

Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
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617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Executive Session

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

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Walter Reed in Docket</u> No. 2014-888.

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of Charges issued against Nancy Escobar in Docket No. 2019-004.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session concerning the charges filed against Cathy</u> Kendrick and Gretchen Bradford in Docket No. 2019-689.

<u>Discussion in executive session of a Decision and Order issued by the EAB in the matter involving Chris Smith, Docket No. 5119-013.</u>

GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. EABSELC

Appearance by Emalie A. Boyce, Director of the Division of Administrative Law, to select an administrative law judge to serve as an alternate on the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

G2. Docket No. 19-1025

Untimely waiver request submitted by Gregory M. Jordan, with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 250 days late.

G3. Docket No. 20-204

Waiver request submitted by William Mertz, candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 499 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G4. Docket No. CHART

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

G5. Docket No. 20-367

Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the post-employment statutes apply to the Hall family members, who seek to resign from their current unpaid officer positions at PIE-LA and become unpaid officers of various other non-profits, contract with PIE-LA, subcontract with 9 Dot Education Solutions, and contract with 9 Dot Solutions.

G6. Docket No. 20-442

Advisory opinion request from Tensas Parish Council on Aging (Council) Executive Director Clarissa C. Newman regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Council from purchasing property from a former board member.

G7. Docket No. 20-517

Advisory Opinion regarding LaSandra Darensbourg Gordon, a St. Charles Parish Council member, serving on board of local non-profit organization.

G8. Docket No. 20-532

Advisory Opinion request concerning post-employment activities by Ronald Kirk Gallien, a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

G9. Docket No. 20-541

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Randall Bryan from continuing his employment with the Village of Anacoco in the maintenance department while serving as the elected Chief of Police for the Village of Anacoco.

G10. Docket No. 20-558

A request for an advisory opinion, submitted by the Town of Jonesboro Attorney, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the Mayor of Jonesboro from appointing an employee in the Office of the Mayor to the board of commissioners for the Jonesboro Housing Authority.

G11. Docket No. 20-559

Request for an advisory opinion from Eric Stokes, a police officer for the Village of McNary (Rapides Parish) pop. 211, relative to whether an ethics conflict exists if he were to be elected Constable in Rapides Parish.

G12. Docket No. 20-562

Advisory opinion request as to whether Jeff Kudla, a member of the Lake Charles Historic Preservation Commission, may provide architectural services to a homeowner in the Lake Charles Historic District.

G13. Docket No. 20-563

Advisory Opinion Request from Shane Davis, Mayor for the Village of Dry Prong (Pop. 436) in Grant Parish, regarding maintenance of roadways in a subdivision owned by former Alderman Billy Chandler.

G14. Docket No. 20-571

Advisory Opinion Request of Alva B. See III, former member of the Board of Directors for the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corp.

G15. Docket No. 20-595

Disqualification Plan Request of Eric Mancuso Jr. with the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

Regular Business

G16. Docket No. MINUTES

August 2020 Board Minutes

G17. Docket No. 17-925

Consent opinion regarding Kerry Thompson's violation of La. R.S. 42:1111C(2) (d) when he received compensation in the form of a salary from Russell-Moore Lumber knowing that Russell-Moore Lumber had a contractual, business, and/or financial relationship with the Caldwell Parish Recreation District on which Kerry Thompson was a board member.

G18. Docket No. 19-1075

Consent Opinion regarding the misuse of campaign funds by Anthony Bruce Rainey, Sr., a candidate in the October 12, 2019 election for the office of Councilman, District 2, Terrebonne Parish.

G19. Docket No. 20-557

Advisory Opinion Request from the Fire Chief of the Ball Fire Department concerning moving his son-in-law from volunteer to part-time status.

G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

September 2020 CF Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-388

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Fernest James "Pacman" Martin, a candidate for Iberia Parish Sheriff, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 114 days late.

Docket No. 20-463

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Marvin "Tucka" Miles, a candidate for Council Member, District 6, Iberville Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 92 and 37 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-476

Request that the Board waive each of the two \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Schuyler Olivier, a candidate for Police Juror, District 9, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 63 and 28 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-508

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jeff Pettit, a candidate for Council Member, District 10, Ascension Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 97 days late.

Docket No. 20-509

Request that the Board waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Anthony E "Tony" Nations, a candidate for Member of School Board, District 10, Caddo Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 49 days late.

Docket No. 20-510

Request that the Board waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA Association of Conservation Districts, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Larry Sayes, and treasurer, Reggie G. Skains, whose 2019 October Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 20-543

Request that the Board waive a \$640 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chad Bordelon, a candidate for Mayor, City of Mandeville in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 20-544

Request that the Board waive a \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Annette Smith Joseph, a candidate for Clerk of Court, Assumption Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 20-545

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chris Carroll, a candidate for Police Juror, District 7, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 20-546

Request that the Board waive a \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerrin J. Narcisse, a candidate for Council Member, District 7, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10- G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 20-547

Request that the Board waive a \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kipp Knight, a candidate for Council Member, District 1, Iberville Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 20-548

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randall "Randy" Delatte, a candidate for Councilman, District 8, District 9, Livingston Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10- G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 103 days late.

G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 20-587

Request to waive the \$350 late fee assessed against John O. Shirley for the late filing of the June 2020 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

September 2020 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 20-522

Waiver request submitted by Candace Perry, Thrive Academy Charter School Board/East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 177 days late.

Docket No. 20-523

Waiver request submitted by Whitney Phillip Brown, Homer A Plessy Community School, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Annual PFD 402 days late.

Docket No. 20-524

Waiver request submitted by Mark Joseph Guillory, Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 197 days late.

Docket No. 20-525

Waiver request submitted by Courtney Brown Bagneris, New Orleans Municipal Employees Retirement System, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD.

Docket No. 20-527

Waiver request submitted by Richard J. "Richie" Lewis, St. Bernard Parish Council At-Large (West), regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 Annual PFD 429 days late.

Docket No. 20-528

Waiver request submitted by Michael O'Neal Harrell, candidate for Board of Trustees/ Town of Jackson/East Feliciana Parish (Pop.3,842), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 130 days late.

Docket No. 20-529

Waiver request submitted by Michelle Cusimano, St.Tammany Parish Recreation District #4, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 235 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier2.1 Annual PFD 179 days late.

Docket No. 20-530

Waiver request submitted by Bobby L. Madison, Sr., Clayton Chief of Police/Clayton (Concordia Parish - Pop. 711, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 180 days late.

Docket No. 20-531

Waiver request submitted by Patricia Ann Pourciau, Workforce Development Board, First Planning District Area #10, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 140 days late.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 20-521

Waiver request submitted by Floydean M. White, Cullen Board of Aldermen / Webster (Pop. 1063), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 602 days late.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 20-040

Reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$1,000 of a \$1500 late fee for a waiver request submitted by Tommy Evans, Mayor, Clarence, Natchitoches Parish (Pop. 499), regarding filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 483 days late.

Docket No. 20-413

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1,000 of a \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance assessed against Stephanie Savoy, a former member of the Morganza Town Council, Pointe Coupee Parish (Pop. 610), for filing her 2017 Tier 3 PFD 557 days late.