

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
December 21, 2012

The Board of Ethics met on December 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with Board Members Backhaus, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly, Monroe, Schneider and Shelton present. Absent were Board Members Blewer, Lemke and Stafford. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Aneatra Boykin, Mike Dupree, Brent Durham, Jennifer Land and Suzanne Mooney.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 11-113 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$360, \$400 and \$280 late fees assessed against Gilda L. Johnson, a candidate for Natchitoches Parish School Board, District 6 in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Special, EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 20 and 7 days late. Ms. Johnson was called but did not appear. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 and \$280 late fees assessed for filing the EDE-P report 20 days late and the 10-G report 7 days late. The Board further declined to waive the \$360 late fee assessed for filing the Special report 9 days late, but suspended \$160 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Board Member Blewer arrived at the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Allen Guillory, a candidate for State Representative, District 40 in the August 1, 2009 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 12-762 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against him for filing his Supplemental campaign finance

disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Guillory, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended \$210 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1170 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Barbara Norton, a candidate for State Representative, District 3 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 25 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

Representative Patrick Williams, on behalf of Traits of Leadership, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 12-1501 for a waiver of the \$3,000, \$3,000, and \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against the political action committee, whose EDE-P,10-G, and EDE-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 274, 237, and 252 days late. After hearing from Representative Williams, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Backhaus, Blewer, Ingrassia, Leggio, McAnelly, Schneider and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$9,000 but suspended \$6,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1589 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$17,500 late fee assessed against James Donelon for filing his 2011 Tier 1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 36 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1868 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee

assessed against Representative Wesley Bishop for filing his 2009 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 97 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1900 for a waiver of the \$540 late fee assessed against Yvette Alexander, a candidate for Baton Rouge City Court Judge in the November 6, 2012 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance report 9 days late. Judge Alexander was called but did not appear. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$540 late fee. Board Member McAnelly recused himself.

Mr. Joseph Plummer, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, District 2 in the November 6, 2012 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 12-2046 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against him for filing his 30-P campaign finance report 10 days late. After hearing from Mr. Plummer, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the following general consent agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G10-G27 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G10-G27, excluding items G21 and G24, taking the following action:

Adopted for publication, a consent opinion in Docket No. 09-367 in which Anthony Jones, the former director of the Office of Technology for the City of New Orleans, in which he agrees that a violation of Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his acceptance of travel expenses to attend a management conference in Colorado from CIBER at a time when CIBER had a contractual relationship with Mr. Jones' agency, the City of New Orleans, Office of Technology and in which Anthony Jones agrees to pay a fine of \$500.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1431 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Catahoula Parish Sanitarians taking annual leave to provide compensated services for independent water systems in the state, since the Sanitarians statewide no longer have any duties associated with the testing of public water systems.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1817 concluding that no violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act is presented by the Louisiana Bankers Association PAC donating campaign funds to support a mock election to be hosted by the Secretary of State's office to be held at the Louisiana Old State Capitol and for which the Secretary of State has solicited tax deductible donations to the Old State Capitol Foundation to help defray the cost of food and supplies for the students and all persons who attend the event, since the Old State Capitol Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1835 concluding that Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the spouse of Debora Alexander, a member of the St. Gabriel City Council, from being employed as a city park ranger by the City of St. Gabriel, since Ms. Alexander is considered to be an agency head for the City of St. Gabriel.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1837 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a)

of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the City of Westwego from hiring Allison Watts as a clerk within City Hall while the City of Westwego does business with Harold Barras Collision Center, a business owned by the spouse of Allison Watts, since Ms. Watts' agency would be the City of Westwego.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1852 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lynch Construction Louisiana, L.L.C. , a company owned in part by Matthew W. Lynch, entering into a contract with the Family Services Center of the West Feliciana School District while Mr. Lynch's wife, Nicole Huffstetler, is employed by the school district, since Ms. Huffstetler's agency is the particular school where she performs her duties. The Board further advised that Section 1113 would prohibit Lynch Construction Louisiana, L.L.C. from entering into contracts with the school at which Ms. Huffstetler is employed, West Feliciana Middle School.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1853 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Matthew McKay, a member of the East Baton Rouge Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA), and his company, Crystal Lake, selling residential lots to builders/real estate companies who may in turn sell those lots to future homeowners that may seek financing through a lender/bank through an MFA financing program, since the selling and purchasing of the lot is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the East Baton Rouge Mortgage Financing Authority and since neither the purchase of the lot/home nor future financing application involves the East Baton Rouge Mortgage Financing Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1858 concluding that Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Catherine Dunn, Deputy Director for Port

Development (Engineer 8) employed by the Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans (PONO), from accepting reimbursement for travel, lodging and food from ABET, a nonprofit, non-governmental organization that accredits college and university programs in the disciplines of applied science, computing engineering and engineering technology, in connection with her volunteer service as an evaluator for ABET, if PONO has accepted ABET as an outreach program and allows Ms. Dunn to make trips during work hours and in her capacity as an employee of PONO. The Board further concluded that any payments made by ABET for travel, lodging and food must be made to PONO. The Board also advised that the issue regarding whether a conflict exists if PONO allows Ms. Dunn to continue making visit for ABET during work time with PONO is a matter under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1865 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Sterlington Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) purchasing sod from a hardware store owned by Cole Sims, the President of the PTO, with PTO funds, since the PTO is not a public servant within the definition provided by the Code of Governmental Ethics and since the PTO was not appointed by the Principal nor does it share any responsibility for the actions of the school.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1872 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Stephen Estopinal, a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East ("Authority"), providing compensated services to SJB Group, LLC and soliciting clients to install a high precision GPS surveying technology while he serves as a member of the Authority, since SJB Group nor the clients he seeks to solicit have any contractual, financial, or other business relationship with the Authority,

the East Jefferson Levee District, the Orleans Levee District and the Lake Borne Basin Levee District; nor are the potential clients regulated by the Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1873 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Matt Pedersen owning a public tag agency and having an ownership interest in a wholesale automobile auction, since Mr. Pedersen, in his capacity as a wholesale auto dealer, would not recommend his public tag agency as a means to register vehicles for the customers of the car dealers nor would he suggest the use of his public tag agency for any other services that the agency provides.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1901 concluding that (1) Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Randy Brooks from being promoted to the position of Foreman of the Public Right of Way Maintenance Department for Plaquemines Parish Government while his brother, Bradford Brooks, serves as the Superintendent of the of the Public Right of Way Maintenance Department; (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Bradford Brooks serving as acting Superintendent of the Flood Control Department while his brother serves as an Equipment Operator in the Department, since Section 1119 C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows Randy Brooks to continue in his position as long as he was employed in the position for more than a year prior to his brother becoming the agency head. Randy Brooks has been an Equipment operator since 2003; and, (3) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Bradford Brooks being promoted as Manager of Public Right of Way and Flood Control Department, since Randy Bradford has been with the Flood Control Department for more than a year. The Board further advised that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Bradford Brooks from participating in any matters with either department in which his

brother, Randy, has a substantial economic interest.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1906 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Luke Turner, Chairman of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, accepting an appointment to the Louisiana Racing Commission. The Board further advised that the issue is controlled by the dual office holding law(s) administered by the Attorney General's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1935 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Douglas J. LaCombe being employed by the Acadia Parish Assessor's Office and the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court while serving on the Acadia Parish School Board, since the Acadia Parish Assessor's Office and the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court are separate agencies from the Acadia Parish School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1936 concluding that (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ange's K-Jon and Bobcat of Lake Charles contracting with the Cameron Parish Police Jury while Darryl Farque and Kirk Quinn, employees of Ange's K-Jon and Bobcat of Lake Charles, serve as members of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as long as Mr. Farque and Mr. Quinn recuse themselves from voting on matters pending before the police jury concerning their employers pursuant to Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that the narrow exception contained in BD 82-02D allows for an elected official to continue his employment that Section 1111C(2)(d) would otherwise prohibit if he meets the following criteria: 1) is a regularly compensated employee (salaried or wage-worker), 2) receives a salary that is unaffected by the relationship between the employer and the governmental entity; 3) owns less than 25% of the employer; and 4) is neither an officer, director, trustee nor partner of

the employer. As long as Mr. Farque and Mr. Quinn meet these requirements, the contracts would not be prohibited; (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Cameron Fire and Equipment, a business owned by Cameron Parish Police Juror Kirk Burleigh, contracting with the Cameron Parish Police Jury to provide fire equipment to the parish provided Police Juror Kirk Burleigh complies with Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics; and (3) Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Carolyn's Cleaning Service, a commercial office cleaning business owned by Cameron Parish Police Jury employee Charlie Olivier and his wife, from contracting with the Cameron Parish Police Jury while Mr. Olivier is employed by the Police Jury.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1939 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Sgt. Bryan Belgard being employed simultaneously by the Georgetown Police Department and the Pineville Police Department at the same time, since they are separate agencies that are located in different parishes.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1893 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by BookSouth, a textbook wholesaler that collects unused instructor annotated textbooks, purchasing new and unused textbooks from college professors and universities, as long as any donation made in exchange for participating in the recycling program goes directly to the university or college and not to the benefit of any particular instructor or professor.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1911 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lottie Beebe, a member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), also serving as Superintendent for the St. Martin Parish School

System. The Board further recommended that Ms. Beebe contact the Attorney General's Office with respect to a possible dual office holding issue.

The Board unanimously accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 12-1955 for October, 2012.

The Board unanimously accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 12-2102 for November, 2012.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the November 15-16, 2012 meetings.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 10-1111 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$800 and \$900 late fees assessed against John F. Schwegmann, a candidate for Public Service Commissioner, District 3, Jefferson Parish in the October 2, 2010 election, for filing his 30-P and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports 8 and 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1124 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$1,620 campaign finance late fee assessed against C. Denise Marcelle, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Metro Council, District 7, in the October 4, 2008 election, for filing her Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 27 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,620 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 12-1367 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cynthia Willard-Lewis, a candidate for State Senate, District 3 in the March 24, 2012 election, for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,200 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1491 for reconsideration of a waiver of the campaign finance late fees totaling \$9,760 assessed against Jerry Rosenberg, a candidate in the future election, for filing six (6) Annual campaign finance disclosure reports 1,967, 1,612, 1,234, 869, 506, and 141 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$2,360, \$2,150 and \$1,000 late fees assessed for the late filing of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Annual reports and declined to waive the \$1,650, \$1,000 and \$1,600 late fees assessed for the late filing of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Annual reports.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1929 regarding whether Njeri Camara may resign from the Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (Region 7) to apply and accept the position of Executive Director for the District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Camara, for a period of two (2) years following the termination of her service on the Northwest Louisiana Human Service District, from being employed in any position with the Northwest Louisiana Human Service District.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1940 regarding the propriety of school employees receiving things of economic value from various individuals and

organizations. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the January meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following candidates and political action committee:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-1813 from Harold Brooks, Jr. of a \$1,380 late fee and a \$180 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1895 from LA CPA of an \$800 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1897 from Juana Marine-Lombard of a \$100 late fee and a \$100 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1898 from Gerald Cvitanovich of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1899 from Jason Coleman of a \$120 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1900 from Yvette Alexander of a \$540 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1941 from Greg Lemons of a \$120 late fee;
Docket No. 12-2045 from Ronnie Edwards of a \$240 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-2047 from John Perry Gallow of a \$1,000 late fee and a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1813 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Harold L. Brooks, Jr., a candidate for Iberville Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 245 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following lobbyists in connection with the failure to timely file and lobbying registration and expenditure reports:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-1943 from Matthew Ryan Thomas of a \$300 late fee;
Docket No. 12-1944 from Robert Stephens of a \$1,000 late fee;

Docket No. 12-2074 from Karen Yates of a \$400 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-2075 from Darrell Hunt of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following for failing to timely file lobbying registration reports:

Docket No. 12-1945 from Scott Kirkpatrick of a \$1,400 late fee; and,
Docket No. 12-2088 from Richard Whiting of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1947 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Fran Tigner for filing her lobbying expenditure reports 63 and 33 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-2090 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Ryan Gremillion for filing his lobbying Supplemental registration 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-1792 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Frankie Futch for filing his 2012-1013 annual school board disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$250 late fee based on the waiver guidelines.

The Board recessed at 10:16 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Cole Garrett, attorney for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) and Mr. Dan Austin, GCR project manager for the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board (LSPMB), appeared before the Board in Docket No. 12-1782 in connection with a request for an advisory opinion regarding whether it is a conflict of interest if Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing

Board (LSPMB) members inadvertently received a benefit from Distributor Promotions and Incentive Programs conducted by the Seafood Marketing Campaign Team. After hearing from Mr. Garrett and Mr. Austin, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a member of the LSPMB from providing compensated services to Giant Eagle when Giant Eagle has a financial relationship with the LSPMB. Since the funds being used to fund the promotion with Giant Eagle can only be paid with the direction of the LSPMB's Executive Director, who works at the direction of the LSPMB, the board members are prohibited from transacting business with Giant Eagle either directly or through a third party.

The Board unanimously agreed to consider the following supplemental agenda items:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-178 for reconsideration of a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Beth LeBlanc for failure to timely file her November 2011 Legislative, Executive and Local lobbying expenditure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed the Board rescinded the late fees and dismissed the charges against Ms. LeBlanc, since Ms. LeBlanc provided medical certification for the late filing.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1816 regarding whether Hillview Pecans, a business owned by newly elected Grant Parish Sheriff Steven McCain, may continue to sell pecans to Despino Tire, a local tire dealership which has a business relationship with the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the continued business relationship between Hillview Pecans and Despino Tire, since Despino Tire has a business relationship with Sheriff McCain's agency (the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office) and the sale

of pecans to the tire dealership would be considered a “service”.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1839 regarding whether Michael G. Redmond may continue to perform audits for various colleges within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System(LCTCS) if he were to retire from his permanent position as Senior Internal Auditor or his temporary position as Interim Internal Audit Director with LCTCS. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Redmond working on projects that were already in progress at the time of his retirement or those projects in which he did not participate if he were to provide services to member institutions of the LCTCS, since Mr. Redmond would be assisting a governmental entity (various member institutions of the LCTCS system) and would not be assisting a “person” as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics; (2) Section 1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Redmond from providing the same auditing services he currently performs for the institutions of the LCTCS and the System Office on a contractual basis following the termination of his state employment; and, (3) Section 1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be applicable to Mr. Redmond if he were to retire from state service in his current position as interim Internal Audit Director.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1867 regarding whether members of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association are "public servants" as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics and thus subject to the training requirement of La. R.S. 42:1170(3). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the board and members of the West Baton Rouge Historical Association are not "public servants" as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics and are not subject to the training requirement of La.

R.S. 42:1170(3).

Mr. Dupree provided a status report to the Board with respect to the staff's training accomplishments and advised that approximately 240,000 public servants had been trained during 2012.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman