



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
OCTOBER 6, 2022
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on October 6, 2022 and continue to October 7, 2022.

Executive Session

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

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9:00 AM
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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 20-511

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$660 campaign finance late fee assessed against Terrell "T-Bone" Wilson, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman at Large, Division B, St. Charles Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late; and, a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Terrell "T-Bone" Wilson, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, District 1, St. Charles Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance reports was filed 130 days late.

G2. Docket No. 21-468

Request that the Board reconsider its failure to take any action on the untimely waiver request regarding three (3) \$2,000 for a total of \$6,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against, W. K. "Bill" Fontenot, a successful candidate for Parish President, St. Landry Parish in the October 22, 2011, October 24, 2015 and October 12, 2019 elections, whose two 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were each filed 111 days late and 40-G was filed 3 days late.

G3. Docket No. 21-556

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1000 of a \$1500 late fee, based on future compliance, assessed against Ronald J. Evans, Jefferson Rise Charter School Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 783 days late.

G4. Docket No. 21-683

Waiver request submitted by Sam DiVittorio, Hammond City Council (Pop. 20,019) / District 4 / Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 587 days late.

G5. Docket No. 22-033

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1300 late fee assessed against Phillip David Ridder, Jr., Manufactured Housing Commission, for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 26 days late.

G6. 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.

G7. Docket No. 22-549

Advisory Opinion request regarding the Regional Medical Director for Region 3 of the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Public Health working for Chabert Medical Center as an emergency room physician.

G8. Docket No. 22-615

Advisory Opinion request from Philip Qualls, an employee of the La. Dept. of Treasury, regarding post-employment restrictions following his service as on behalf of Treasurer John Schroder on the Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G9. Docket No. 22-464

Withdrawal of Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Melissa Sanders, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the continued employment of the grandson of a member of the East Feliciana Rural Water System, Inc. ("EFRW") Board of Directors and Personnel Committee.

G10. Docket No. 22-517

Request for an advisory opinion from Dr. Cathy S. Banks, former Board Chairman of the Thrive Community and Development Board in Calcasieu Parish (pop. 192,768), that applied for charter school approval relative to whether she can lease property to the school.

G11. Docket No. 22-523

Advisory Opinion request from J. Christopher Erny, a member of the Terrebonne Port Commission, regarding his son being employed by a vendor

of the Terrebonne Port Commission.

- G12.** Docket No. 22-524
Advisory Opinion request regarding the application of post employment provisions to a former Area Engineer with District 62 of the DOTD performing engineering services on a contractual basis for the DOTD and other entities.
- G13.** Docket No. 22-538
Advisory opinion request from Lake Charles Mayor Nicholas Hunter regarding whether the Code of Ethics would prohibit him from continuing to rent property a tenant if that tenant receives a voucher for partial rent subsidies through the Section 8 program administered by the Lake Charles Housing Authority.
- G14.** Docket No. 22-547
Advisory Opinion request from Edward Walters, Jr. regarding his representation of clients before the Judiciary Commission within two years of his service on the Judiciary Commission.
- G15.** Docket No. 22-550
Disqualification Plan request from Lafayette City Marshal's Office regarding Chief Deputy Trahan and his daughter, Christina Moore.
- G16.** Docket No. 22-557
Advisory Opinion request from Jamie Madere, a member of the Plaquemines Parish Council on Aging, regarding her husband's businesses transacting with the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.
- G17.** Docket No. 22-559
Advisory opinion regarding whether Deloitte & Touche LLP would be prohibited from responding to requests for proposals or entering into contracts with the Louisiana Office of Community Development while the wife of Patrick Forbes, Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development, is employed with Deloitte & Touche.
- G18.** Docket No. 22-567
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Village One Stop may continue to do business with the Village of Morganza if the owner, Paul Wells, a candidate for alderman of the Village of Morganza, is elected.
- G19.** Docket No. 22-568
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Spencer Guilbeau may be appointed to the Cottonport Town Council while he is employed as a Vice President, Branch Manager and Loan Officer for Cottonport Bank.
- G20.** Docket No. 22-575
Advisory opinion request regarding a member of the Springhill Fire District #11 Board of Commissioners selling a building to the Fire District.
- G21.** Docket No. 22-581
Advisory opinion request submitted by Celeste Gauthier, CEO of the Central Louisiana State Hospital, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Dale Sanders from serving as chaplain for Central Louisiana State Hospital ("CLSH") on a contractual basis while he is employed as a CLSH Psychiatric Aide.

Regular Business

- G22.** Docket No. MINUTES
September 2022 Board Minutes

- G23.** Docket No. 19-475
Consent Opinion regarding Sheldon Sheppard, who, while an employee with the Ascension Parish Government, received a thing of economic value in the form of fuel purchases which he was not authorized to receive for the performance of his job duties.
- G24.** Docket No. 21-925
Reconsideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Patrick J. Harrington, candidate for Parish Commission, District 1, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.
- G25.** Docket No. 22-546
Advisory Opinion request on behalf of Sports Betting Alliance, relating to contributions and the restrictions on members of the gaming industry.
- G26.** Docket No. 22-627
Untimely waiver request from Patrick Harrington, an unsuccessful candidate in the October 12, 2019 election for Parish Commission, District 1, Caddo Parish, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 124 days late.
- G27.** Docket No. CALENDR
2023 Proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.
- G28.** Docket No. Report
Administrator's Report
- G29.** Docket No. waiver
Consideration of proposed changes to the PFD Waiver Guidelines.

G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 22-508

Request that the Board waive a \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Keith "KP" Parker, unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, District D, Orleans Parish, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 22-509

Request that the Board waive a \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Labruzzo, Jr., unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 9th Senatorial District in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 22-510

Request that the Board waive a \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against Hashim Walters, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 22-511

Request that the Board waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael "Mike" Solet, unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff for Terrebonne Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-512

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against We Love Terrebonne PAC, a political action committee, its committee's

chairperson, Wayne Thibodeaux, and treasurer, Christine Jackson Snapp, whose January 2022 Monthly campaign finance report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 22-513

Request that the Board waive the \$360 and \$280 campaign finance late fees assessed against Joseph "Joey" Boneski, an unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Abbeville, (Population 12,167) in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 2021 Annual and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-514

Request that the Board 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.

Docket No. 22-515

Request that the Board waive the \$540, \$1,140 and \$180 campaign finance late fees assessed against Barbara Norton, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 2020 & 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 19 and 3 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-516

Request that the Board consider a request to waive a \$40 and \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Narayan "MK" Dokwal, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of DeRidder (Pop. 10,578) in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-526

Request that the Board waive the two \$2,000 campaign finance late fees totaling \$4,000 assessed against John A. Navy, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 1, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 22, 2011, and a successful candidate for Council Member, District 1, Terrebonne Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports for each of the 2 campaigns were filed 41 days late.

Docket No. 22-527

Request that the Board waive the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles Ray Moore, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Pineville in the March 26, 2022, whose 2021 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 22-529

Request that the Board waive a \$60 and \$720 campaign finance late fee assessed against Terry Hebert, unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 101st Representative District in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-536

Request that the Board waive a \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Desoto Parish Republican Executive Committee, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Layne Huckabay, and treasurer, Hannah G. Touchton, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

G31. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 22-535

Request to waive the \$900, \$1,350 and \$200 late fees assessed against J. Chandler Loupe for the late filing of the February, April and June 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Reports.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. 22-576

Waiver request submitted by April Sharell Butler-Goudeau, Melville Town Council (Pop. 1,041), St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 591 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 22-577

Waiver request submitted by Guy Patrick Lemoine, Plaquemine Board of Aldermen (Pop. 248), Avoyelles Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 632 days late.

Docket No. 22-578

Waiver request submitted by Michael O. Smith, former member of the Ernest Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority and former member of the New Orleans Aviation Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 285 days late.

G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 22-398

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$3,000 and \$1,400 campaign finance late fees (for a total of \$4,400) assessed against Ward 3 PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Michael Fruge, in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 54 and 7 days late, respectively.