



**Louisiana Board of Ethics**

**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - Griffon Room  
FEBRUARY 14, 2019  
2:30 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Note: Meetings begin on February 14, 2019 and continue to February 15, 2019.**

**Executive Session**

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

Discussion in Executive Session concerning pending charges against Jarad Charpentier in Docket No. 2016-1177.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Peter Businelle in Docket No. 2017-073.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges pending against Calvin Duhon, Connie Duhon, and Doyce Lagneaux Store, Inc. in Docket No. 2018-230.

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**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - LaBelle Room  
FEBRUARY 15, 2019  
9:00 AM  
617 North 3rd Street  
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**GENERAL**

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**Appearances**

**G1. Docket No. 18-1210**

Request for reconsideration of an advisory opinion by Morgan Lamandre and Senator Beth Mizell as to the propriety of the use of campaign funds to pay for

childcare expenses that Ms. Lamandre would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities.

**G2. Docket No. 18-1281**

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$480 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Kenneth Charles "Kenny" Bordes, a candidate for State Representative, 93rd Representative District in the March 24, 2018 election, his committee's chairperson, Michael A. Foley and treasurer, Fernando Goitia, whose 2 Special(48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 days and 1 day late, respectively.

**G3. Docket No. 19-099**

Waiver request submitted by Clifford Stephen Reuther, with the Workforce Development Board, Area #10, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 153 days late.

**G4. Docket No. 19-150**

Advisory opinion request by David Phelps, on behalf of Emergent Method, regarding whether Emergent Method may be a sub-contractor on a proposer's bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP) with the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) to provide program management support to supplement state staff capabilities relative to developing, facilitating, and implementing the Louisiana Watershed Initiative while Emergent Method has a contract with OCD-DRU to provide similar services.

### **Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions**

**G5. Docket No. CHART**

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent February 2019 Agenda.

**G6. Docket No. 18-148**

Request for an Advisory Opinion from Robert Raymond, Director of Legal Services for St. Charles Parish (pop. 52,812) relative to the purchase of property between Paul J. Hogan, a member of the St. Charles Parish Council and St. Charles Parish.

**G7. Docket No. 18-1419**

Request for an advisory opinion from the Board of Commissioners of the West Feliciana Fire Protection District No. 1, whether Acadian Ambulance Service can lease property from the West Feliciana Fire Protection District No. 1, at a time when a board member is employed by Acadian Ambulance Service. West Feliciana has a population of 15,625.

**G8. Docket No. 18-1503**

Request for an advisory opinion from the legal counsel for St. Mary Parish Government relative to the acceptance of donated services to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission by a person who is the son of the Chairman of the Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission.

**G9. Docket No. 18-1514**

Advisory opinion request from Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) employee, Michael Redmond, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Normal Christian Media, a non-profit corporation, from transacting business with community and technical colleges.

**G10. Docket No. 18-1531**

Request for an advisory opinion from legal counsel for the Town of Berwick

(pop. 4,946) as to whether a councilman can provide services as a reserve police officer with the Berwick Police Department.

- G11.** Docket No. 18-1532  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the members of the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements.
- G12.** Docket No. 18-1543  
Advisory opinion request from Representative Blake Miguez concerning his employment with and receipt of products from firearms companies.
- G13.** Docket No. 19-062  
Advisory opinion request as to whether Aimee Bordelon Dupuy may vote on certain issues as a newly-elected member of the Avoyelles Parish School Board.
- G14.** Docket No. 19-063  
Advisory opinion request by Kenneth Ripberger, owner of KR Services, regarding the sale and donation of "Off-the-Charts" (OTC) software while he serves as a college instructor at Delgado Community College.
- G15.** Docket No. 19-066  
Advisory opinion request from Patricia Jenkins regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her from continuing her employment with the State of Louisiana, Office of Motor Vehicles, (OMV) while serving as a Councilwoman for the Town of Homer, District 5. (Homer population is 2,964)
- G16.** Docket No. 19-067  
Advisory opinion request as to whether Dr. Sonya Hester may be employed as the Minister of Music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as a Trustee of the church.
- G17.** Docket No. 19-068  
Request for an advisory opinion from the Hammond Housing Authority as to whether it can enter into a contract with a landlord who was elected to the Hammond City Council. Hammond has a population of 20,019.
- G18.** Docket No. 19-069  
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit Berwick Town Councilman Kevin P. Hebert from participating in any discussion or votes related to the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (Terminal District) and/or the Cajun Coast Welcome Center in Morgan City (Welcome Center).
- G19.** Docket No. 19-136  
Advisory opinion request regarding the post-employment provisions that apply to Johnny Bradberry, the former Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities and Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Resotration Authority (CPRA), and his new employer, Gulf Engineers and Consultants, Inc. (GEC).

### **Disclosure Reports**

- G20.** Docket No. 19-089  
PFD Answer filed by Terry Alario, Jr., member of the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System.

### **Regular Business**

- G21.** Docket No. MINUTES  
January 2019 Board Minutes
- G22.** Docket No. 10-049  
Consent order signed by Martha Jones agreeing that she violated La. R.S. 42:1111A(1)(a), 1112B(1), 1113A(1)(a), and 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics by awarding herself commissions that she was not entitled, participating in certain transactions with the DeSoto Parish Council on Aging (DPCA) in which she had a substantial economic interest, entering into contracts with the DPCA and employing her husband within the DPCA.
- G23.** Docket No. 16-949  
Consent order signed by Don Edwards regarding his violation of La. R.S. 42:1119 when he willfully hired Gerald Jones as an employee of the Lafourche Parish Public Works Department while Gerald Jones' brother, Jerry Jones, served on the Parish Council.
- G24.** Docket No. 17-652  
Consent Opinion of Adam Colbenson, Assistant Band Director for Northshore High School in Slidell.
- G25.** Docket No. RULE  
Memorandum concerning the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event.
- G26.** Docket No. LEGISLA  
Consideration of suggestions to propose legislation for the 2019 Regular Legislative Session.

**G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Docket No. chart

February 2019 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 18-1533

Request that the Board waive the \$280 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Tamira Moss Smith, a candidate for Councilman, District B, City of Bogalusa, Washington Parish (Pop. 12232), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 9 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-1535

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Greg Lemons, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish (Pop. 2365), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 18-1536

Request that the Board consider waiving the \$750 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenneth "Ken" Stansbury, a candidate for Council Member, Division D, City of Youngsville, Lafayette Parish (Pop. 8105), in November 6, 2018 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late.

Docket No. 18-1541

Request that the Board waive a \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerber Porter, in his capacity as a candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish (Pop. 47,723), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days

late.

Docket No. 18-1542

Request that the Board waive the \$80 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert C. Helo, a candidate for Alderman, Ward 1, Division B, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish (Pop. 13,265), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 19-072

Request that the Board waive the \$40 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kerry Lincoln, a candidate for Parish Council, District 8, Plaquemines Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 19-077

Request that the Board waive the \$480 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lauren Field, a candidate for Parish President, West Feliciana Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 and 8 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-079

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Carl Gaines, Jr., a candidate for Member of School Board, District 10, St. Bernard Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-081

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Constance Thompson Johnson, a candidate for Councilmember, District C, City of Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish (Pop. 14566), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-083

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Cody Leckelt, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Iota, Acadia Parish (Pop. 1500), in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 19-085

Request that the Board waive \$400 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against Dianne Spencer, in her capacity as a candidate for Member of School Board, District 5, St. James Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 38 and 9 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 19-086

Request that the Board waive a \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Shawn Theriot, a candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Gueydan, Vermilion Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

**G28. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

Docket No. 19-087

Request to waive the \$400 late fee assessed against Mary Beth Wilkerson for filing her 2018 lobbying registration 8 days late.

**G29. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. waiver  
February 2019 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 18-1446

Waiver request submitted by Douglas Menefee, a former member of the Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, regarding a \$50 and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 and 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFDs 1 and 690 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-1452

Waiver request submitted by Lasonia Denise Haley, with the Caddo Parish Sewerage District # 2, Caddo, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 202 days late; a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 153 days late; a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 202 days late; and, a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual PFD 153 days late (\$6,000 total late fees).

Docket No. 18-1515

Waiver request submitted by Derald J. Spears, Sr., with the East Feliciana Parish School Board, District 5, East Feliciana, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 18-1516

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Glen Clay Higgins, former Constable, District 8, St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 79 days late.

Docket No. 18-1517

Waiver request submitted by Mary G. Bel, with the State Board of Massage Therapy, regarding two \$1500 late fees assessed for filing both her amended 2016 and 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 97 days late.

Docket No. 18-1518

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Robert Frank Palermo, Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission and Town Council for Lake Arthur, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 107 days late.

Docket No. 18-1519

Waiver request submitted by Ms. Cathleen Reed Seymour, with the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 140 days late.

Docket No. 18-1520

Waiver request submitted by Earl E. Webb, Jr., Constable, District A, Red River, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 146 days late.

Docket No. 18-1521

Waiver request submitted by Ms. Judy Lantier Menard, Constable, Ward 1, Lafayette, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 18-1522

Waiver request submitted by Rodney Keith Hunstman, Jr., with the Beekman Charter School, Morehouse, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 234 days late.

Docket No. 18-1523

Waiver request submitted by Robert Allen Garda, Jr., a member of the Mental Health Advocacy Service Board of Trustees, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 177 days late.

Docket No. 18-1524

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Vernon Dale "Step" Martin, with the Crowley Board of Aldermen, Ward 3, Division A, Acadia Parish (Pop. 13265), regarding a \$450 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 9 days late.

Docket No. 18-1525

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Wayne McCormick, with the Lake Forest Estates Improvement Association, Orleans, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 166 days late.

Docket No. 19-090

Waiver request submitted by Charles Wesley Allen, former member of the Cheneyville Board of Aldermen, Rapides Parish (Pop. 625), regarding a \$1500 late fee for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 138 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 3 annual pfd 77 days late.

Docket No. 19-091

Waiver request submitted by Robert "Boss" Babers, Jr., Chief of Police, Edgefield, Red River Parish (Pop. 218), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 280 days late.

Docket No. 19-092

Waiver request submitted by Aristides R. Baraya, with the Hammond Area Economic Industrial and Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 55 days late.

Docket No. 19-094

Waiver request submitted by Ms. Donnica Conway, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, regarding two \$1500 late fees assessed for filing her amended 2016 and 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 195 days late.

Docket No. 19-095

Waiver request submitted by Ralph Covington, Jr., with the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Alliance, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 119 days late.

Docket No. 19-096

Waiver request submitted by Melinda L. Doucet, with the Jefferson Parish School Board, District 7, Jefferson, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 102 days late.

Docket No. 19-097

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Bryan Jacob Jones, former member of the Health Education Authority of Louisiana (HEAL), regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 19-098

Waiver request submitted by Cursey L. "Junior" Marcantel, Jr., Constable, Ward 2, Justice of the Peace, Jefferson Davis Parish, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 3 days late.

**G30. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**

Docket No. 18-161

Request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by

Daniel Schaus, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD 216 days late.

Docket No. 18-867

Untimely request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Adam Daniel James Harris, with the Springhill Board of Alderman, District 4, Webster Parish (Pop. 5,269), regarding \$1250 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual PFD 25 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 202 days late.

Docket No. 18-996

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to decline to waive in regards to a waiver request submitted by Donnie White, Constable/District 4/St. Charles Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2 annual PFD 258 days late.