

# **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
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617 North 3rd Street
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# **Executive Session**

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

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# **GENERAL**

# **Appearances**

# **G1.** Docket No. 22-718

Request that the Board waive the \$2,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against NOLA Defenders for Equal Justice LLC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kendall P. Green, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report for the November 13, 2021 election was filed 14 days late.

# G2. Docket No. 23-192

Untimely waiver request submitted by Alton Joseph Broussard, former member of the State of Louisiana Board of Barber Examiner, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 637 days late and regarding a

\$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 336 days late.

## **G3.** Docket No. 23-282

Request that the Board waive the \$700 and \$1,300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mark John Shea, a successful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division D, Orleans Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 13 days late, respectively.

#### **G4.** Docket No. 23-582

Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana ("PHCCLA") and Jay Huckabee as to the potential applicability of the post-employment restrictions.

#### **G5.** Docket No. 23-614

Advisory Opinion request from Veronica Arceneaux, Clerk for the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council, regarding her possible purchase of remnant property from Lafayette Consolidated Government.

# **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

#### **G6.** Docket No. 23-505

Withdrawal of an Advisory Opinion request from Walt Wilson regarding a member of the Concordia Parish Hospital Service District.

# **G7.** Docket No. 23-520

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Shannon LaFargue, PhD of the Calcasieu Parish School Board ("CPSB"), concerning whether various situations would be prohibited by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code").

## **G8.** Docket No. 23-522

Advisory Opinion request from the City of Ponchatoula regarding a former member of the City Council owning the local newspaper.

## **G9.** Docket No. 23-581

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Alesia Ardoin, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Thecla, LLC from submitting a proposal to design, implement, manage, maintain, and supervise a single remittance system for the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board ("LULSTB").

## **G10.** Docket No. 23-615

Advisory opinion request from Rachel Haney, former employee of CPRA, relating to post-employment restrictions.

# **G11.** Docket No. 23-631

A Request for Advisory Opinion, submitted by F. Barry Marionneaux, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") requires Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District ("BLFWD") Board of Commissioner Ray Charles Mayet to recuse himself from votes concerning a potential contract with his employer, GIS Engineering, LLC ("GIS").

## **G12.** Docket No. 23-646

A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Tenney Arrighi, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits her from teaching Serv Safe food safety certification classes while employed by the Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health ("OPH").

### **G13.** Docket No. 23-658

Advisory opinion request from Pan American Engineers, LLC relating to postemployment restrictions for James Graham, former Alexandria Superintendent of Water Operations and Waste Water Operations.

# **Regular Business**

# G14. Docket No. MINUTES

August 2023 Board Minutes

#### **G15.** Docket No. 20-499

Consent Opinion of Edward Calloway, former Finance Director for G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District 1, Ouachita Parish., regarding a violation of La. R.S. 42:1111(A)(1)(a) and 1112(A).

# **G16.** Docket No. 22-002

Consent Opinions regarding Christopher J. Tyson approving and signing a contract to hire Marla Muse-Morris on a contract basis with Build Baton Rouge within two years following termination of her employment with Build Baton Rouge.

#### **G17.** Docket No. 22-250

Consent Opinion regarding Teri Durst, an employee of Youree Drive Middle School, transacting business with the school.

## **G18.** Docket No. 22-251

Consent Opinion regarding Jenifer Guerrero approving the parent of a teacher at Youree Drive Middle School entering into transactions with the school.

# G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

# Docket No. 23-249

Request that the Board waive the \$800.00 and \$240.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Deborah Smith, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 4, City of Monroe (Pop. 47,702) in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 20 and 6 days late, respectively.

## Docket No. 23-253

Request that the Board waive the \$520 and \$1,000 for a total of \$1,520 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kim Segura Landry, an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Peace, 3rd Justice Court, Ascension Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 13 and 76 days late, respectively.

## Docket No. 23-293

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ragen Borel, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 3, Iberia Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

# **Docket No. 23-488**

Request that the Board waive the \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Roderick Hampton, a successful candidate for Mayor, Town of Haynesville (Population 985) in the November 8, 2022, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

## Docket No. 23-489

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed

against Charles Henry Bradford, a successful candidate for Alderman, District B, City of Bastrop (Pop. 9,467) in the March 25, 2023 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

## Docket No. 23-616

Request that the Board waive the \$320.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against David "Big Dave" Pettit, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, Washington Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-617

Request that the Board waive the \$240.00 and \$600.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mindy Ashmore Slaughter, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 4, City of Zachary (Pop. 20,007) in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 15 days late, respectively.

# Docket No. 23-618

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jefferson Federation of Teachers Committee on Political Education, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Sandra Hauer, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 101 days late.

# G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

#### Docket No. 23-246

Waiver request submitted by John Edwards "Johnnie" Jorden, Bossier Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 350 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-259

Waiver request submitted by Dennis Switzer, former member of the Lafourche Parish Water District #1, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 420 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-356

Waiver request submitted by Quintin Darnell Taylor, Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 56 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 56 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-557

Waiver request submitted by Crystal Harper White, former member of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 9 days late.

# Docket No. 23-592

Waiver request submitted by Lewis Casey Messenger, Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 75 days late.

## Docket No. 23-593

Waiver request submitted by Deborah T. Bennett, Constable / Ward 3 / Catahoula Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 99 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-594

Waiver request submitted by Maria C. Guilott, former member of the Harbor

Center, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 446 days late.

# Docket No. 23-596

Waiver request submitted by Douglas K. Williams, former member of the Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 384 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-602

Waiver request submitted by Eric E. Jarrell, former member of the Stonebridge Neighborhood Improvement and Beautification Board / Secretary, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 275 days late.

# Docket No. 23-620

Waiver request submitted by Lasonya Moore, former member of the Caddo Parish Industrial Development Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 174 days late and regarding a late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 174 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-621

Waiver request submitted by Fa'Ron "Fee" K. Edward Richard, candidate for Terrebonne Parish Council, District 1, in the March 25, 2023 elelction, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate pfd 106 days late.

#### Docket No. 23-622

Waiver request submitted by Debbie M. Bottley, Constable / Ward 3 / Tensas Parish, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late.

## **G21. WAIVER REQUESTS - HOSPITAL DISCLOSURE**

## Docket No. 23-550

Waiver request submitted by Rowena Cherie Russell Lipsey, Board Member of Concordia Parish Hospital Service District, regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Hospital Disclosure 9 days late.

## Docket No. 23-551

Waiver request submitted by Brenda K. Goode, Pointe Coupee Hospital Service District No.1, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Hospital Disclosure 109 days late.

## **G22. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY**

#### Docket No. 22-623

Untimely request for reconsideration of the Board's suspension of all but \$1,250 of a \$2,500 late fee submitted by Kevin Dale Guidry, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury / District 9, for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 442 days late.

# Docket No. 23-559

Untimely waiver request submitted by Michael Aubrey Calloway, Jr., Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 777 days late.

# Docket No. 23-560

Untimely waiver request submitted by Jimmie Joseph Pellerin, former member of the Acadia Parish Police Jury / District 5, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd and regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd.

# Docket No. 23-595

Untimely waiver request submitted by Audrey Joy Pace, former member of the State Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 80 days late.

# **G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

# Docket No. 22-905

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Billy Joe Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Winnsboro (Population 4,824), Franklin Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

# Docket No. 22-968

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$200 of a \$400 late fee submitted by Mia Liki (Dunn) Jones, Franklin Parish School Board, for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 377 days late.



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Discussion of charges against Brian Pope in Docket No. 2017-1404.

<u>Discussion in Executive Session concerning charges issued against Klay Becnel in Docket No. 2019-862.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session concerning the Charges against Patrick C. Morrow, Sr., Patrick Morrow, A Professional Law Corporation, and Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, and Bassett, A Louisiana Partnership.</u>

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Dana Douglas in Docket No.</u> 2020-820.

<u>Discussion in Executive Session of charges filed against Dr. David Sobek in Docket No. 2023-331.</u>

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# GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

## **Regular Business**

#### **GS1.** Docket No. 22-434

Consent Opinion for Scott Hearne, Frederick Williams and Michael Roberts, members of the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors ("LSBHI"), related to violations of Sections 1111C(2)(d) and 1113.