



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
APRIL 8, 2021
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on April 8, 2021 and continue to April 9, 2021.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session relative to charges filed against Melissa Guitreau in Docket No. 2018-1404.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against David Patron in Docket No. 2019-690.

Discussion in Executive Session relative to suit filed against Kevin M. Berken in Docket No. 2019-1249.

Discussion in Executive Session of the Objection to Candidacy regarding Brian Pope.

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APRIL 9, 2021
9:00 AM
617 North 3rd Street
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 21-122
Request that the Board waive each of the thirteen (13) campaign finance late fees totaling \$18,700 assessed against James A. Gray, II, a candidate for District Attorney and Council Member, Orleans Parish in multiple elections.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G2.** Docket No. CHART
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent April 2021 Agenda.
- G3.** Docket No. 21-029
Advisory opinion request regarding 1) whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit Mr. Romero, a newly elected Orleans Parish School Board member from continuing his employment with the Einstein Group and 2) whether the Code would prohibit his business, Romero Education Strategies, LLC, from consulting with schools in the district.
- G4.** Docket No. 21-069
Request for an advisory opinion from Timothy Guidry, as to whether his son could remain employed with the St. Landry Fire Protection District No. 1 if he becomes the Fire Chief. St. Landry has a population of 83,384.
- G5.** Docket No. 21-070
A Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by Sondra Corbitt, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau from interviewing and/or hiring the daughter of a member of its Board of Directors.
- G6.** Docket No. 21-071
Advisory Opinion request of Sharonda R. Williams, o/b/o Zachary R. Smith, Chief of Staff to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Peter Bowen, as to the post-employment restrictions following his resignation from the City of New Orleans.
- G7.** Docket No. 21-072
Advisory Opinion request from JoAnn Rucker, Council Clerk for City of Covington, on behalf of the City of Covington, relating to potential transactions between the City of Covington and the employer of Council Member Larry Rolling.
- G8.** Docket No. 21-076
Request for an advisory opinion from the South Lafourche Levee District as to whether a retired employee could be re-hired on a part-time basis for the same position. Lafourche Parish has a population of 96,318.
- G9.** Docket No. 21-077
Advisory Opinion Request from Nikki Christy Honore', Statewide Nurse Program Consultant for Emergency Preparedness with the La. Dept. of Health, regarding her childcare and health consulting businesses.
- G10.** Docket No. 21-078
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent Members of the Louisiana Crawfish Promotion Board from being reimbursed at fair market value for crawfish being used to test a new crawfish peeling machine.
- G11.** Docket No. 21-092
Advisory opinion request by Dr. Princess Dennar regarding whether she has to

take leave from her position as Assistant Director of Investigation for Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners(LSBME) while she has a lawsuit pending against her employer, Tulane University School of Medicine.

- G12.** Docket No. 21-100
Advisory Opinion request from Sgt. Travis Colombel of the Louisiana State Police, relating to his grass maintenance business seeking to bid on DOTD contracts.
- G13.** Docket No. 21-101
Request for an advisory opinion relative to the Vermilion Charter Foundation and members of its Board of Directors who are employed with business entities seeking to have a business relationship with the Vermilion Charter Foundation.
- G14.** Docket No. 21-102
Advisory Opinion Request of Edward M. Leonard, Jr., o/b/o Charlie Solar Jr, Chief Administrative Officer for Morgan City, regarding his service on the Board of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A of St. Mary Parish.
- G15.** Docket No. 21-104
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Tangipahoa Parish Constable Phillip D. Ridder, Jr., regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from opening a checking account in the name of the Office of the Sixth Ward Constable and donating money to that account to purchase a Louisiana State Police unit.
- G16.** Docket No. 21-105
Advisory opinion request regarding former Mechanical Inspectors for the Safety and Permits Division with the City of New Orleans, Kenneth Conerly and Mario Anderson, and their company, Khan's Codes and Standards, LLC, providing inspections to third parties within two years of the termination of their employment.
- G17.** Docket No. 21-106
Advisory opinion request and disqualification plan concerning the application of the nepotism provision to Kathleen Sullivan and Zachary Moss, employees of the Jefferson Rise Charter School.
- G18.** Docket No. 21-107
Request for an advisory opinion from the Louisiana Public Defender Board relative to a former board member contracting with the 6th Judicial District Public Defender's Office.
- G19.** Docket No. 21-108
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Heather Holland, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Thomas Holland from being hired as the fire chief, Jackson Parish Ward 4 Fire Protection District.
- G20.** Docket No. 21-109
Request for advisory opinion from the Mid-City Security District regarding the retention of James Olsen, a former commissioner, as an unpaid advisor.
- G21.** Docket No. 21-131
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Valencia Vessel Landry, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from working as a full time academic counselor at Southern University Law Center while she continues to serve as a contract attorney for

the Baker Economic Development District Center Board.

- G22.** Docket No. 21-132
A Request for an Advisory Opinion regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Stephen J. Gremillion, Marshal of Avoyelles Parish, Ward 10, from providing painting services to the Hospital Services District No. 1 of Avoyelles Parish.
- G23.** Docket No. 21-148
Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request of G. Paul Marx, Public Defender for the 15th Judicial District.
- G24.** Docket No. 21-199
Advisory Opinion Request of Gina Boudreaux Lee, former court reporter for Division D in the 23rd JDC, regarding the post-employment restrictions with respect to her providing transcription services for hearings.

Regular Business

- G25.** Docket No. MINUTES
March 2021 Board Minutes
- G26.** Docket No. 21-030
A request for an advisory opinion from the Franklin Parish Police Jury (pop. 20,767) relative to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the parish and the wife and daughter of a parish employee.
- G27.** Docket No. 21-063
A Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by Dequindra Ligon, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from opening a private driving school in New Iberia, Louisiana while she is the Assistant Principal at Breaux Bridge High School in St. Martin Parish.
- G28.** Docket No. 21-153
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Keisha D. Fleming, candidate for Mayor, Town of White Castle, Iberville Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for her failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
- G29.** Docket No. 21-155
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Tenisha Bellard Wiltz, candidate for Parish President, St. Landry Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for her failure to file 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
- G30.** Docket No. 21-156
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) for Cedric Bradford Glover, candidate for State Representative, District 4, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 30-P campaign finance disclosure report.
- G31.** Docket No. 21-164
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Anthony Bloise, candidate for Sheriff, Jefferson Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
- G32.** Docket No. 21-168
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S.

18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Bradley C. Zaunbrecher, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.

G33. Docket No. 21-170

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Jose "Lil Joe" Chapa, candidate for Sheriff, Beauregard Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

G34. Docket No. 21-171

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Larry Cochran, Jr., candidate for St. Charles Parish President in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

G35. Docket No. 21-172

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Greg Pete, candidate for City Marshal--City Court, City of New Iberia, Iberia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

G36. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. waiver

April 2021 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-037

Request that the Board waive the \$60 and \$720 campaign finance late fees assessed against Wayne J. Nocito, in his capacity as a candidate for Constable, 2nd Justice Court, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 12 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-040

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tamara L. Jones, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward J, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-111

Request that the Board waive the \$180 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lawrence Marie Brown, a candidate for Mayor, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 3 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-112

Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Melvin Toomer, a candidate for Council Member, District D, City of Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 21-113

Request that the Board waive each of the \$240 and \$40 campaign finance late fees assessed against Steve Stokes, a candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Covington, Tangipahoa Parish, in the July 11, 202 election, whose 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 6 and 1 days late,

respectively.

Docket No. 21-114

Request that the Board waive a \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against Elizabeth "Beth" Wolfe, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 3rd Dist., Division D, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10- G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 21-115

Request that the Board waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against UA Local 198 PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Neal P. Miller, and treasurer, Charles B. Habig, Jr, whose April 2019 Monthly Report campaign finance report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 21-123

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jeff Oglesbee, a candidate for District Judge, 21st Judicial District Court, Division K, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-124

Request that the Board waive the \$500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Daniel L. "Danny" Dysart, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 4th Circuit, 3rd District, Division A in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 21-125

Request that the Board waive a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephen J. Ortego, in his capacity as a candidate for State Representative, 39th Representative District, in the October 24, 2015 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 230 days late.

Docket No. 21-126

Request that the Board waive the \$100 and \$900 campaign finance late fees assessed against Patricia "Pat" Gilley, a candidate for District Attorney, 1st Judicial District Court, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 90-P and 30-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 9 days late, respectively.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 21-128

Request to waive the \$1,350 late fee assessed against Donald Cravins Sr. for filing his 2021 lobbying registration 27 days late.

Docket No. 21-129

Request from Katie Mayers to waive the \$850 late fee assessed for her September 2020 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

April 2021 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-008

Waiver request submitted by Darrel M. Broussard, Jr., Eastover Neighborhood Improvement & Security District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 267 days late.

Docket No. 21-009

Waiver request submitted by Mikki Ceasar Mathews, Baton Rouge College Preparatory Charter School / East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 174 days late.

Docket No. 21-089

Waiver request submitted by John Douglas Wynn, Jr., Natchitoches Parish Communications District - 911, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 21-090

Waiver request submitted by Grayson Linn "Lindy" Bolgiano, Jr., Youngsville City Council Member (Pop. 8,105) / Division B / Lafayette Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 394 days late.

Docket No. 21-118

Waiver request submitted by Joseph R Beatty, former member of the Dorcheat Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 230 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 21-088

Untimely waiver request submitted by Rodney Melene Hart, former member of the Louisiana State Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 31 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$1500 late fee for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 97 days late.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 20-041

Second request to reconsider the Board's suspension of all but \$1050 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Dwan Troy Johnson, former member of the Terrebonne Parish Levee & Conservation District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 247 days late.

Docket No. 20-790

Reconsideration request that the Board waive each of the \$2,500 and \$800 campaign finance late fees assessed against Jonathan Holloway, Sr., a candidate for East Baton Rouge Assessor in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 29 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 20-858

Reconsideration request that the Board waive the \$700 campaign finance late fee assessed against John "Johnny" Lee, Jr., a candidate for Judge, 1st Parish Court, Div. B., Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.