



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room
MARCH 15, 2018
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on March 15, 2018 and continue to March 16, 2018.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Martha Jones in Docket No. 2010-049.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Hartman Engineering, Inc. and Sandra Black in Docket No. 2014-763.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges filed against Bridgette Clark and Clark Entities in Docket No. 2015-1173.

Discussion in Executive Session concerning charges issued against Gerald Jones and Don Edwards in Docket No. 2016-949.

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9:00 AM
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. 17-682
Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by John Mark Coghlan, Zachary City Council, District 3 (East Baton Rouge Parish) regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 94 days late.
- G2.** Docket No. 18-100
Waiver request submitted by Barbara Reich Freiberg, with he East Baton Rouge Parish - Metro Council - District 12, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2 annual pfd 92 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G3.** Docket No. CHART
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent March 2018 Agenda.
- G4.** Docket No. 18-055
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Clerk of Court's granddaughter may be employed by the Clerk's office.
- G5.** Docket No. 18-056
Advisory opinion request as to whether Marion Fox, if elected as a state representative, may maintain her current position and employment as Director of the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission and Director of the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission.
- G6.** Docket No. 18-057
Request for an advisory opinion from the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority as to whether it is permissible for a current member of the Board to purchase immovable property owned by the agency.
- G7.** Docket No. 18-096
Advisory opinion request and request for approval of disclosure plan by J. Rhett Pourciau, Mayor of the Town of Livonia (Pop. = 1,442; Pointe Coupee Parish), regarding the Town of Livonia doing business with Livonia Auto Repair, LLC, which is owned by the brother of Councilman Gregory Jarreau.
- G8.** Docket No. 18-111
Request for approval of a disqualification plan submitted by Lauren Berthelot, Finance Director for the City of Plaquemine, and Mayor Edwin Reeves concerning payments for transactions Berthelot's Automotive conducts with the City of Plaquemine.
- G9.** Docket No. 18-112
Advisory opinion request as to whether Erin Hollis may be employed as a registered nurse within the Emergency Department at Franklin Foundation Hospital in St. Mary Parish.
- G10.** Docket No. 18-113
Advisory opinion request regarding whether a company in which a board member has a 30% ownership interest may enter a lease with his board.

Disclosure Reports

- G11.** Docket No. 17-1110
PFD Answer filed in response to a NOD requesting a 2016 Tier 2 Annual PFD by Elizabeth Pittman-McDaniel, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board.

- G12.** Docket No. 18-023
PFD answer filed by Iola Martin, Constable, Ward 3, St. Helena Parish.

Regular Business

- G13.** Docket No. MINUTES
February 2018 Board Minutes
- G14.** Docket No. 15-618
Consent opinion regarding Rachel Turnage, former office manager of St. Bernard Recreation Complex, Inc., who improperly authorized checks and transferred money into her personal account.
- G15.** Docket No. 17-1332
Advisory opinion request as to whether Reliant Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer located in the City of Port Allen in West Baton Rouge Parish, may seek an exemption from ad valorem taxation.
- G16.** Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of legislation for the 2018 Regular Legislative Session.

G17. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. chart
March 2018 Campaign Finance Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-1183
Request that the Board waive the \$400, \$400, \$240 and \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Aaron Lee Moak, a candidate for Council Member, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the March 27, 2010 and April 5, 2014 elections, whose 2011 Supplemental, 2015 Supplemental, 10-G and 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 729, 365, 6 and 365 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-1351
Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward M. Morris, a candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, Orleans Parish, and his committee's chairperson, Nadiyah Morris and treasurer, Leslie Ray, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 17-1356
Request that the Board waive \$1,020 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against Janice Miller, in her capacity as a candidate for City Judge, City Court, ES, 2E, City of Baton Rouge in the October 14, 2017 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 17 and 10 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-048
Request that the Board waive the \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against the Truth in Government, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Glynn Durand, and treasurer, Maurice Williams, in the October 14, 2017 election whose 10-G campaign finance report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 18-050
Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles F. Wartelle, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division E, St. Tammany & Washington Parishes, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 11

days late.

Docket No. 18-051

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose Special(48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 18-052

Request that the Board waive the \$540 and \$240 campaign finance late fees assessed against Timothy David Ray, a candidate for Councilmember, District B, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, and his committee's treasurer, Krystal Ancar, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9 and 4 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 18-115

Request that the Board waive \$780 campaign finance late fees assessed against Johnell Matthews, a candidate for City Judge / City Court, ES 2E, City of Baton Rouge in the October 14, 2017 election, her committee's chairperson, Coretta Gray, and treasurer, Jennifer Wilson, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 18-116

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tiffany Gautier Chase, a candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal / 4th Circuit, 1st District, Division B, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, and her committee's chairperson, E. John Litchfield, and treasurer, Lorie Gie, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 18-117

Request that the Board waive the \$500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Morris W. Reed, a candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 18-127

Request that the Board waive the \$510 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Joseph "Jody" Patrick Chamberlain, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Oakdale, Allen Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report and 10-G report were filed 16 and 1 days late, respectively.

G18. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

March 2018 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 17-974

Waiver request submitted by Kayla Michelle Henry, Gueydan Chief of Police - Vermilion Parish (Pop. 1398), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd.

Docket No. 17-1247

Waiver request submitted by Robert Jamiel Fisher, a former member of the Louisiana Community and Technical College, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 17-1295

Waiver request submitted by Ruthie L. Vernon, With the Roseland Board of Aldermen - Tangipahoa Parish (pop. 1123), regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual PFD 106 days late.

Docket No. 17-1361

Waiver request submitted by Charles J. Breaux Jr., with the Workforce Development Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 195 days late.

Docket No. 17-1405

Waiver request submitted by Charles Clack, Coroner for Caldwell Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2016 Tier 2 annual PFD.

Docket No. 18-024

Waiver request submitted by Kimberly Lavon Wright Burbank, with the New Orleans Regional Business Park, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 16 days late; a \$50 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 1 day late; and, a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 18-099

Waiver request submitted by Deborah Hunt Simonson, with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 56 days late.

Docket No. 18-101

Waiver request submitted by Tanya Lynn Doucet, with the Washington Town Council, District 3- St. Landry Parish (Pop. 964), regarding a \$1250 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 candidate PFD 25 days late.

Docket No. 18-102

Waiver request submitted by Thomas H. "Tommy" Hill Sr., with the Benton Board of Aldermen, District 5- Bossier Parish (Pop. 1948), regarding a \$750 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 15 days late.

Docket No. 18-103

Waiver request submitted by Bradley Wayne "Brad" Harris, with the Beauregard Parish Police Jury - District 4A, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 14 days late.

G19. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. waiver

March 2018 School Board Disclosure Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 17-1302

Waiver request submitted by Milton Coats, member of the West Feliciana Parish School Board, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 7 days late.

Docket No. 18-025

Waiver request submitted by Cullen Kovac, a member of the West Carroll Parish School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016-2017 School Board Disclosure Statement 445 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 51 days late.

Docket No. 18-026

Waiver request submitted by John Brown, Sr., a member of the Orleans Parish School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 76 days late.

G20. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 17-009

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Chandra Scarber, a member of the Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 PFD 10 days late.

Docket No. 17-790

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Michael Henry Stelly II, the Merryville Chief of Police- St. Landry Parish (Pop. 1,103), regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 105 days late.

Docket No. 17-960

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Melinda Leblanc Bourgeois, a member of the Jefferson Parish School Board - District 4, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for failing to file her amended 2015 Tier 2 annual pfd.

Docket No. 17-1001

Request that the Board reconsider waiving the \$1,000 and \$1,000 late fees assessed against William Lawson, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Walker, Livingston Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, whose 10-G and 2016 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 429 and 352 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 17-1162

Reconsideration of the Board's decision to waive all but \$1,050 after considering a waiver request submitted by Mohammad Suleman, M.D., State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 272 days late.

Docket No. 17-1243

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Ron G. Carr, Central Louisiana Human Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to amend his 2015 Tier 2.1 pfd.

Docket No. 17-1298

Reconsideration of the Board's denial of a waiver request submitted by Alisa Dunklin, former member of the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file her amended 2014 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.