

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
June 19, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on June 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney and Brett Robinson.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-243 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Gideon Carter, III, a candidate for Judge, 1st Circuit, 2nd District, Court of Appeal, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 6, 2012 election, for inaccurately filing his 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the July meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-331 for a waiver of the \$1,050 late fee assessed against Chris D. Gorman, a member of the Board of Regents, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,050 late fee but suspended \$800 conditioned upon on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Judge Pamela Baker, a candidate for Judge, Family Court/Section 3, East Baton Rouge

Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-391 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against her for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 66 days late. After hearing from Judge Baker, 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.

Mr. Jesse Broderick appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-487 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbying Registration report. After hearing from Mr. Broderick, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

Mr. Galen Schum appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-527 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed him for filing his 2012 R.S. 42:1114 disclosure affidavit 706 days late and a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2013 R.S. 42:1114 disclosure affidavit 341 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2012 R.S. 42:1114 disclosure affidavit but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2013 R.S. 42:1114 disclosure affidavit but suspended \$2,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics with the option of a payment plan.

Ms. Therese Domiano, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, Ms. Rebecca Reid, Ms. Domiano's daughter, and Dr. Beth Moulds, Principal of Hammond High Magnet School,

appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-232 regarding whether Ms. Reid may continue to be employed as a math teacher at Hammond High Magnet School while her mother serves as a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board. After hearing from Ms. Domiano, Ms. Reid and Dr. Moulds, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion since the matter involved past conduct.

Judge James Mixon, Chairman of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Avoyelles Parish (Bunkie General Hospital), appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-362 regarding whether Dr. Mohit Srivastava may purchase a building and lot from the Hospital Service District No. 1 of Avoyelles Parish (Bunkie General Hospital) while he is Chief of Staff for Bunkie General Hospital. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the July meeting.

The Board recessed at 10:21 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:35 a.m.

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 G6-G32 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 G6-G32, excluding items G8, G14, G23, G28 and G29, taking the following action:

Approved the plan submitted pursuant to Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental

Ethics in Docket No. 15-002 in response to advisory opinion regarding whether a lumber store owned by Wayne Smith, a newly elected member of the Town of Oberlin Board of Aldermen, may continue to transact business with the Town of Oberlin.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-233 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Chris Workman, a partner with Moore & Jenkins Insurance Agency, continuing to provide insurance services to fire departments located in Washington Parish if elected to the Washington Parish Council, since Mr. Workman owns 25% or less of Moore & Jenkins Insurance Agency. The Board further advised that Mr. Workman would be prohibited from receiving any thing of economic value for the provision of services to Moore & Jenkins while Moore & Jenkins has or is seeking have a contractual, financial or business relationship with his agency, which includes any Fire Districts that were created by the Washington Parish Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-272 concluding that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jason Bonaventure, a former attorney for the Office of General Counsel for the Division of Administration, for a period of two (2) years following the termination of his employment, from contracting with the Commissioner's Office to provide legal services to the Commissioner's Office and the Office of Facility Planning and Control.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-278 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) prohibits James Fontenot, an alderman for the City of Rayne, from continuing to write insurance covering the City of Rayne through his employer, Dwight Andrus Insurance, since insurance contracts covering the city fall within the supervision and jurisdiction of his agency. The Board further advised that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Dwight Andrus Insurance from writing insurance contracts with the City of Rayne; however, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code

of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Fontenot from receiving any thing of economic value, including any commission or compensation, from Dwight Andrus Insurance should they enter into any contract, business, or other financial relationship with the City of Rayne. Absent specific information, the Board declined to render an opinion with respect to securing bonds for city employees.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-280 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Bobbie Kimbrel from serving as an appointed member of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District 7 Civil Service Board while her husband provides services to the Fire District, since another candidate has been appointed to fill the position on the Washington Parish Fire Protection District 7 Civil Service Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-360 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Paul Tilly, an appointed board member of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFP AE), from being employed by a contractor of SLFP AE, Vali Cooper, since the company has a contractual relationship with SLFP AE.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-378 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Tom Walton performing compensated services for Livingston Parish Sewer District Number 1 while employed as the Director of Public Works for the City of Denham Springs and while serving as the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewer and Industrial Waste. The Board further instructed the staff to advise Mr. Walton that his request may present an issue with the Dual Office-Holding laws which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-416 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) of

the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mayor Peggy Adkins, Town of Sarepta, from hiring Dale Brown, the husband of Margie Brown, to bush hog for the sewer department while Mrs. Brown serves as the clerk for the Town of Sarepta, since Margie Brown's agency is the Town of Sarepta.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-417 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Charter School hiring Julia Mott, the daughter-in-law of the Charter School CEO Patty Glaser, Ph.D, as a classroom teacher, since 1119B(2)(a)(I) provides a limited exception which permits the school board to employ an immediate family member of a school board member, provided the family member is certified to teach and is teaching in a classroom. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Glaser from participating in a transaction involving her governmental entity in which Ms. Mott has a substantial economic interest. Finally, if Ms. Mott is hired, Dr. Glaser would be required by Section 1119B(2) (a)(iii) of the Code of Governmental Ethics to file a school board disclosure statement within thirty days after the beginning of each school year.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-420 regarding whether the University of New Orleans can (UNO) use the grant writing services of Lifesize, free of charge, for a H-1B Technical Skills Grant application or other suitable grant applications, if Lifesize were to bid on the underlying components within the application, since the company has eliminated its grant writing department and is no longer offering its services to UNO.

Accepted a disqualification plan in Docket No. 15-422 regarding John W. Cox supervising Geokinetics, Inc.'s seismic monitoring of Salt Cavern 2-D while his wife, Davie Cox, is employed

as a Seismic Technician for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-423 concluding that Section 1113A (1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Joyce Greek Hunnicut from selling her property to St. Bernard Parish Government while her husband, Michael D. Hunnicut, serves as the head of the St. Bernard Parish Government's Hazard Mitigation Department; however, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented if the land is expropriated and Mr. and Mrs. Hunnicut disclosed the income received from St. Bernard Parish Government pursuant to 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that Mr. Hunnicut would be required to file a disqualification plan in connection with the expropriation of the land in accordance with the Rules adopted by the Board. Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Hunnicut from participating in a transaction in which he or his immediate family member has a personal substantial economic interest. Therefore, if a disqualification plan is filed and Mr. Hunnicut does not participate in the expropriation of the property, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-426 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by David Pourciau, the former Chief Appraiser in the Appraisal Office within the Department of Transportation and Development, being employed by PEC Engineering as the Review Appraiser on a project for East Baton Rouge Parish, since the project does not involve DOTD's Appraisal Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-429 concluding that members of the Prison Enterprises Board are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since the Prison Enterprises Board does

not have the authority to expend, disburse or invest \$10,000 or more of funds in a fiscal year.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-432 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the employment of Jessica Prine as an office nurse at the Rural Health Clinic, owned by Richland Parish Hospital, at a time when her husband, Dr. Matthew Prine, is a staff physician at the Rural Health Clinic, since Dr. Prine is not an agency head as he is not the head of any department or division and has no supervision over the nurses. The Board further advised that Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Prine from participating in any matters involving his wife's employment in which she has a personal substantial economic interest.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-433 regarding the propriety of a policy of the Orleans Parish Communication District (OPCD) that allows an employee to transfer accrued leave to another employee, since the issue presented does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. The Board further instructed the staff to advise the OPCD to contact the New Orleans Civil Service Commission for guidance.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-434 concluding that members of the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission Board are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission was created by a single parish governing authority with a population of 200,000 or less.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-437 concluding that Section 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Chris Ieyoub, sibling of a Lake Charles City Councilman John Ieyoub, from participating in the Lake Charles Housing Recovery Initiative Program



(Program), since Chris Ieyoub would be entering into a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of his immediate family member, John Ieyoub, and Calcasieu Parish does not fall within the exception pertaining to parishes with a population of ten thousand or less.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-449 regarding the propriety of RedMane Technology, LLC, listing Robynn Schifano, the former Section Chief of the Medicaid Eligibility Systems Section, as a subject matter expert in its proposal for a project that will be directly monitored by her former agency, since the matter involved past conduct and due to a lack of information.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-490 concluding that Section 1119B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mike Gammill from serving as the Principal for Oak Grove High School while his brother, Gene Gammill, serves as a member of the West Carroll School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-495 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Sue Austin, an employee of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), performing services on a contractual basis for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DOC) after hours or while on annual leave, since DHH and DOC are separate departments within the executive branch of state government and provided the services are performed after hours or while on annual leave. The Board further instructed the staff to advise Dr. Austin that since she would be occupying two public positions, she should contact the Attorney General's Office regarding dual employment laws and also, the Office of State Procurement regarding the provisions of the State Procurement Code pertaining to personal, professional, consulting or social services contracts between the State of Louisiana and state employees.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-431 concluding that Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit employees of the Acadiana Area Human Services District (AAHSD) from accepting paid travel expenses and honorariums each day they perform as surveyors with CARF International conducting surveys, since the public employees would be receiving something of economic value for the performance of their job duties other than compensation and the benefits they are duly entitled to making the direct receipt of the paid travel expenses and honorarium prohibited.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-446 concluding that, based on the facts as presented, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Quyen Chu or his agency using state funds to purchase three (3) copies of a medical book, for which Dr. Chu served as the principal editor, for use at three (3) LSU Health Centers. The Board further advised that whether it is appropriate to purchase the medical books or to gift the medical books from one public agency to another is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Board and suggested that Dr. Chu should contact the Attorney General's Office in regard to the appropriate use of state funds. Dr. Leggio recused himself.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-448 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Katrina Polite, an employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles, from providing private driver's education courses in Ascension and surrounding parishes while she is employed with the Office of Motor Vehicles and part of her job duties is to administer written and road exams.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G33-G35 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 G33-G35 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 14-1110 by Russell Carl, a member of the French Market Corporation - Security District, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he file his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Carl that he is required to file a 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 14-1520 by Larry Youngblood, a former member of the Bayou Community Academy Charter School Board, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he file his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Youngblood that he has seven (7) business days to file both his 2013 and 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statements.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-408 by Tony Gibson, a member of the Baldwin Board of Aldermen, St. Mary Parish, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he file his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Gibson that he is required to file a 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-492 by Chauna Banks, a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, in lieu of amending her personal financial disclosure statements in response to a notice of delinquency, deferred the matter to the July meeting and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 14-15, 2015 meetings.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart 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 the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket No. 15-335, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 15-379 from Phil Capitano of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-383 from Dwan Bowser of a \$840 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-454 from Bruce A. Lemelle of two (2) \$1,000 late fees;  
Docket No. 15-458 from Randal L. Gaines of a \$2,000 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-460 from G. Denise Dupree of an \$80 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1234 for a waiver of the three (3) \$2,500 late fees assessed against Glen Woods, a candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section B, Orleans Parish in the October 22, 2011 election, for failure to file his 2012, 2013 and 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the three (3) late fees, since the last report that Mr. Woods filed for this election before he filed the amendments was a 40-G report, which also reflected a balance of less than \$2,500 making him not required to file supplemental reports.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 15-380 for a waiver of the \$550 late fee assessed against Wendy Wilson Billiot, a candidate for School Board Member/District 7, Terrebonne Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$550 late fee but suspended \$440 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-382 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against John Arceneaux, a candidate for Constable/Justice of the Peace, Ward 9, St. Mary Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended the entire late fee 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. 15-386 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Tamara L. Jones, a candidate for Constable/Justice of the Peace Ward, St. Bernard Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee 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. 15-387 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against

William "Greg" Beard, a candidate for District Judge/9th JDC, Subdistrict 2, Rapides Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee 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. 15-389 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Neal Lartigue, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$240 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-454 for a waiver of the \$400 and \$280 late fees assessed against Bruce A. Lemelle, a candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 39 days late and his EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$680 but suspended the entire late fee 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. 15-457 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Josie Gale Frank, a candidate for City Judge/City Court, City of Eunice, Acadia & St. Landry Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 61 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the

\$2,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee 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. 15-461 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Benny Druilhet, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Baldwin, St. Mary Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$400 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-335 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against Arthur Lee, a candidate for Mayor, City of Tallulah, Madison Parish in the May 3, 2014 election, for filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$280 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists included in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart 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 the items in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-405 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mackenzie Ledet for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-406 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Davis for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-407 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Stephanie Murphy for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the items contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart 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 the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 14-1468, 15-482 and 15-484, taking the following action:

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals and adopted the staff recommendations on the requests:

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

Docket No. 15-194 from Jerry Singletary of a \$200 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-481 from Rickey Abels of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-486 from Dawn Gilbreath of a \$150 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-483 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee



assessed against Benjamin James Campbell, a member of the Egg Commission, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 37 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-485 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against Henry "Jim" Cox, Jr., Saline Board of Aldermen, Bienville Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$350 late fee but suspended \$100 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-486 for a waiver of the three (3) \$150 late fees assessed against Dawn Gilbreath, Collinston Board of Aldermen, Morehouse Parish, for filing her 2011 Tier 3 Amended Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late, 2012 Tier 3 Amended Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late and her 2013 Tier 3 Amended Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fees totaling \$300 in connection with the 2011 and 2012 Amended Annual personal financial disclosure statements and declined to waive the \$150 late fee in connection with the 2013 Tier 3 Amended Candidate personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire \$150 late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of

Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-493 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jerome Jordan, a member of the Intercultural Charter School of New Orleans, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 547 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1468 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Henry Maitre, III, Constable for St. Bernard Parish, Ward E, for filing his 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 41 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter and instructed the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-482 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Harry Joseph Cheramie, a former member of the Shrimp Task Force, for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 332 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-484 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against I. D. "Wayne" Bostian, a member of the El Camino Corridor Commission and a

member of the Many Board of Aldermen, Sabine Parish, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 49 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-494 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against Whitney Laird (formerly Whitney Kling) for filing her R.S. 42:1114 disclosure affidavit 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,300 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on waiver request reconsiderations 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 the waiver request reconsiderations, excluding Docket Nos. 14-1176, 14-1517 and 15-088, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1259 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Keith Thompson, a member of the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, for filing his 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 321 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1261 for a waiver of the two (2) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Carl Williams, III, a Franklin Parish Constable, for

filing his 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 311 days late and his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 188 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the late fees totaling \$3,000.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1472 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Harrison Parfait, a Constable for Terrebonne Parish, Ward 4, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 192 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1477 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Christopher Stuart, a member of the State Licensing Board for Contractors, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 175 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-198 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Theresa Simon, candidate for the Mermentau Board of Aldermen, Acadia Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, for failing to file her 2013 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-345 for a waiver of the

\$1,500 late fee assessed against Charles L. Harper, a former member of the Castor Board of Alderman, Bienville Parish, for failing to file his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 68 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1176 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Clarice Kinney, a member of the Workforce Investment Board, for filing her amended 2009 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 465 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1517 for a waiver of the \$840 late fee assessed against Clyde Hamner, a candidate for Terrebonne Parish School Board, District 6, in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$840 but suspended \$740 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-088 for a waiver of the

\$1,500 late fee assessed against William Reily, a former member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Gas Utility District #1, for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 236 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to offer Mr. Reily a payment plan.

The Board considered charges issued in Docket No. 11-1793 against Lena Torres, St. Bernard Parish Clerk of Court, and her daughter, Lena Nunez, the Chief Deputy Clerk, failing to collect court costs from Sidney Torres, the son of Lena Torres and brother of Lena Nunez. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges. Board Member Lavastida recused himself.

Ms. Allen provided a status report with respect to legislation for the 2015 Regular Legislative Session which will affect the laws administered by the Board of Ethics, including the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and the Legislative, Executive and Local Lobbying Disclosure Acts.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive business session.

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman