

Louisiana Board of Ethics

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Note: Meetings begin on September 20, 2018 and continue to September 21, 2018.

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 charges issued against George "Gino"</u> Gates in Docket No. 2013-946.

<u>Discussion in executive session of charges filed in BD 2014-1353 against Jordan</u> and Walter Monsour.

<u>Discussion in executive session of charges regarding Kathy Davis- Roberson in Docket No. 2015-209.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Brent Washington in Docket No. 2016-133.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of pending charges against Lucien Roy Austin and Austin Sales and Service, Inc.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Peter Businelle in Docket No. 2017-073.</u>

<u>Discussion regarding charges against Terrance Stewart in Docket No. 2017-208.</u>

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 18-401

Reconsideration of an advisory opinion request as to the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics to the members of the Jefferson Parish Fire Civil Service Board.

G2. Docket No. 18-416

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$480, \$60, \$780 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Aylin Acikalin Maklansky, a candidate for Council Member, District A, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report and three special reports were filed 8, 1, 13, and 16 days late, respectively.

G3. Docket No. 18-990

Advisory Opinion of Aylin Acikalin, former staff member for Nadine Ramsey, former New Orleans City Council Member - District C.

G4. Docket No. 18-681

Request that the Board waive the two \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Harry Brignac, Sr., a candidate for Chief of Police / Village of French Settlement (Pop. 1116) in the March 25, 2017, whose 40-G report and Special report was filed 61 and 75 days late, respectively.

G5. Docket No. 18-682

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Reginald "Reggie" Laurent, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division H, St. Tammany, Washington Parish, October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance report was 147 days late.

G6. Docket No. 18-821

Request that the Board waive \$1,200 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against David Alvarez, a candidate for Member of School Board for Orleans Parish, District 6 in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 30-P and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 20 and 20 days late, respectively.

G7. Docket No. 18-869

Waiver request submitted by John Calvin "J.C." James, with the Assumption Parish Police Jury, Ward 6- Police Juror, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 74 days late.

G8. Docket No. 18-873

Request that the Board consider an untimely waiver for four \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ferrante "Coach" Dominique, a candidate for Member of School Board / At Large, Iberville Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1351, 1330, 1300 days late, respectively, and the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was not filed.

G9. Docket No. 18-887

Waiver request submitted by Stephen Irwin Singer, former board member with the Public Defender Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his

2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 161 days late.

G10. Docket No. 18-892

Correspondence received from Joseph Brechtel requesting that the Board changes the date of filing for his 2017 Tier 3 PFD.

G11. Docket No. 18-987

Advisory opinion request by Charles Schaff regarding the application of La. R.S. 42:1119 to employees of the City of Kenner Fire Department (Fire Department).

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G12. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent September 2018 Agenda.

G13. Docket No. 18-624

Advisory opinion request from Timothy Moyer, employed with East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Services as a field paramedic, who would like to work part-time at either Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. or Baton Rouge General Hospital Ambulance Services. East Baton Rouge has a population of 440,171.

G14. Docket No. 18-736

Request for an advisory opinion regarding whether a catering company owned by a board member of the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau, which owns the West Baton Rouge Conference Center, may contract to provide catering services to the Conference Center.

G15. Docket No. 18-811

Request for an advisory opinion from Cathy H. Parker regarding prohibitions to her employment following her retirement from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in Morehouse Parish (pop. 27,979)

G16. Docket No. 18-812

Advisory opinion request regarding post-employment restrictions that would apply to Angell Duplechain after she terminates her employment with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

G17. Docket No. 18-817

Request for an advisory opinion from Ercel Placide as to whether he could serve as a volunteer of the East Baton Rouge Parish Personnel Board while being employed by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Baton Rouge Parish has a population of 440,171.

G18. Docket No. 18-858

Advisory Opinion request from Kathy Riedlinger, CEO of Lusher Charter School in New Orleans.

G19. Docket No. 18-863

Disqualification plan submitted by Troy Ingram concerning Michael Haley serving as Fire Chief of St. Tammany Fire Protections District No. 12 while his son is employed as a firefighter for the District.

G20. Docket No. 18-870

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Dawn Sonnier may serve as an American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee Region III Director or as its Chairperson while she is employed as an occupational therapist with

the Livingston Parish School Board.

G21. Docket No. 18-871

Advisory Opinion request from Stacey Miller, employed by the Jefferson Parish School Board.

G22. Docket No. 18-872

Advisory opinion request from former Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.(DOTD) employee, James Lipscomb, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit him from contracting to provide appraisal services to other public agencies.

G23. Docket No. 18-879

Request for an advisory opinion by Graham Kennedy, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission (TPPC), as to whether his company, Franklin Pavement Management, LLC, can contract with Tangipahoa Parish if the project falls outside the supervision and jurisdiction of the TPPC. Tangipahoa Parish has a population of 121,097.

G24. Docket No. 18-881

Advisory opinion request by Dave Johnson, town attorney for the Town of Basile, regarding whether Danielle Young can be elected to a Board of Alderman seat for the Town of Basile while she is employed as an associate by his law firm.

G25. <u>Docket No. 18-882</u>

Advisory Opinion request from Scofield Grant III, Executive Director of United Strengths.

G26. Docket No. 18-883

Advisory opinion request from Brenda Hubbard and Patrick Fontenot on behalf of the Workforce Development Board #40.

G27. Docket No. 18-890

Request for an advisory opinion from Jonathan Vavasseur relative to post employment restrictions following the termination of his employment with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

G28. Docket No. 18-891

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to Tisha Burgett after she leaves her employment with the Ascension Parish School Board.

G29. Docket No. 18-934

Advisory opinion request by Eric Duplantis, Assistiant District Attorney for 16th J.D.C., on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council regarding whether Donna Bogan may be reappointed to the St. Mary Parish Recreation District No. 7 (Recreational District) if she is a member of the Mid-Area Concerned Citizens, Inc. (MACCO) while MACCO has a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the Recreational District.

G30. Docket No. 18-935

Request for approval of a disqualification plan submitted by Southern University Chairperson of the Department of Speech Language Pathology, Dr. Stephen Enwefa, regarding the continued employment of his wife, Regina Enwefa.

G31. Docket No. 18-948

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would

apply to Glenn Ledet following the termination of his employment with the State of Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

G32. Docket No. 18-949

Advisory Opinion request of Brendan Greene, Executive Counsel, on behalf of Michelle Craig, Commissioner with the City of New Orleans Civil Service Commission.

G33. Docket No. 18-950

Advisory opinion request from Gail Howell, Administrator of Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission (Tax Commission), regarding whether there are any conflicts of interest with Kelvin Johnson serving as a field representative for the Tax Commission while being employed by Home Depot.

G34. Docket No. 18-958

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Jill Johnson, an appointed member of the Assumption Parish Library Board of Control, may be paid for articles that she submits to the Bayou Pioneer.

G35. Docket No. 18-959

Advisory opinion request regarding whether AECOM may give prizes to government employees who participate in a contest for ride sharing.

G36. Docket No. 18-960

Advisory Opinion request of Russell Stelly, Mayor for the Town of Church Point in Acadia Parish.

G37. Docket No. 18-970

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Iberia Parish School Board may contract with the Jeanerette Marshal's Office for the provision of a School Resource Officer when the Jeanerette Marshal is also an employee of the School Board.

G38. Docket No. 18-971

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit Adams and Reese, LLP from employing former Executive Counsel for the City of New Orleans, Zach Butterworth, to represent clients in front of the City Planning Commission concerning short-term rentals.

G39. Docket No. 18-973

Advisory opinion regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit former Deputy Mayor of New Orleans Ryan Berni from contracting to perform services for the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, or any other department that was not under his supervision as Deputy Mayor.

G40. Docket No. 18-974

Advisory opinion request by Benjamin Hartman, former employee Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), regarding the application of the post employment provisions of La. R.S. 42:1121 to his current employment with Baird & Associates (Baird).

G41. Docket No. 18-975

Advisory Opinion request of Angela Channell, Alderwoman for the Town of Vivian in Caddo Parish.

G42. Docket No. 18-977

Advisory opinion request as to whether Kevin Delaney may be employed as a

teacher at South Cameron High School in Cameron Parish.

G43. Docket No. 18-979

Advisory Opinion request from Jauan King, President of the Washington Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners.

G44. Docket No. 18-982

Advisory opinion request from Michael Schexnider, Acadia Parish Road Manager, regarding whether he may purchase New Orleans Saints tickets from Terry Lejurne while a vendor of the Acadia Parish Police Jury.

G45. Docket No. 18-984

Advisory opinion request as to actions Cameron Buccola may take as a volunteer firefighter for the Eastside St. Charles Volunteer Fire Department.

G46. Docket No. 18-985

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Lafourche Basin Levee District Board members James and Whitney Jasmin from voting on disciplinary action being taken by the Board against the Executive Director, Donald Ray Henry.

G47. Docket No. 18-986

Advisory Opinion request from David Lee Simmons, a Communications Manager for the City of New Orleans Mayor's office.

G48. Docket No. 18-988

Request for an advisory opinion from American Planning Association relative to whether their members, some of which are state or local government employees, can lobby state legislators.

G49. Docket No. 18-989

Advisory opinion request concerning post-employment restrictions that would apply to Charles Larroque after his retirement from the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

G50. Docket No. 18-1010

Advisory Opinion request of Duane Urbina, former Principal of Alexandria Senior High School in Rapides Parish.

Regular Business

G51. Docket No. MINUTES

August 2018 Board Minutes

G52. Docket No. 18-810

Advisory opinion request by Kristine Russell, District Attorney for the 17th J.D.C, regarding whether it is permissible for L.A.W. Publications to solicit advertisements from vendors of the Lafourche Parish District Attorney's Office (District Attorney's Office) for informational pamphlets provided to the District Attorney's Office for use during community presentations.

G53. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart

September 2018 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-1000

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fees assessed against Brandon Dorrington, a candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, in the October 14, 2017 election, for the late filing of his 90-P campaign finance report

that was filed 56 days late.

Docket No. 18-746

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Troy A. Carter, Sr., a candidate for Mayor, Orleans Parish, in the February 2, 2002 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 187 days late.

Docket No. 18-758

Request that the Board waive the \$40 campaign finance late fee assessed against Greg "George G." Cromer, a candidate for Mayor, City of Slidell in the March 24, 2018 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 18-820

Request that the Board waive \$240 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Oscar Dantzler, Jr., a candidate for Sheriff in Tangipahoa Parish in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 4 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-972

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alsie Dunbar, a candidate for State Representative, 58th Representative District, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

G54. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 18-880

Request to waive the \$1,150 late fee assessed against Melissa Blake for her late registration as a local lobbyist.

G55. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

2018 September PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 18-814

Waiver request submitted by Margaret Anne LeGrande Dickerson, a candidate in the March 24, 2018 election for the the Stonewall Town Council, Desoto Parish (Pop. 1,814), regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 92 days late.

Docket No. 18-815

Waiver request submitted by Gregory Michael Thompson, with the French and Montessori Education Board, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 31 days late.

Docket No. 18-856

Waiver request submitted by Andrew P. Amedee, Jr., former member of the Better Choice Foundation/Mary D. Coghill Accelerated Charter School Board, New Orleans, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 338 days late.

Docket No. 18-857

Waiver request submitted by Edward James "Coach" Cormier, former Police Juror with the Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 106 days late.

Docket No. 18-865

Waiver request submitted by Susan T. Herring, former member of the Homer Board of Aldermen - Caliborne Parish (Pop. 3,237), regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD.

Docket No. 18-866

Waiver request submitted by Derrick O'Brian Martin, former board member with the Crescent City Charter School Board, regarding a \$1050 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 21 days late.

Docket No. 18-867

Waiver request submitted by Adam Daniel James Harris, with the Springhill Board of Alderman, District 4, Webster Parish (Pop. 5,269), regarding \$1250 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 25 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 202 days late.

Docket No. 18-868

Waiver request submitted by Doris Marie Singleton, former member of the Clarence Board of Aldermen, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 499), regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 109 days late.

Docket No. 18-874

Waiver request submitted by Micky Parenton, a former board member with Visit Baton Rouge, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 419 days late.

Docket No. 18-875

Waiver request submitted by Gerald L. Schoen, III, a former board member with the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 183 days late.

Docket No. 18-884

Waiver request submitted by Rita Wroten, Alderman, with the Village of Sikes Board of Alderman, Winn Parish (Pop. 119), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 103 days late.

Docket No. 18-885

Waiver request submitted by Shannon Glenn Morris, the former Mayor of Eros - Jackson Parish (Pop. 155), regarding \$ 1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 86 days late.

Docket No. 18-886

Waiver request submitted by Todd Ortique McDonald, a board member with the New Orleans Industrial Development Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 195 days late.

Docket No. 18-888

Waiver request submitted by Mary Bagwell McKinney, a board member with the Webster Parish Tourist and Convention Committee, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 149 days late.

Docket No. 18-889

Waiver request submitted by Danny Hinton, II, Constable/ District C/ Jackson Parish regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD.

Docket No. 18-961

Waiver request submitted by Helen Mazier, with the Caddo Parish Fire District, District 03, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 31 days late.

Docket No. 18-962

Waiver request submitted by Dr. Melanie B. Verges, with the Non Public School Committee - BESE, regarding a \$900 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 18 days late.

Docket No. 18-991

Waiver request submitted by Kayla Michelle Henry, Chief of Police/ Gueydan/Vermilion Parish (Pop. 1,398), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 145 days late.

Docket No. 18-992

Waiver request submitted by Christopher "Chris" Lorell Roberts, with the Jefferson Parish Council/District 1/Jefferson, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2015 Tier 2 annual PFD.

Docket No. 18-993

Waiver request submitted by Dawn M. Romano, a former board member with the Edward Hynes Charter School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 144 days late.

Docket No. 18-996

Waiver request submitted by Donnie White, Constable/District 4/St. Charles Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2 annual PFD 258 days late.

Docket No. 18-997

Waiver request submitted by Jaqueline Reine Gelvin, member of the Tangi Academy Charter School Association/Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 182 days late.

Docket No. 18-999

Waiver request submitted by Billy Nathan Raymond, Sr., with the Regional Planning Commission, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 16 days late.

Docket No. 18-1000

Waiver request submitted by Roy E. Corcoran Jr., with the Slaughter Board of Aldermen / East Feliciana Parish (Pop. 997), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 117 days late.

Docket No. 18-1001

Waiver request submitted by Christopher S. "Washington" Thomas, a candidate in the March 24, 2018 election for the Mansfield Board of Aldermen - District B, Desoto Parish (Pop. 5001), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 candidate PFD 38 days late.

Docket No. 18-1002

Waiver request submitted by Anthony E. Moreau, Chief of Police of Melville, St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1041), regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 15 days late.

Docket No. 18-1003

Waiver request submitted by Dawn Chanet Collins, a board member with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board/District 4, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2 annual PFD 1 day late.

Docket No. 18-1004

Waiver request submitted by Ana Elizabeth Bohorquez, with the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #2/ Caddo Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for

filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 260 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 PFD 260 days late.

Docket No. 18-1005

Waiver request submitted by Kirby "Coach" A. Roy, III, with the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury/District 2, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 156 days late.

Docket No. 18-1006

Waiver request submitted by Richard D. (Rick) Polk, Alderman, Village of Bonita, Morehouse Parish (Pop. 284) regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 160 days late.

Docket No. 18-1007

Waiver request submitted by Joseph Clint Brasseaux, Chief of Police of Chataignier (Evangeline Parish (Pop. 364)), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD.

G56. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 18-995

Waiver request submitted by Isaac Joseph, former Superintendent for Jefferson Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 8 days late.

Docket No. 18-998

Waiver request submitted by Terri Singleton, member of the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board - Union Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 154 days late.

G57. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 18-864

Untimely Waiver request submitted by Jack R. Nealy, former member of the Workforce Development Board Area #21, regarding \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 247 days late.



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GS1. <u>Docket No. 18</u>-1255

Request for an advisory opinion from Mary C. Juneau, town clerk in Boyce (pop.1004), Rapides Parish, relative to whether she could be reappointed town clerk if her husband won election to the town council.