Morvant, II, the District Attorney for the Parish of Lafourche, may use campaign funds to pay for attendance, lodging and per diems to attend local and out of state continuing legal education seminars.

G11. Docket No. 17-235

Request for approval of disclosure plan by Gene Glascock, Mayor of the Town of Albany (Pop. = 1,088; Livingston Parish), regarding the Town's use of Bankston Auto Parts & Fuel, which is owned by the brother of Councilwoman Kimberly Stewart .

G12. Docket No. 17-735

Advisory opinion request by Ralph Alexis, III, on behalf of Third District Volunteer Fire Department (Jefferson Parish) regarding whether the Department can use funds in its private bank account to pay expenses in connection with a mailer opposing a proposition.

G13. Docket No. 17-736

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Southern University employee, Ellen McKnight and/or her business, the Maxine Firm, from participating in nutrition education.

G14. Docket No. 17-758

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Kirk Peshoff may apply for employment with the Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District No.1 when his wife, Tammy Peshoff, recently resigned from the Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District No. 1 Board.

G15. Docket No. 17-759

Advisory opinion request relative to the Louisiana Public Records Law.

G16. Docket No. 17-764

Advisory Opinion request concerning the child of Brandalyn Hart, an employee of the Jefferson Parish Community Action Head Start Program, participating in the program.

G17. Docket No. 17-766

Advisory Opinion request from Bossier Parish Engineer, Joe Ford, Jr., regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit him from being employed by Beast Engineering, LLC after he retires.

G18. Docket No. 17-767

Advisory opinion request by Vickie Briscoe, Town Clerk for the Town of Basile, regarding whether employees of the Town of Basile's Street Department can work on personal property clearing out gullies and/or ditches without charging the residents that own these properties for this service.

G19. Docket No. 17-768

Request for approval of disqualification plan relative to Samuel Cooper, Jr. and Samuel Cooper, III who are employed with the Department of Transportation and Development.

G20. Docket No. 17-769

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Phyllis Robinson from continuing to work in the Town of Lake Arthur since her brother, Auldon Robinson, was elected to the Town Council. The Town of Lake Arthur has a population of 2,738.

G21. Docket No. 17-770

Advisory opinion as to whether Brian Adams may continue to be the Director of District and School Partnerships for the South Louisiana Region for Teach for America, Inc., if he is elected to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board in the October 2017 election.

G22. Docket No. 17-780

Advisory Opinion Request as to whether the appointment of J. Ruth Kennedy to the Board of Directors of Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum would violate La. R.S. 42:1121 as a result of her recent retirement from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

G23. Docket No. 17-781

Advisory opinion request by Michael Naquin regarding whether he would be prohibited from continuing to serve as treasurer of the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department if he were elected to the Thibodaux City Council.

G24. <u>Docket No. 17-782</u>

Advisory Opinion request regarding the West Baton Rouge Museum nepotism policy.

G25. Docket No. 17-864

Advisory Opinion request regarding Public Service Commissioner Mike Francis.

G26. <u>Docket No. 17-865</u>

Advisory opinion regarding Guy P. Murray's potential appointment as Director of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Preparedness for Concordia Parish by the Concordia Parish Police Jury President.

G27. Docket No. 17-869

Advisory opinion request whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Nancy Kimble's business from purchasing a tract of land within the City limits of Walker while she serves as the Walker City Building Official.

G28. Docket No. 17-887

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit CSRS, Inc. (CSRS) from responding to the Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Master Planning and Program Development for the Isle de Jean Charles Phase 2 and whether the Code would prohibit CSRS, Inc. from responding as a subcontractor on an RFP issued by ODC for Disaster Grant Management Services.

Disclosure Reports

G29. Docket No. 17-788

PFD Answer submitted by Chalin Perez, Jr., a member of the Louisiana Transportation Authority, in response to a NOD requesting he file a 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD.

Regular Business

G30. Docket No. MINUTES August 2017 Board Minutes

G31. Docket No. 12-1300 Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional

penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate for State Representative in the May 1, 2010 election, who failed to file a 2011 Supplemental Report by February 15, 2012.

G32. Docket No. 12-1301

Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate

for for Mayor, City of New Orleans, in the February 6, 2010 election, who failed to file a 2011 Supplemental Report which was due by February 15, 2012.

G33. Docket No. 13-776

Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate for New Orleans Mayor in the February 6, 2010 election who failed to file his 2012 supplemental campaign report on February 15, 2013.

G34. Docket No. 13-777

Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate for 93rd District State Representative in the May 1, 2010 election who failed to file his 2012 supplemental campaign report on February 15, 2013.

G35. <u>Docket No. 14-496</u>

Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate for Mayor, Orleans Parish in the February 6, 2010 election, who failed to file a 2013 Supplemental Report by February 15, 2014.

G36. Docket No. 14-497

Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order regarding the assessment of additional penalties under La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) against James Perry, a candidate for State Representative in the May 1, 2010 election, who failed to file a 2013 Supplemental Report by February 15, 2014.

G37. Docket No. 16-532

Consent Opinion signed by William Talton regarding his post-employment violation which occurred after he retired from the Property Management Section of the City of Shreveport Government.

G38. Docket No. 16-946

Consent Order regarding the employment of Gene Crain as the Executive Director of the East Ouachita Recreational District No.1 within two years of the termination of his service on the Recreational District Board of Commissioners.

G39. Docket No. 17-156

Advisory Opinion reconsideration request of Richie Broomfield, Mayor, Village of Dodson (Pop. = 337; Winn Parish)

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

September 2017 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-114

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against the Jefferson Chamber PAC, Inc., a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Michael Palamone, and treasurer, Philip W. Rebowe, whose 40-G monthly report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 17-158

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Laurence J. Ritter, as a person participating in the April 29, 2017 proposition election, whose 40-E Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 17-495

Request that the Board waive the \$602 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lennon "Butch" Whitney, in his capacity as a candidate for Alderman, District D, Town of Delhi in Richland Parish (Pop. 2,919), in the March 25, 2017 election, for the late filing of his 30-P and 10-P campaign finance reports which were filed 32 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-542

Request that the Board waive two \$2,000 (\$4,000) campaign finance late fees assessed against Walter A. "Walt" Bennetti, in his capacity as a candidate for Mayor / Cityof Kenner, Jefferson Parish (Pop. 66,702), in the April 5, 2014 election, whose 2015 Supplemental and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed.

Docket No. 17-568

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against ABC Merit PAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Philip W. Rebowe, and treasurer, Angela M.Latino-Geir, for the March 2017 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report, which was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 17-596

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lea Desmarteau, a candidate for Parish Commission Member, District 8, Caddo Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. WaiChar

September 2017 Lobbying Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-779

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Michael Willis for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report.

Docket No. 17-831

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against John R. Kyte for the late filing of the May 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 17-861

Request to waive the \$100 late fee assessed against Niko Imbraguglio for the late filing of the May 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 17-862

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Vincent Zebeau, Jr. for the late filing of the June 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 17-863

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Andrew Baer for the late filing of the June 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G42. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

September 2017 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 17-129

Waiver request submitted by Velma Hendrix, a member of the Melville Town Council, St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1,041), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 Annual PFD 98 days late.

Docket No. 17-688

Waiver request submitted by Roger Dale Harris, Constable - Caddo Parish Ward 3, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 141 days late.

Docket No. 17-771

Waiver request submitted by Anthony Simeon Profit, a member of the Richwood Board of Aldermen- Ouachita Parish (Pop. 3,392), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 204 days late.

Docket No. 17-773

Waiver request submitted by Lorice A. Pipkin, a member of the Keachi Board of Aldermen,- DeSoto Parish (Pop. 295), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 375 days late.

Docket No. 17-783

Waiver request submitted by Dwayne Alden Sanner, former member of the Cameron Parish School Board - District 2, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd 193 days late.

Docket No. 17-784

Waiver request submitted by Oscar J. Lejeune Jr., with Eastside Fire Protection District #5 regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 17-785

Waiver request submitted by George Havard Yerger Jr., a member of the Workforce Investment Board, #71, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2014 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 370 days late.

Docket No. 17-786

Waiver request submitted by Michael Kelly, Constable, Concordia Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 127 days late.

Docket No. 17-787

Waiver request submitted by Deborah Hale "Diane" Fabela, a member of the Epps Board of Aldermen - West Carroll Parish (Pop. 854), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 147 days late.

Docket No. 17-789

Waiver request submitted by Bobbie R. Harrison, with the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, District 3, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2014 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 17-790

Waiver request submitted by Michael Henry Stelly II, the Merryville Chief of Police- St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1,103), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 105 days late.

Docket No. 17-791

Waiver request submitted by Stacy Mclarrin Sharp, with the Beekman Charter School, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 3 days late.

G43. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 14-1553

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$1,020 campaign finance late

fee assessed against Bobby Doak, a candidate for Constable, Second Justice Court, Jefferson Parish in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 17 days late.