



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room

JUNE 3, 2021

2:30 PM

617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on June 3, 2021 and continue to June 4, 2021.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session of pending charges against Jeanine Blaney in Docket No. 2016-017.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Timothy Duncan in Docket No. 2016-116.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Kemic Smothers in Docket No. 2018-400.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Ricky Richard, Patrick Richard and Wayne Richard in Docket No. 2019-053

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9:00 AM

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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 20-757
Waiver request submitted by James Austin Gray, II, former member of the New Orleans City Council / District E / Orleans Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 annual pfd 337 days late and a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 337 days late.
- G2.** 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.
- G3.** 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.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G4.** Docket No. CHART
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent June 2021 Agenda.
- G5.** Docket No. 20-870
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the members of the Cenla Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Board of Directors are required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.
- G6.** Docket No. 21-103
Withdrawal of an Advisory Opinion request from Sheryl Frederick on behalf of John Salter, member of the Natchitoches Parish Council.
- G7.** Docket No. 21-149
Request for an advisory opinion and disqualification plan from Stephanie Goudeau, Interim Director at Slaughter Community Charter School relative to her husband being employed at the school. Slaughter has a population of 997 and is located in East Feliciana Parish.
- G8.** Docket No. 21-177
Advisory Opinion request of Ricky White, former employee of the Office of Motor Vehicles, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G9.** Docket No. 21-223
Advisory Opinion request from Jared Gibbs, Supervisor of Business Services for West Baton Rouge Parish Schools, with regard to his service on the Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency Board of Trustees.
- G10.** Docket No. 21-224
Advisory Opinion Request from Cassandra Billiot relating to a part-time employment opportunity with a non-profit organization.
- G11.** Docket No. 21-225
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Jamea Walker regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from starting a driving school in Donaldsonville, Louisiana while an employee of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections ("DOC").

- G12.** Docket No. 21-242
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Kisha Laurent Gaudin, MAOM, CET of the City of New Orleans - Department of Public Works, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Khalid Saleh's continued employment with the City of New Orleans - Department of Public Works ("DPW") as the Project Manager Supervisor while his son, Lufti Saleh, is employed with International Logistical Support, who has existing contracts with DPW.
- G13.** Docket No. 21-243
Advisory Opinion request from Allie Allen, Compliance Officer for Northwest La. Human Services District, regarding the District's purchase of a plaque given to a local pharmacist.
- G14.** Docket No. 21-244
Advisory Opinion request from Jeffrey T. Nolan, former Environmental Scientist Manager for the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G15.** Docket No. 21-246
Advisory Opinion request from William Meliet, a former Manager of Construction Services for the Port of New Orleans, relative to post-employment restrictions involving Kostmayer Construction, LLC that would like to provide services on a project involving the Port of New Orleans.
- G16.** Docket No. 21-248
Advisory Opinion request from La'Keisha Ealy, an employee of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, regarding her operating a driver's education school in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- G17.** Docket No. 21-249
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Phlesher Mingo, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from owning a private driving school while he is the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance for Bogalusa City School District.
- G18.** Docket No. 21-250
Advisory Opinion from Eileen Bates-McCarroll, Mayor of the Town of Albany, relating to a member of the town's Planning and Zoning Commission performing surveying services.
- G19.** Docket No. 21-258
Advisory Opinion Request from Edward R. Wedge, III, current DOTD employee, regarding the application of the post-employment prohibitions.
- G20.** Docket No. 21-259
Advisory Opinion Request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Robert Hebert, an Assistant Fire Chief for Westwego in Jefferson Parish, from serving as the Westwego Fire Chief while continuing to serve as an Assistant Fire Chief.
- G21.** Docket No. 21-263
Request for an advisory opinion from Melissa M. Grand, attorney for Sunset French Immersion School, relative to whether a board member can provide collateral to Sunset French Immersion School Foundation to secure financing to purchase property which in turn will be leased to the school.
- G22.** Docket No. 21-270
Request for Disqualification Plan approval submitted by Robert L. Hammonds,

General Counsel for the Lafayette Parish School Board, regarding the employment of Allison Champagne and her mother, Kathy Aloisio.

Disclosure Reports

- G23.** Docket No. 21-206
PFD Answer submitted by Henry DiFranco, member of the St. Tammany Parish Levee, Drainage and Conservation District, in response to a NOD requesting he disclose income received from the District.

Regular Business

- G24.** Docket No. MINUTES
May 2021 Board Minutes
- G25.** Docket No. 15-042
Consent Opinion arising from charges issued against Stephanie Bachemin, Erin Caruso, and Abbey Caruso.
- G26.** Docket No. 18-1506
Consent Opinion signed by Stefanie Ashford regarding her employment by Laurel Oaks Charter School with in two years of her resignation as a member of the Laurel Oaks Charter School Board.
- G27.** Docket No. 19-689
Consent Opinion arising from charges filed against Cathy Kendrick, Alexis Kendrick, Gretchen Bradford, and Marian Madison, with Better Choice Foundation Charter School concerning their violations of La. R.S. 42:1119(A).
- G28.** Docket No. 19-750
Consent Opinion arising from charges issued against Tommy Evans for violating La. R.S. 42:1117 by virtue of issuing an unauthorized \$5,000 severance payment while Mayor of the Village of Clarence
- G29.** Docket No. 20-603
Consent opinion regarding the employment of the son-in-law of Lisa Tanner, Superintendent of the Bogalusa City School District.
- G30.** 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.
- G31.** Docket No. 21-157
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) for Keary Grayson, candidate for Assessor, Madison Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 30-P campaign finance disclosure report.
- G32.** Docket No. 21-165
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Carl (Joseph Carl) Hardy, candidate for Sheriff, St. Landry Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
- G33.** Docket No. 21-247
Advisory opinion regarding whether the employee member of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission is considered an appointed or elected official for purposes of the Code of Ethics.

G34. Docket No. 21-268

Advisory opinion request regarding the former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Network Administrator (NA) for the New Orleans College Prep Charter School providing the same services as an employee of a company through a contract with the charter school for that company to be the CFO and NA.

G35. Docket No. 21-343

Advisory Opinion request from LaDonna Englerth, East Carroll Parish Hospital Administrator, regarding the hiring of a Project Manager who is related to the East Carroll Parish Police Jury President.

G36. Docket No. LEGISLA

Consideration of legislation for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**Docket No. waiver**

June 2021 CF Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-181

Request that the Board waive a \$400 and \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed Collin Edwards, a candidate for Police Juror, District 5A, Concordia Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 245 and 225 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-190

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 and \$500 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ronald F. "Ron" Ware, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 3rd Circuit, 2nd District, Section 1C in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 180-P and 90-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 76 and 5 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-193

Request that the Board waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Scott Perry, Jr., a candidate for Police Juror, District I, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 21-272

Request that the Board waive a \$1,200 campaign finance late fee assessed against LA Life Underwriters PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Shannon Kuetemeyer, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-274

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Steven Marcus, a candidate for Councilman, Town of Madisonville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-275

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Donald "DJ" Gaut, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Shreveport in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-277

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$240 campaign finance late fees assessed against Laura O'Brien, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of

Zachary, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 10-G and SUPP2019 campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 69 and 6 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-278

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephen Beard, in his capacity as a candidate for Sheriff, Bienville Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 17 days late.

Docket No. 21-279

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Chad Doyle, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Oakdale, Allen Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 433 days late.

Docket No. 21-281

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bob Fisher, a candidate for Councilman, District 6, St. Charles Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 35 days late.

Docket No. 21-282

Request that the Board waive the \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed Christopher Petite, a candidate for Councilman, District 3, City of Natchitoches in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 21-283

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed Glenn Lazard, a candidate for City Council Member, District 5, City of Lafayette in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was not filed.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 21-262

Request to waive the \$650 late fee assessed against Maxwell Ciardullo for the late filing of the February 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G39. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

June 2021 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 20-526

Waiver request submitted by Michael Wade Holloway, Claiborne Parish Watershed District/Claiborne, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 408 days late.

Docket No. 20-552

Waiver request submitted by Heather A Stefan, former member of the Work Force Development Board / #21, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 47 days late.

Docket No. 21-065

Waiver request submitted by Winifred Brooks, member of Workforce Development Board Area 21 known as Employ Baton Rouge, regarding two \$700 late fees assessed for filing her amended 2017 and 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 14 days late.

Docket No. 21-119

Waiver request submitted by Timothy Philip Diebold, former member of the Tangipohoa Charter School Board / Ponchatoula, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 513 days late.

Docket No. 21-208

Waiver request submitted by Johnell Dwayne Celestine, candidate for St. Landry Parish School Board / District 3 / in the November 6, 2018 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing him amended 2017 Tier 2 candidate pfd 891 days late.

Docket No. 21-210

Waiver request submitted by Tony Lamar Cloud, St. Tammany Parish Sub Drainage Dist. 2, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 2 days late.

Docket No. 21-211

Waiver request submitted by Lakeisha White Robichaux, Idea Public Schools Southern Louisiana, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-212

Waiver request submitted by Charles J. Southall, III, former member of the Spirit of Excellence Academy Charter School, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 21-213

Waiver request submitted by Melanie Powell Rey, former member of the Bridge Academy Charter School Board / East Baton Rouge, regarding a \$250 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

Docket No. 21-214

Waiver request submitted by Cynthia Marie Clark, Mooringsport Village Council (Pop. 793), regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late and a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-215

Waiver request submitted by Christina Wallace, former member of the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 6 days late.

Docket No. 21-120

Waiver request submitted by Dr. James Gilmore, Jr., a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$50 late fee, total of \$100, assessed for filing his 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfds 1 day late.

Docket No. 21-216

Waiver request submitted by Ardie Scott, a former member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee, total of \$6,000, assessed for filing each of his 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfds 71 days late.

Docket No. 21-217

Waiver request submitted by Danny Harper, a former member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee, total of \$6,000, assessed for filing each of his 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfds 71 days late.

Docket No. 21-218

Waiver request submitted by Dezmion Barrow, a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee, total of \$6,000, assessed for filing each of his 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 71 days late.

Docket No. 21-219

Waiver request submitted by Gary Chambers, a member of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, regarding a \$1050 late fee, total of \$4,200, assessed for filing each of his 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 21 days late.

G40. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELYDocket No. 20-519

Untimely waiver request submitted by Michael Allen, member of the Cheneyville Board of Aldermen (Pop. 625), Rapides Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual PFD 181 days late.

Docket No. 21-207

Waiver request submitted by Darry Dewayne Green, Jr., Bastrop Board of Alderman (Pop. 11,365) / District D /Morehouse Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 212 days late.

Docket No. 21-209

Waiver request submitted by Christine Bailey, former member of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 372 days late.

G41. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 20-023

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$400 of a \$1500 late fee based on future compliance submitted by Stefanie Ashford, a former member of the Laurel Oaks Charter School, for the filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 124 days late.