



## Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room

APRIL 5, 2023

8:30 AM

617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### Executive Session

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

Discussion in executive session regarding charges issued against Lisa Cooper in Docket No. 2021-726.

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## GENERAL

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### Appearances

**G1.** Docket No. 22-370

Waiver request submitted by Trent Temples, candidate for City Prosecutor of Bogalusa (Pop. 12,232) / Washington Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2020 Tier 2 candidate pfd.

**G2.** Docket No. 22-514

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bianca J. Vedell, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 5, St. Landry Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late.

**Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

- G3.** Docket No. 18-1180  
Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges issued against George Carraway and Terry Campbell, in Docket No. 2018-1180.
- G4.** Docket No. 19-592  
Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges issued against Alton McClinton in Docket No. 2019-592.
- G5.** Docket No. 22-927  
Advisory Opinion request from Steven Kennedy, a candidate in the Feb. 18, 2023 special election in Orleans Parish for La. House District 93, regarding contracts with the Louisiana Housing Corporation and other local governmental entities.
- G6.** Docket No. 23-062  
Advisory opinion request from Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Department (Department) employee Melonia McDaniel regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) prohibits her brother, Ivan McDaniel, from serving on the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission. (Commission)
- G7.** Docket No. 23-068  
Advisory Opinion Request from Satrica D. Williams, related to appointment as Hearing Adjudication Officer.
- G8.** Docket No. 23-069  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Daniel Gillane, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits the award of gift cards to Lafayette Public Library ("Library") staff members by the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control ("Board") President.
- G9.** Docket No. 23-070  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Cara Chance, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits her from accepting a \$5,000.00 cash prize for being an American Library Association I Love My Librarian award honoree.
- G10.** Docket No. 23-071  
Request on behalf of the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office for an advisory opinion relative to the use of revenue generated from fees collected under La. R.S. 13:5722 for the purpose of supporting the forensic and mental health operations of the Children's Advocacy Center Hope House in St. Tammany Parish.
- G11.** Docket No. 23-073  
Advisory Opinion request from Town of Lake Providence regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Town from designating a newspaper owned by the sister of one of the Town aldermen as the official journal.
- G12.** Docket No. 23-076  
Advisory Opinion Request from Benjamin Franklin High School as to whether assistant coaches may receive compensation for coaching students in private leagues during out of season periods.
- G13.** Docket No. 23-077  
Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of

Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits USA Equipment from doing business with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury while Brent Landry serves on the Police Jury and is employed with USA Equipment.

- G14.** Docket No. 23-131  
Withdrawal of a Disqualification Plan Approval Request, originally submitted by Ava Cates, the Secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
- G15.** Docket No. 23-135  
Advisory Opinion request submitted on behalf of Talley, Anthony, Hughes & Knight, LLC ("TAHK") regarding whether TAHK can sublease office space from Ron Macaluso while he serves on the Tangipahoa Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 a/k/a North Oaks Health System.
- G16.** Docket No. 23-136  
Advisory Opinion Request from West Baton Rouge Parish Government relating to outside employment.
- G17.** Docket No. 23-137  
Advisory Opinion request by Pamela Boswell, an employee of the La. Dept. of Health, regarding the employment of her daughter at the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center.
- G18.** Docket No. 23-138  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits former Shreveport employee Tom Dark from serving as the Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") for the City of Shreveport.
- G19.** Docket No. 23-139  
Advisory Opinion request regarding Lieutenant Champagne of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office gaining secondary employment with an LLC.
- G20.** Docket No. 23-148  
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Village of Anacoco Mayor Howard K. Lewing, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Howard Lewing Construction, Inc. from contracting with Danny Manes, who oversees the Anacoco Water System.
- G21.** Docket No. 23-171  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics) prohibits Jockey Being Family Program from donating backpacks to the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court.
- G22.** Docket No. 23-208  
Advisory Opinion request on behalf of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government ("LCG") as to the hiring of Jared Gaspard and the approval of a disqualification plan in the event he is hired.

### **Regular Business**

- G23.** Docket No. MINUTES  
March 2023 Board Minutes
- G24.** Docket No. 17-1105  
Consent Opinion regarding Willie Scott Woods, a former Account Clerk for the City of New Roads (pop. 4,549) who received funds from city accounts.
- G25.** Docket No. 21-525  
Consent Opinion regarding Brian Bucker, a social studies teacher and softball coach at Green Oaks Performing Arts School in Caddo Parish and his

participation and entering into transactions with Green Oaks Performing Arts School.

**G26. Docket No. 21-835**

Consent Opinion regarding Precious Phillips, a former employee of Caddo Parish Schools, and her receipt of funds from a school account.

**G27. Docket No. 22-444**

Consent Opinion for Karen Carter Peterson, successful candidate for State Senator, 5th Senatorial District, in the October 12, 2019 election, and LA Democrats relating to various violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

**G28. Docket No. 23-149**

Advisory Opinion Request from Adam Marcantel, Civil Service Director, Lafayette Consolidated Government, related to potential employment of family member.

**G29. Docket No. LEGISLA**

Consideration of proposed legislation introduced for consideration during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

**G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Docket No. 22-999

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$1,000 for a total of \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jimmy Guy, in his capacity as an unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Tallulah in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 300 and 137 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-078

Request that the Board waive the \$960 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Paul Morgan, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, At large, Iberville Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late.

Docket No. 23-079

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lawrence "L T" Dupre, an unsuccessful candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Zachary in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-080

Request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against Keith C. Bodin, an unsuccessful candidate for Public Service Commission, District 4, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-081

Request that the Board waive the \$40.00 campaign finance late fees assessed against Terrell Bergeron, an unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, Village of Parks, St. Martin Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-084

Request that the Board waive the \$2,300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Richard "Richie" Sanderson, II, an unsuccessful candidate for Public Service Commission, District 1, in the November 3, 2020, whose 2021

Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 23 days late.

Docket No. 23-085

Request that the Board waive a \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alex L. Suffrin, an unopposed candidate for Member of School Board, District 8, St. Charles Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 23-103

Request that the Board waive the \$800 and \$80 for a total of \$880 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ann G. Arata, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 2, City of Bogalusa in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 22 and 2 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-104

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 and \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against Joy Nelson, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 1, City of New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 33 and 13 days late, respectively.

**G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

Docket No. 23-086

Request to waive the \$400 late fee assessed against Cherie Teamer for the late filing of the November 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 23-153

Request to waive the \$250 late fee assessed against Brittany McAllister for the late filing of the December 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

**G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. 22-760

Waiver request submitted by Francis Gale Mitchell, Cheneyville Board of Alderman (Pop. 625) / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 368 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 321 days late.

Docket No. 22-940

Waiver request submitted by Edwin Mark Shorty Jr., Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Constable / 2nd City Court / Orleans Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 263 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 129 days late.

Docket No. 22-1010

Waiver request submitted by Ron McMorris, successful candidate for Livingston Parish School Board / District 8, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 111 days late.

Docket No. 22-1011

Waiver request submitted by Alidore Leon "Al" Marmande, Terrebonne Parish Council / District 7 / Terrebonne, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 22-1012

Waiver request submitted by Daryll Fitzgerald Berry, Monroe City School

Board / District 4 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 day late.

Docket No. 22-1013

Waiver request submitted by Jerry Lewis, successful candidate for Council Members / City of Grambling (Pop. 5,239) / Lincoln Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 118 days late.

Docket No. 23-025

Waiver request submitted by Brad Davis, former member of the Iberia Parish Council / District 3, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-027

Waiver request submitted by Carlton Michael LaFrance, Sr., Plaquemines Parish Council / District 7, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 23-028

Waiver request submitted by John Alford, former member of the Rooted School 4.0 Charter School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 95 days late.

Docket No. 23-029

Waiver request submitted by Opal J. "Nell" Finlay, successful candidate for Alderman / Village of Dixie Inn (Pop. 293) / Webster Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 83 days late.

Docket No. 23-031

Waiver request submitted by Jackie L. "Deuce" Baker, Caddo Levee Board, regarding a \$1200 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 24 days late.

Docket No. 23-032

Waiver request submitted by John Robert "Bobby" Cortez, former member of the Tangipahoa Parish Council / District 10, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 23-034

Waiver request submitted by Matt Milazzo, former member of the Amite River Basin and Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 363 days late.

Docket No. 23-035

Waiver request submitted by Michael T. "Mike" Smith, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury / District 2 / Calcasieu, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 33 days late.

**G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

Docket No. 21-551

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$1050 of a \$1500 late fee, based on future compliance, submitted by James Russell Fatic, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 489 days late.