

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
March 16, 2017

The Board of Ethics met on March 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Ingrassia, Lavastida, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Smith present. Absent were Board Members Leggio and Shelton. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

Ms. Allen advised the Board that Dr. John M. Meinert had been appointed by Governor Edwards to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Wade Shaddock's resignation from the Board.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
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March 17, 2017

The Board of Ethics met on March 17, 2017 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, Dittmer, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Smith present. Absent was Board Member Shelton. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

Chairman McAnelly recognized Board Members Ingrassia and Monroe for their years of service on the Board.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-960 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against William Earl Maddox, a Claiborne Parish Constable, 1st JP Court, for filing his amended 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 55 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the April meeting.

Mayor Richie Broomfield, Village of Dodson in Winn Parish, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-156 regarding the Village of Dodson doing business with Dodson Equipment Company which is owned by Mayor Broomfield's father, Richard Broomfield. After hearing from Mayor Broomfield, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dodson Equipment Company from entering into contracts, subcontracts, or other transactions with the Village of Dodson while Richie Broomfield serves as Mayor, since the

company is owned by Mayor Broomfield's father, Richard Broomfield.

Mr. Wendell Piper, a candidate for the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, District 8 in the November 8, 2016 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-013 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against him for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. After hearing from Mr. Piper, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and contingent upon his payment of the outstanding \$60 campaign finance disclosure late fee within 30 days.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G4-G16 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 G4-G16, excluding Items G6, G7 and G8, taking the following action:

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-1316 from Sheila Boudreaux, Lafourche Parish Civil Service Director, regarding whether a Lafourche Parish employee may perform private services for the Lafourche Parish President.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-075 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Augustin "Chard" Richard, husband of the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) Deputy Assistant Secretary Melinda Richard, continuing his service on the La. Health Care Quality Forum Board of Directors while Mrs. Richard is employed by LDH, since Mr. Richard is a non-compensated member of the Board for the Forum

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-139 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit David Kozan, a project manager employed by Owen & White, Inc. and a recent appointee to the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District (District) Board of Commissioners, from receiving compensation from Owen & White, Inc. during the duration of the contractual relationship between Owen & White and the District.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-178 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kia Price, an employee of the Office of Procurement, seeking government funded contracts through her professional cleaning business, KP3 Dimension Cleaning Service, LLC, provided the contract is not with her agency, the Office of State Procurement, and the contract is not subject to review or approval by her agency. The Board further advised that there are no provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics that would prohibit Ms. Price from marketing KP3 Dimension Cleaning Service, LLC by placing flyers and business cards in state buildings.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-179 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a company, M and E Consulting, owned by Scotty Baudoin from providing consulting services to the same general and sub-contractors that M and E Consulting will be reviewing their work on private and public projects. The Board advised that in Docket No. 09-378, the Board concluded that an architecture firm was a public employee, and as such, was subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics within the confines of its contract with the State of Louisiana and suggested that, as a public employee, M and E Consulting would be prohibited from rendering any service to a company when M and E Consulting reviews that company's work for a public entity. Therefore, while acting as the reviewer of a public

contract, M and E Consulting would be prohibited from accepting compensation for services provided to those contractors whose work is reviewed. The Board further advised that if a specific situation presents itself in the future, Mr. Baudoin should submit a more detailed opinion request at that time.

Adopted an advisory opinion submitted by Mayor Mark Piazza, City of Abbeville, in Docket No. 17-180 concluding that (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Vector Aviation, the Fixed base Operator ((FBO) at Abbeville Chris Crista Memorial Airport, performing the airport safety functions pursuant to an amended FOB lease with the City of Abbeville, as approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and/or Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) as may be required; and, (2) Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mike Mouton, the previous airport director, from providing the same airport safety functions on behalf of Vector Aviation for a period of two years from the termination of his public service as airport safety director.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-181 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jessica Hargrave, an employee of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), serving as a Graduate Assistant for McNeese State University and wearing an air monitor during her work hours while employed with DEQ.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-202 regarding whether RARR Maintenance, LLC, a company owned by Reginald Jordan, is prohibited from entering into certain contracts with the City of Shreveport, while his wife is employed with the City, since the issue involves past conduct as Mr. Jordan has already submitted the proposals to the City of Shreveport and since any question regarding future conduct is moot as Mr. Jordan sold the company.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-204 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kelly P. Tate serving as a Magistrate for the Town of Mamou while she is employed on a part-time basis as an Assistant District Attorney with the Evangeline Parish District Attorney's Office, since both positions are part-time positions and as long as she is compensated by each agency for only the hours of service performed on their behalf. The Board further suggested that Ms. Tate should seek an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Dual Office Holding provisions, which is under their jurisdiction.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-205 concluding that the members of the Vermilion Parish Library Board of Control (Library Board) are not required to file personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since the Library Board falls within Section 1124.2.1D(1)(b)(ii) of the Code of Governmental Ethics which provides that boards or commissions created by a single parish governing authority with a population of less than 200,000 are not a board or commission for purposes of financial disclosure.

Deferred consideration of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-076 regarding the employment of the daughter of Stephen Nunnery, Director of Administration for the City of Zachary, by the City's Utility Department and instructed the staff to solicit additional information.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-134 concluding no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Edward Theriot, the interim Plaquemines Parish President, returning to his prior position as Director of Administration after the newly elected Parish President is sworn into office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-137 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Angelle Bourgeois, the step-daughter of Lafourche Parish

Director of Public Works James Barnes, being employed as Field Maintenance Clerk (Clerk) within Lafourche Parish Public Works Department, since Mr. Barnes' step-daughter is not considered an immediate family member as provided for in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the February 16-17, 2017 meetings.

The Board considered proposed consent opinions in Docket No. 15-1151 regarding Billiot Pest Control contracting with the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 to provide pest control services to the buildings owned by the Fire Company No. 1 while Ernie Esteve, Secretary for the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Board of Directors, was employed by Billiot Pest Control. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinions in which (1) Billiot Pest Control agrees that a violation of Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by providing compensation to Ernie Esteve, an employee of the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, at a time when Billiot Pest Control had a contractual or other business or financial relationship with Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 to provide pest control services to the buildings owned by the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 which compensation Mr. Esteve was prohibited from receiving from Billiot Pest Control pursuant to Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and in which Billiot Pest Control agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000 and that, in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due; and, (2) Ernie Esteve, in his capacity as a member of the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Board, agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his receiving a

thing of economic value in the form of compensation for services rendered to Billiot Pest Control at a time when Billiot Pest Control had a contractual or other business or financial relationship with Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 to provide pest control services to the buildings owned by the Marrero Estelle Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and in which Mr. Esteve agrees to pay a fine of \$500 and that, in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-1340 regarding the propriety of the CEO of the LSU Foundation (Foundation) also holding the position of LSU Vice-President for Institutional Advancement (LSU VP). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the following:

(1) Whether La. R.S. 42:1111 prohibits the Foundation's employment and compensation of the Foundation CEO/LSU VP position? The Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the LSU VP, who is also serving as the Foundation's CEO, from being compensated solely by the Foundation. However, La. R.S. 42:1111A(1)(b) would allow the LSU VP to receive supplementary compensation or benefits from funds accruing to the benefit of LSU as approved by the appropriate policy or management board, through the Foundation. Additionally, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3390B(3), the Foundation must reimburse LSU, either directly or through in-kind services, for the cost of LSU employees furnished to support the Foundation. Therefore, the LSU VP must receive at least some of his compensation directly from LSU, for which the Foundation must reimburse LSU for the portion of his salary attributable to time spent on Foundation matters and away from his LSU duties.

(2) Whether the Ethics Code prohibits the LSU CFO, Dan Layzell, from serving as interim Foundation CEO? The Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the LSU CFO from serving as the interim Foundation CFO, provided that Mr. Layzell's duties and compensation as LSU CFO will be continued without change and the Foundation will reimburse LSU for the portion of his salary attributable to time spent on Foundation matters and away from his regular LSU duties. As such, it would not present a violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics if Mr. Layzell serves as interim Foundation CEO, at a time when he is employed as the LSU CFO.

(3) Whether La. R.S. 42:1112B(3) prohibits the LSU VP, who is also the Foundation CEO, from participating in a transaction involving LSU in which the Foundation has a substantial economic interest? Without more information regarding the transactions he may encounter in his capacity as LSU VP, the Board is unable to render an opinion as to this issue. However, La. R.S. 42:1112B(3) generally would prohibit the LSU VP/Foundation CEO from participating, in his capacity as LSU VP, in any transaction involving LSU in which the economic interest is of a greater benefit to the Foundation than to the other LSU affiliated foundations. As such, if a specific situation arises in the future, the LSU VP should request an advisory opinion at that time. Finally, La. R.S. 42:1115 would prohibit the LSU VP from soliciting and/or accepting donations from any person who: (1) has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the Office of Institutional Advancement (Office); (2) is seeking, for compensation, to influence the passage or defeat of legislation by the Office; (3) conducts operations or activities which are

regulated by the Office; or (4) has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of his official duties. Furthermore, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3390B(3), LSU employees performing services on behalf of the Foundation shall remain public servants for all purposes.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-025 regarding Keith Green Jr., an Assistant District Attorney for St. John the Baptist Parish, contracting with St. John the Baptist Parish, through his private law firm, to operate the Parish's Adjudicated Properties Program. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Green from receiving compensation through his private law firm to administer the same program for the Parish, as the duties are devoted substantially to the responsibilities of the District Attorney's office.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-138 regarding whether Jaclyn Clement may be compensated as a part-time employee of the Bayou Blue Fire Department (Fire Department) while her father, John Culhane, serves as Chairman of the Bayou Blue Fire District (Fire District). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jaclyn Clement being a compensated employee of Bayour Blue Fire Department while her father serves as Chairman of the Bayou Fire District, since the exception contained in Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Ms. Clement to remain employed by the Fire Department and receive normal promotional advancements. If Ms. Clement is hired by the Fire Chief while Mr. Culhane serves on the Fire District Board, Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Culhane from participating in any transaction in which Ms. Clement has a

substantial economic interest and a disqualification plan in accordance with the Rules of Board of Ethics should be submitted for the Board's approval.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-219 regarding post-employment restrictions with respect to David Peterson, an employee of the La. Department of Health (LDH), following a layoff due to budget cuts specifically with respect to (1) Is a Notice of Impending Layoff justification to pursue employment with an MCO Contracted with LDH?; and, (2) Is a layoff justification to pursue employment with an MCO contracted with LDH? On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board revised the proposed draft advisory opinion and concluded that (1) while Mr. Peterson is not prohibited from seeking employment with an MCO which contracts with LDH, if Mr. Peterson accepts employment with such MCO prior to an actual layoff, Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from working on any matters in which he participated while employed by LDH and from rendering the same services on a contractual basis to or for LDH; and, (2) in the event Mr. Peterson's position is actually terminated by LDH due to a layoff through a reduction in force or as a result of budget cuts, Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit his accepting employment with an MCO contracted with LDH and assisting them in transactions with his former governmental entity involving matters in which he participated while employed by LDH. The Board further instructed the staff to return the revised draft advisory opinion to the April agenda for review and adoption.

The Board considered a staff memorandum in Docket No. 17-245 regarding the food and drink limitation contained in Section 1115.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board took no action, since the CPI-U for Food and Beverage decreased -0.1% during the 2016 calendar year

and the current \$60 value amount for food and drink would remain the same for 2017.

Mr. Rufus Craig, a candidate for Mayor-President, City of Baton Rouge in the November 8, 2016 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-019 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against him for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Craig, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee.

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 and committees 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. 17-019 and 17-203, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 16-693 from Thomas Johnson of a \$600 late fee and two \$2,000 late fees;
Docket No. 17-171 from Education Reform Now Advocacy of a \$2,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 17-172 from Frank Duson, Jr. of a \$600 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-919 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Ernest D. Wooton, a candidate for Plaquemines Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 227 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended

\$1,800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. The Board further instructed that a payment plan must be entered into within 30 days, including the payment of the first installment, or the late fee must be paid 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. 17-078 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Clay Nugent, a candidate for Chief of Police, Village of Georgetown in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. The Board further instructed that a payment plan must be entered into within 30 days, including the payment of the first installment, or the late fee must be paid 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. 17-081 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Alvin Charles Drake, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Welsh in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. The Board further instructed that a payment plan must be entered into within 30 days, including the payment of the first installment, or the late fee must be paid 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. 17-135 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Joseph B. Reynolds, a candidate for Morehouse Parish Coroner in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 104 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. 17-140 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Rodney N. Erdey, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Livingston in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$400 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-203 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against David E. Peralta, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish President in the October 22, 2011 election, for inaccurately filing his 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. 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 and rescinded the \$260 late fee reassessment in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report. The Board further instructed the staff to advise Mr. Peralta that all future reports must be submitted using the Leaders online system.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained 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. 17-077 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Sara Berthelot for the late filing of the October 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$200 late fee, since it was Ms. Berthelot's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-098 for a waiver of the \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$50 late fees assessed against Alaina Meilleur for the late filing of the July, August, September and November 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the July expenditure report but declined to waive the remaining \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$50 late fees in connection with the August, September and November expenditure reports.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-136 for a waiver of the \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,450 and \$50 late fees assessed against Beldin Batiste for the late filing of the July, August, September and November 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the July expenditure report but declined to waive the remaining \$1,500, \$1,450 and \$50 late fees in connection with the August, September and November expenditure reports.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of late fees assessed against individuals 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. 17-013, 17-016, 17-128 and 17-129, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 16-805 from Michael Small of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 17-006 from Ray Lauga, Jr. of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket No. 17-009 from Chandra Scarber of a \$500 late fee;
Docket No. 17-010 from Terrell Wilson of a \$200 late fee; and,
Docket No. 17-131 from Vanessa James of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-127 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Chester Dillard, a member of the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority, for filing his amended 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement 201 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.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-016 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Joseph Harrison, Jr., State Representative, District 51, for failing to file his 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, which has not been filed to date. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee and instructed the staff to advise Mr. Harrison that his reconsideration was declined by the Board because the personal financial disclosure statement has not been filed.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-128 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Kelvin McCoy, a member of the Boyce Board of Aldermen, Rapides Parish, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 97 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.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-129 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Velma Hendrix, a member of the Melville Town Council, St. Landry Parish, for filing her 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 98 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the April meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for reconsideration of late fee waivers 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 involving requests for reconsideration of late fee waivers taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-208 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Coastal Impac, and its treasurer, Mr. Toby Gascon, in connection with its participation in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and rescinded the reassessment of the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the July 2013 monthly report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-1041 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Anthony "Tony" Lewis, a candidate for District Judge / 17th Judicial District Court, Division B in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 227 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board

affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$2,000 late fee.

The Board recessed at 11:05 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:15 a.m.

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.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 13-1655 against Carlos Gray, a candidate in the October 19, 2013 election for Gibsland Chief of Police, Bienville Parish, for failure to file a 2012 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman