

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
March 20, 2015, 2015

The Board of Ethics met on March 20, 2015 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 Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shelton present. Absent were Board Members Backhaus, Blewer and Lemke. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Mike Dupree, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 14-1061 of a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2013 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 179 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the April meeting.

Mr. Louis Buatt appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 14-1140 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for failure to timely file a Supplemental Lobbyist Registration report. After hearing from Mr. Buatt, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels and Shelton and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board waived \$1,300.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1344 for a waiver of the \$300, \$600, and \$600 late fees assessed against Charles O'Brien, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District

8 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 5, 20, and 62 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the April meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1470 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Elizabeth Pittman-McDaniel, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, for filing her 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the April meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-092 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Ernest Wooton, State Representative, District 105, for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 483 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the April meeting.

Mr. Edward Fowler, a Medicaid Program Manager 2 with the Policy and Compliance Section under the Bureau of Health Services Financing with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-033 regarding whether he may accept employment with AmeriHealth Caritas, while employed with DHH, at a time when AmeriHealth Caritas has a contractual relationship with the Bureau of Health Services Financing. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the April meeting to allow the staff to obtain additional information.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-076 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed John Allen, Jr., a member of the Rapides Parish School Board, for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

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 G7-G29 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 G7-G29, excluding items G13, G19, G21 and G24, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1528 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mendy Jinks being employed with the Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2 while her deceased father's former live in partner, Rhonda Coleman, serves as the Director of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2 and with whom Ms. Jinks lived following her father's death, since Ms. Coleman and Ms. Jinks' father never married and Ms. Coleman never adopted Ms. Jinks; therefore, they are not immediate family members.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1536 regarding whether members of the Caddo Parish Commission or Caddo Parish employees are prohibited from working for companies that sublet portions of the former GM plant or companies that provide services to sub-lessees of the former GM plant.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1544 regarding whether Angela Coburn is prohibited from being employed to supervise a contract between the Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office, Child Support Division and the Department of Child and Family Services(DCFS), since the requestor lacked standing to request the opinion.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-013 concluding that Section 1113A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 (District) from continuing to make purchases from Savoie Lumber Company (SLC) while Wendy Savoie serves as the office administrator for the District, since Ms. Savoie's agency is the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 and her brother has a 50% ownership in Savoie Lumber Company. The Board further declined to render an advisory opinion regarding whether Jude Primeaux, a board member, may receive compensation as per a lease rental agreement with the District, since the lease agreement is still in effect and the matter involves past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-019 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Terry R. Grier, Sr., an employee of Louisiana State University (LSU) Office of Facility Services, providing engineering consulting services following his retirement from LSU provided that he only receives compensation for his services on projects that he did not participate in while he was employed with LSU. The Board further advised that Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Grier, for two years following his retirement from LSU, from contracting directly or indirectly through another company with LSU, Office of Facility Services to provide the same services he provided during his public employment and that Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits any legal entity in which Mr. Grier is an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee from assisting a person in a transaction in which he participated while employed by LSU for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-028 concluding that Section 1113A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Brett Clark, the brother of Melville Town Councilman

Michael Clark, from being appointed to work as a reserve officer for the Melville Police Department, since Brett Clark's appointment would be considered entering into a transaction that is under the jurisdiction of his brother's agency because the Melville Town Council approves the appointment of reserve officers.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-034 concluding that Section 1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Curtis Roller d/b/a Louisiana Firefighter Service, Inc. from contracting with the Jackson Parish Ward IV Fire Protection District to provide services of a fire chief for two years following his resignation as Fire Chief of the Jackson Parish Ward IV Fire Protection District, since as Fire Chief, Mr. Roller is the chief administrative officer of the Jackson Parish Ward IV Fire Protection District and an agency head.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-047 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lloyd Blount, a part-time employee of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), continuing his employment with Emission Control Services (ECS), since ECS does not have a relationship with DEQ and the services to be provided to ECS are unrelated to Mr. Blount's duties at DEQ.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-049 concluding that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jennifer Jones, the newly-elected District Attorney for Claiborne Parish, from participating in a criminal matter pending before her office in which William Dore may have an interest at a time when she is representing Mr. Dore in a private legal matter.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-050 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education and a member of the Board of Directors of Chiefs for Change, traveling on behalf of Chiefs for

Change to various meetings, functions, and speaking engagements and receiving reimbursements from Chiefs for Change for the travel, since Chiefs for Change does not have a contractual or business relationship with the Department of Education (DOE) nor is the organization regulated by the DOE. The Board further advised that Mr. White would not be required to file an affidavit in accordance with Section 1123(41) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-051 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Debra Lynn Coulon, for two years following her resignation as an Alderwoman for the Village of Palmetto, from accepting employment as the Town Clerk for the Village of Palmetto.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-053 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Sharon Burdette working as a part-time employee for the Zachary Public Works & Utilities Department (ZPW) following her retirement, since the ZPW is a governmental entity and not considered a person as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-055 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Roy F. Baas serving as both a non-compensated member of the Louisiana Addictive Disorders Regulatory Authority and the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals. The Board further recommended that Mr. Baas contact the Attorney General's Office regarding the application of the dual office holding laws to his situation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-057 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Sylvia Dunn, a retired workers' compensation judge, from representing private clients, for compensation, in workers' compensation cases in District 7, and from rendering any service on a contractual basis to District 7 of the Office of Workers'

Compensation, for a period of two years from the termination of her public service. The Board further advised that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ms. Dunn representing private clients in workers' compensation cases in other districts, provided she does not participate in any case that was assigned to her in any district while she was employed with the Office of Workers' Compensation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-097 concluding that Gregg Fortner, in his capacity as the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of New Orleans and Secretary of the HANO Board, would not be required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Fortner does not have the power to vote on matters before the HANO Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-098 concluding that, based upon the information provided, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Robert Caballero, an employee of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF), receiving compensation from Coastal Environment Incorporated for participation in the Nutria Control Program.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-099 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Jonathan M. Rhodes as the director of the Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC), if he is elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, since the LCJC does not appear to be a public entity and its employees do not appear to be public servants subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that if Mr. Rhodes is elected as State Representative, Section 1111E(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assisting LCJC in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a

transaction involving the Louisiana Legislature. Further, if he is elected as State Representative, Section 1111E(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from receiving or agreeing to receive any thing of economic value for assisting LCJC in a transaction or an appearance in connection with a transaction involving state officials or state agencies unless he files a sworn written statement with the Board prior to or at least ten days after initial assistance is rendered.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-100 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Michael Vince, formerly of the Air Permits Division (APD) of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), contracting with or being employed by the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (NORPC) in developing its local air quality coalition, since the NORPC is not considered a person within the definition of the Code of Governmental Ethics and, as such, Mr. Vince would not be assisting a person.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-102 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Greg McCarty, a geologist with the Underground Storage Tanks and Remediation Division (USTRD) within the Department of Environmental Quality, performing all or part of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, since the services Mr. McCarty would provide on Phase I ESAs are not provided by the USTRD staff in the performance of their duties and does not draw upon official data and ideas which are not public information. The Board further advised that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. McCarty from performing compensated services for persons who (1) has or is seeking to obtain a business, financial, or contractual relationship with his agency, (2) is regulated by his agency, or (3) has a substantial economic interest which may be affected by the performance of non-performance of his official duty.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-052 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Monique Hurst, a program manager within the 24 Hour Programs Section of the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), being employed by Aetna if she leaves her position at the OBH, since, as described, Ms. Hurst would not be rendering the same services back to the 24 Hour Programs Section through Aetna. The Board further advised that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Hurst from assisting Aetna in a transaction or an appearance in connection with a transaction in which she participated while working for the State of Louisiana.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-054 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mark Morvant, an employee of Research Section (19) in the Office of Engineering/Louisiana Transportation Research Center within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), submitting a bid to become a contract employee on the Safe Routes to School Program following his retirement, since Mr. Morvant would not be contracting with nor assisting a person in a transaction with his former agency, Research Section (19). Board Member Leggio recused himself.

Deferred to the April meeting, consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-064 regarding whether Christopher Basile, a laborer for the St. Bernard Parish Department of Recreation, Culture, and Tourism (DRCT), may work as a contract employee with Greater New Orleans Sports Officials, if they secure a professional services agreement with St. Bernard Parish government.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G30-G34 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 G30-G34 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-069 by Altheaon Burch, former Mayor of the Village of Stanley, DeSoto Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency received requesting she file her 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Burch that she is required to file a 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-070 by Betty Jean Bertrand, a former member of the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Bertrand that she has seven (7) business days to file a 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-071 by L.V. "Pete" Breithaupt, Constable for LaSalle 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. Breithaupt that he has seven (7) business days to file a 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-074 by Sandra Kay Gay, a former member of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services District, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting she file her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Gay that she has seven (7) business days to file a 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-075 by James Martin, Sr., a former

member of the West Carroll Parish 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. Martin that he is required to file 2013 and 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statements.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the February 19-20, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 12-1699 regarding Loretta Britt, a former administrative assistant with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, utilizing a La Carte Purchasing Card for personal use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Loretta Britt, a former employee of the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her use of a LWC “La Carte Purchasing Card” for her personal use and in which Ms. Britt agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-372 regarding Kerri Breaux, a former employee of the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office, taking monies owed to St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office for her personal use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Kerri Breaux a former employee of the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court’s Office, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her falsifying court records and converting filing fees in the amount of \$649.25 for her personal use at a time when she was not duly entitled to receive it for the performance of her official duties and in which Ms. Breaux agrees to

pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 14-1563 regarding whether Phillip DeVillier can continue to participate as an elevation contractor through his company, Louisiana Structural Movers (LSM), under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), if he is elected as State Representative for District 41 (Acadia, St. Landry, and Evangeline Parishes). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that if Mr. DeVillier is elected, then LSM, of which he owns 80 percent, would be prohibited from entering into elevation contracts funded in whole or in part by HMGP SRL/RL grants, since under the HMGP, grants are available only after a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency and the federal funds are distributed, paid or allocated by the GOHSEP. unless the contract qualifies for the exception provided in Section 1114.3A(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. For contracts that are not prohibited by Section 1114.3 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Mr. DeVillier is required to disclose any compensation that he receives, directly or through LSM, through any contract that is funded in whole or in part by SRL/RL grants pursuant to Section 1114.3A(5) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-029 regarding the application of the R.S. 42:1119C(2) to an appointed official and whether he may be re-appointed to his position at the end of his term by the Mayor of the municipality when either the official's immediate family member has been elected to the board of aldermen or his immediate family member has been elected as Mayor. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion due to a lack of standing by the requestor.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-061 regarding

whether the Village of Palmetto is prohibited from purchasing goods from Budden's General Merchandise at a time when it is owned by the mayor's brother, Guyton Budden, who is also an alderman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that generally, Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Village of Palmetto from purchasing goods from Budden's General Merchandise. However, Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides an exception for a member of a governing authority of a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less, if the municipality develops a plan pursuant to Section 1123(22)(b) of the Code of Governmental Ethics that is approved by the Board of Ethics. The Board further advised that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mayor Marx Budden and Guyton Budden from participating in any matter involving the purchase of items from Budden's General Merchandise.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-153 regarding the propriety of an unnamed Louisiana District Court Judge using his/her campaign funds to pay for legal fees and expenses that will be incurred in defending a formal charge filed against him/her by the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the judge's use of campaign funds to pay legal fees and expenses incurred in connection with the formal charges filed against him/her by the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is prohibited by Section 1505.2I of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, since it is not a use related to his/her campaign or the holding of public office.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to add to the agenda, consideration of the Notice of Intent with respect to the rules governing the personal financial

disclosure forms. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to proceed with the repeal of the sections of the Rules of the Board of Ethics pertaining to the personal financial disclosure forms.

The Board considered a memorandum in connection with the dollar amount of food and drink which can be provided to a public servant per event in accordance with R.S. 42:1115.1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to proceed with the promulgation of the rule pursuant to R.S. 42:1115.1C to increase the current value of the food and drink cap to \$60 beginning July 1, 2015.

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 Nos. 14-1236 and 15-104, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1442 for a waiver of the \$760 late fee assessed against William Lott, a candidate for Bossier City School Board, District 4, Bossier Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$760 late fee but suspended \$560 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days or the suspended portion becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1443 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Jack "Randy" Shelly, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Minden in November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$480 late fee, since Mr. Shelley submitted medical documentation regarding his illness.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1515 for a waiver of the \$600 and \$660 late fees assessed against Patty Merrick, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 5 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 28 days late and her 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee and declined to waive the \$600 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-035 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Belinda Alexandrenko, a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing her 2012 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 39 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,000 late fee, since the Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report filed on March 26, 2013 in which Ms. Alexandrenko forgave the outstanding debt, has been accepted as an amendment to Ms. Alexandrenko's 2011 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report closing out the election.

Therefore, the 2012 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was not required to be filed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1236 for a waiver of the \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$2,000 late fees assessed against C. Denise Marcelle, a candidate in the October 4, 2008, October 22, 2011, and November 6, 2012 elections, for failing to file her 2012 and 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board

rescinded the late fee orders for the 2012 and 2013 Supplemental reports for the October 4, 2008 election; rescinded the late fee orders for the 2012 and 2013 Supplemental reports for the October 22, 2011 election; and, rescinded the late fee order for the 2013 Supplemental report for the November 6, 2012 election, since the amendments to prior reports closed out all of the elections, so the five Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were not required to be filed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-104 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Brenda Hymes, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 9, Plaquemines Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 136 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days or the suspended portion becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-101 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against lobbyist Janet Sonnier Britton for failure to timely file her November 2014 Lobbyist Expenditure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to

waive the \$50 late fee.

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. 15-090 and 15-091, 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 considered a request in Docket No. 14-1492 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Eugene Venzant, a member of the Bryceland Board of Aldermen, Bienville Parish, for filing his amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 172 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire late fee, since Mr. Venzant has resigned from the Bryceland Board of Aldermen.

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

Docket No. 15-082 from Christopher Garriga of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-083 from Edwin Shorty of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-086 from Jimmie Pellerin of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-088 from William Reily of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 15-089 from Jason Richard of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 15-093 from Arlis Williamson of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-076 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against John Allen, Jr., Rapides Parish School Board, for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 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 future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-078 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Dawn Brackett, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Economic Development District, for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 204 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 in Docket No. 15-080 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Doris Barrow, a member of the St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District, for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 121 days late. 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 Code of Governmental Ethics due to medical hardship for which medical documentation was provided by Mr. Barrow.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-081 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Melanie Doucette, a member of the Palmetto Board of Aldermen, St. Landry Parish, for filing her 2013 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 88 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 in Docket No. 15-094 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Billy Talton, a member of the Vienna Town Council, Lincoln Parish, for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 330 days late. 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 Code of Governmental Ethics, since Mr. Talton did not receive the initial Notice of Delinquency.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-090 for a waiver of the three (3) \$1,500 late fees assessed against Brenda Christiansen, a member of the Warren Easton Charter School Board, for filing her 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 116 days late, her 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 116 days late, and her 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 116 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2010 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics; (2) declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics; and, (3) declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 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 in Docket No. 15-091 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee

assessed against Craig Mathews, a former member of the St. Mary Parish Council, for filing his 2011 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 308 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-077 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Willie Breaux, Superintendent of the Bogalusa School District, for filing his 2014-2015 School Board Disclosure Statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived \$400 of the late fee based on the waiver guidelines.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 14-1446 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Dorothy Sansoni, a candidate for Iberville Parish School Board at Large in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 23 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

