



## **Louisiana Board of Ethics**

**LaSalle Building  
First Floor - Griffon Room  
MARCH 19, 2015  
1:00 PM  
617 North 3rd Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Note: Meetings begin on March 19, 2015 and continue to March 20, 2015.**

### **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. 14-1061**

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election whose 2013 Annual Report was filed 179 days late.

**G2. Docket No. 14-1140**

Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$1500 late fee assessed against Louis Buatt for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report.

- G3.** Docket No. 14-1344  
Appearance in connection with a request that the Board waive the \$300, \$600, and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Charles O'Brien, a candidate for School Board Member, District 8, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P, EDE-P, and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports, which were filed 5, 20, and 62 days late.
- G4.** Docket No. 14-1470  
Appearance in connection with a waiver request submitted by Elizabeth Pittman-McDaniel, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2013 Tier 2 annual pdf 5 days late.
- G5.** Docket No. 15-092  
Waiver request submitted by Ernest Wooton, State Representative - District 105, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual PFS 483 days late.

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

- G6.** Docket No. CHART  
Chart for Consent March 2015
- G7.** Docket No. 14-1528  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether it would violate the Code of Governmental Ethics if Mendy Jinks were to be employed with the Cameron Parish Ambulance District #2.
- G8.** Docket No. 14-1536  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether members of the Caddo Parish Commission or Caddo Parish employees are prohibited from working for companies that sublet portions of the former GM plant or companies that provide services to sub-lessees of the former GM plant.
- G9.** Docket No. 14-1544  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Ms. Angela Coburn is prohibited from being employed to supervise a contract between the Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office, Child Support Division and the Department of Child and Family Services(DCFS).
- G10.** Docket No. 15-013  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 (District) may continue to make purchases from Savoie Lumber Company (SLC) while Wendy Savoie serves as the office administrator for the District. Further, the District requests an opinion as whether a board member may receive compensation as per a lease rental agreement with the District.
- G11.** Docket No. 15-019  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Louisiana State University (LSU) Office of Facility Services employee, Terry R. Grier, Sr., is prohibited from providing engineering consulting services after he retires.
- G12.** Docket No. 15-028  
Advisory opinion request as to whether Brett Clark, the brother of Melville Town Councilman Michael Clark, may be appointed to work as a reserve officer for the Melville Police Department.
- G13.** Docket No. 15-033

Advisory opinion request regarding whether Edward Fowler, a Medicaid Program Manager 2 with the Policy and Compliance Section under the Bureau of Health Services Financing with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), while employed with DHH may accept employment with AmeriHealth Caritas at a time when AmeriHealth Caritas has a contractual relationship with the Bureau of Health Services Financing.

- G14.** Docket No. 15-034  
Advisory opinion regarding whether Curtis Roller d/b/a Louisiana Firefighter Service, Inc. may contract with the Jackson Parish Ward IV Fire Protection District to provide services of a fire chief following the termination of Curtis Roller as Fire Chief of the Jackson Parish Ward IV Fire Protection District.
- G15.** Docket No. 15-047  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) part-time employee Lloyd Blount is prohibited from continuing his employment with Emission Control Services (ECS).
- G16.** Docket No. 15-049  
Advisory opinion regarding Jennifer Jones, the newly-elected District Attorney for Claiborne Parish, representing a private client that may have an interest in a criminal matter pending before her office.
- G17.** Docket No. 15-050  
Advisory opinion regarding whether John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education and member of the Board of Directors of Chiefs for Change, may travel on behalf of Chiefs for Change to various meetings, functions, and speaking engagements and receive reimbursements from Chiefs for Change for the travel.
- G18.** Docket No. 15-051  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Debra Lynn Coulon may accept employment as the Town Clerk for the Village of Palmetto now that she no longer serves as an Alderwoman for the Village of Palmetto.
- G19.** Docket No. 15-052  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the post employment restrictions would prevent Monique Hurst from being employed by Aetna if she leaves her position as program manager within the 24 Hour Programs section of the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH).
- G20.** Docket No. 15-053  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Sharon Burdette may work as a part-time employee for the Zachary Public Works & Utilities Department (ZPW) after she retires.
- G21.** Docket No. 15-054  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Mark Morvant, and employee of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is prohibited from submitting a bid to become a contract employee on the Safe Routes to School Program, upon his retirement.
- G22.** Docket No. 15-055  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Roy F. Baas may serve as both a non-compensated member of the Louisiana Addictive Disorders Regulatory Authority and the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals.

- G23.** Docket No. 15-057  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Sylvia Dunn, a retired workers' compensation judge, may represent private clients in workers' compensation cases in districts where she did not serve as a judge.
- G24.** Docket No. 15-064  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Christopher Basile, a laborer for the St. Bernard Parish Department of Recreation, Culture, and Tourism (DRCT), may work as a contract employee with Greater New Orleans Sports Officials, if they secure a professional services agreement with St. Bernard Parish government.
- G25.** Docket No. 15-097  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Gregg Fortner, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, is required to file a Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure statement.
- G26.** Docket No. 15-098  
Advisory Opinion request from Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) employee, Robert Caballero, regarding whether he is prohibited from participating in the Coast-wide Nutria Control Program being administered by Coastal Environment Incorporated.
- G27.** Docket No. 15-099  
Advisory opinion request regarding potential conflicts related to Jonathan M. Rhodes' employment as the director of the Louisiana Civil Justice Center, if he is elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives.
- G28.** Docket No. 15-100  
Advisory opinion request by Michael Vince, formerly of the Air Permits Division (APD) of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), regarding whether he may contract with or be employed by the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (NORPC) in developing its local air quality coalition.
- G29.** Docket No. 15-102  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Greg McCarty may perform all or part of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment while he is employed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

### **Disclosure Reports**

- G30.** Docket No. 15-069  
PFD Answer filed by Altheaon Burch, former mayor of the Village of Stanley, DeSoto Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency received requesting she file her 2013 Tier 3 annual pfd.
- G31.** Docket No. 15-070  
Answer submitted by Betty Jean Bertrand, a former member of the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission, in response to a notice of delinquency.
- G32.** Docket No. 15-071  
Answer submitted by L.V. "Pete" Breithaupt, Constable for LaSalle Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency.
- G33.** Docket No. 15-074  
Answer submitted by Sandra Kay Gay, a former member of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services District, in response to a notice of delinquency.

- G34.** Docket No. 15-075  
PFD Answer filed by James Martin, Sr., a former member of the West Carroll Parish School Board, in response to a notice of delinquency requesting he file his 2013 Tier 3 annual pfd.

### **Regular Business**

- G35.** Docket No. MINUTES  
February 2015 Board Minutes
- G36.** Docket No. 12-1699  
Consent opinion regarding Loretta Britt, a former administrative assistant with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, who utilized a La Carte Purchasing Card for personal use.
- G37.** Docket No. 13-372  
Consent Opinion regarding Kerri Breaux, a former employees of the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office regarding violations of Section 1111A of the Ethics Code by taking monies owed to St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office for their personal use.
- G38.** Docket No. 14-1563  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Phillip DeVillier can continue to participate as an elevation contractor, through his company, Louisiana Structural Movers (LSM), under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), if he is elected as State Representative for District 41 (Acadia, St. Landry, and Evangeline Parishes).
- G39.** Docket No. 15-029  
Advisory opinion request submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) regarding the application of the R.S. 42:1119C(2) to an appointed official and whether he may be re-appointed to his position at the end of his term by the Mayor of the municipality when either the official's immediate family member has been elected to the board of aldermen or his immediate family member has been elected as Mayor.
- G40.** Docket No. 15-061  
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Village of Palmetto is prohibited from purchasing goods from Budden's General Merchandise at a time when it is owned by the mayor's brother, Guyton Budden, who is also an alderman.
- G41.** Docket No. 15-153  
Advisory opinion request concerning the propriety of an unnamed Louisiana District Court Judge using his/her campaign funds to pay for legal fees and expenses that will be incurred in defending a formal charge filed against him/her by the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana.
- G42.** Docket No. RULE  
Consideration of memorandum regarding the dollar amount of food and drink which can be provided to a public servant, per event.
- G43. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
- Docket No. CHART  
March 2015 Campaign Finance Waiver Request Chart.
- Docket No. 14-1236  
Request that the Board waive the \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000, \$2,000 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against C. Denise Marcelle, a

candidate in the October 4, 2008, October 22, 2011, and November 6, 2012 elections whose 2012 and 2013 Supplemental Reports were not filed.

Docket No. 14-1442

Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against William Lott, a candidate for School Board, District 4, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 14-1443

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jack "Randy" Shelly, a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Minden in November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 14-1515

Request that the Board waive the \$600 and \$660 campaign finance late fees assessed against Patty Merrick, a candidate for School Board Member, District 5, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late and whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11 days late.

Docket No. 15-035

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Belinda Alexandrenko, a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, State of Louisiana, in the October 22, 2011 Election, whose 2012 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 39 days late.

Docket No. 15-104

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brenda Hymes, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Ward 9, Plaquemines Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 136 days late.

**G44. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING**

Docket No. 15-101

Request that the Board waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Lobbyist Janet Sonnier Britton, based upon the late filing of her November 2014 Lobbyist Expenditure Report.

**G45. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Docket No. CHART

March 2015 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 14-1492

Waiver request submitted by Eugene Venzant, a member of the Bryceland Board of Aldermen, Bienville Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2012 Tier 3 annual pfd 172 days late.

Docket No. 15-076

Waiver request submitted by John Allen, Jr., Rapides Parish School Board, regarding a \$1,400.00 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2 Annual PFD 14 days late.

Docket No. 15-078

Waiver request submitted by Dawn Brackett, a member of the St. Tammany Parish Economic Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee

assessed for filing her 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 204 days late.

Docket No. 15-080

Waiver request submitted by Doris Barrow, a member of the St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2011 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 121 days late.

Docket No. 15-081

Waiver request submitted by Melanie Doucette, Palmetto Board of Aldermen - St. Landry Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2013 Tier 3 Candidate PFD 88 days late.

Docket No. 15-082

Waiver request submitted by Christopher Garriga, Lincoln Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 265 days late.

Docket No. 15-083

Waiver request submitted by Edwin Shorty, Jr., Constable - Orleans Parish, 2nd City Court, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual PFD 315 days late.

Docket No. 15-086

Waiver request submitted by Jimmie Pellerin, Acadia Parish Police Jury, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2 Annual PFD 356 days late.

Docket No. 15-088

Waiver request submitted by William Reily, former member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Gas Utility District #1, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual PFD 236 days late.

Docket No. 15-089

Waiver request submitted by Jason Richard, Morse Chief of Police, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual PFD 352 days late.

Docket No. 15-090

Waiver request submitted by Brenda Christiansen, Warren Easton Charter School Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2010 Tier 3 Annual PFD 116 days late; a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2011 Tier 3 Annual PFD 116 days late; a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2012 Tier 3 Annual PFD 116 days late.

Docket No. 15-091

Waiver request submitted by Craig Mathews, former member of the St. Mary Parish Council, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2011 Tier 2 Annual PFD 308 days late.

Docket No. 15-093

Waiver request submitted by Arlis Williamson, Jr., Georgetown Board of Alderman, Grant Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual PFD 395 days late.

Docket No. 15-094

Waiver request submitted by Billy Talton, Vienna Town Council - Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2012 Tier 3 Annual PFD 330 days late.

**G46. WAIVER REQUESTS - OTHER DISCLOSURE**Docket No. 15-077

Waiver request submitted by Willie Breaux, Superintendent of the Bogalusa School District, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2014-2015 School Board Disclosure Statement 14 days late.

**G47. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS**Docket No. 14-1446

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dorothy Sansoni, a candidate for School Board at Large, Iberville Parish in the November 4, 2014 Election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 23 days late.