

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
January 15, 2016

The Board of Ethics met on January 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe, Shaddock and Shelton present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1212 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Senator Elbert Lee Guillory, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 36 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee and agreed to allow Senator Guillory to pay \$1,250 immediately and \$1,250 by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1243 regarding Rykert Toledano serving as the Chairman of the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District once he is sworn in as the newly elected Councilman for St. Tammany Parish District 5. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter until later in the meeting.

Mr. Rudy Smith, Treasurer of the Jefferson Parish Democratic Executive Committee, and Ms. Dwan Hilferty, First Vice-Chairman of the Jefferson Parish Democratic Executive Committee, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance

Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-1355 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against the Jefferson Parish Democratic Executive Committee and David Gereighty, Chairman of the Jefferson Parish Democratic Executive Committee, for filing the 2014 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. After hearing from Mr. Smith and Ms. Hilferty, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee.

Mr. Karl Wellington Seyler, Jr., a former member of the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-1310 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2012 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 198 days late. After hearing from Mr. Seyler, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

Mr. Kyle Edmiston, a member of the Encore Louisiana Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 15-1318 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement 37 days late. After hearing from Mr. Edmiston, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Larzelere, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 5 nays by Board Members Blewer, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G3-G13 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G3-G13, excluding Items G4 and G7, taking the following action:

Approved the amended disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 15-1007 in connection with the employment of immediate family members of Isaac Joseph, Superintendent of the Jefferson Parish School System. The Board further advised that an advisory opinion should be sought if immediate family members of Superintendent Isaac Joseph seek employment within the Jefferson Parish Public School System.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1247 concluding that Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Matthew Valliere, the current Deputy Director of the Center for Community and Preventive Health (CCPH) within the Office of Public Health (OPH), from accepting employment with the Capitol City Family Health Center (CCFHC) for a period of two years following the termination of his employment with the OPH, since Mr. Valliere currently provides direct administrative and functional supervision over the Nutrition division, which includes Women, Infant and Children's Services (WIC) within the CCPH. and the CCFHC has a contract with OPH to provide WIC. The Board further concluded that CCFHC would be prohibited from receiving compensation for assisting another person in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which Mr. Valliere participated at any time during his public service involving CCPH for two years following his termination from CCPH while being employed with CCFHC.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1248 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Craig Troxclair, a licensed physician specializing in Psychiatry, providing services as a physician advisor for both the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and AmeriHealth Caritas, since services for indigent patients are exclusively managed by OBH,

while services for Medicaid patients are exclusively managed by the Bayou Health plans, including AmeriHealth Caritas and Dr. Troxclair is not involved in determining whether a patient is eligible for Medicaid benefits.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1252 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Danielle Ogea Vaughan continuing her employment with Northeast Bossier Fire District #5 ("District") if her husband becomes Fire Chief for the District, since Mrs. Vaughan was employed for at least one year by the District prior to her husband becoming Fire Chief. The Board further advised that Jason Vaughan is required to submit a disqualification plan to disqualify himself from participating in matters involving his wife's employment if he becomes Fire Chief for the District in accordance with La. R.S. 42:1112C and Chapter 14 of the Administrative Rules for the Board of Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1254 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gerald Boudreaux serving as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government once he is sworn in as the newly elected Senator for District 24. The Board further advised that the situation may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1337 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Celeste Falconer continuing to serve on the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority Governing Board when her husband, Reid Falconer, takes office as a State Representative in January 2016.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1338 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Clare Miller, a member of the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, also serving as a member of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Declined to render and allowed the withdrawal of the request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1342 regarding Marion French serving on the Alexandria Civil Service Commission while representing clients who work for the City of Alexandria, since Mr. French resigned from his position on the Alexandria Civil Service Commission effective December 29, 2015.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1343 concluding that Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Darrin Richard's sons from being hired as lifeguards by the Cameron Parish Department of Recreation while Mr. Richard serves as a board member of the Cameron Parish Recreation Department.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1242 concluding that no violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act is presented by Marcus Clark, a Justice of the Supreme Court, using his campaign funds to purchase books regarding search and seizure for various law enforcement agencies located in high poverty areas within his judicial district, since the books will be distributed to law enforcement agencies and are not for his personal use.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1251 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gary Evans, a Review Appraiser with the Real Estate/Appraisal Section of the Department of Transportation and Development, accepting employment with the Red River Waterway Commission to provide real estate appraisal services outside of his normal job duty hours, since the Commission is a public body and it is not a person

for purposes of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and since Mr. Evans' job duties and responsibilities do not include appraisal services for the Commission.

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 15-1302 for August, September, and October, 2015.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1303 by Henrietta Byrd, a former member of the Natchez Board of Aldermen, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding her failure to file a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Byrd that she has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1305 by Kathleen McBride "Kitty" Valdetero, a member of the Crowley Board of Aldermen, Ward 1, Division B, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding her failure to file a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Valdetero that she has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 15-1306 by Beverlee Kilgore, Mayor of Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding her failure to file a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Kilgore that she has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the December 17-18, 2015 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 11-626 regarding Bryan

Krantz, a former member of the Louisiana Racing Commission, and Family Racing Ventures, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) Family Racing Ventures, LLC agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred from November 1, 2008 through December 1, 2010 by receiving rental payments totaling \$149,720.74 pursuant to a Commercial Lease Agreement with Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC at a time when Bryan Krantz owned more than 25% of Family Racing Ventures, LLC and was serving as a Commissioner of the Louisiana State Racing Commission and while the Louisiana State Racing Commission licensed and regulated Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC and in which Family Racing Ventures, LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$10,000; and, (2) no violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred from November 1, 2008 through December 1, 2010 with respect to Bryan Krantz because Mr. Krantz did not receive rental payments from Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-372 regarding Tina Bourque, an employee of the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office, taking monies owed to St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office for her personal use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Tina Bourque agrees that a violation of Section 1111A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by converting payments which were intended for the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office to her personal use and in which Ms. Bourque agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-188 regarding Mark Cockerham, a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board, soliciting Saints tickets from Rina Tikia

while Tikia Consulting Group was seeking a contractual relationship with the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Mark Cockerham, a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board, agrees that a violation of Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his soliciting New Orleans Saints tickets from and receiving tickets to the New Orleans Saints vs. San Francisco 49ers November 17, 2013 game from Rina Tikia at a time when her wholly owned company, Tikia Consulting Group, Inc., had or was seeking to have a contractual and business relationship with the Lafayette Parish School Board and in which Mr. Cockerham agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1243 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Rykert Toledano from serving as the Chairman of the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District once he is sworn in as the newly elected Councilman for St. Tammany Parish District 5. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Mr. Toledano serving as an elected member of St. Tammany Parish Council and serving the remainder of his term as Chairman of the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District until the end of his term. However, following the expiration of his current term, the Board advised that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Toledano from being confirmed as a nominee by the St. Tammany Parish Council while he serves on the Parish Council. The Board further advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the



Attorney General.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 15-1256 regarding the propriety of a Louisiana District Court Judge using campaign funds to reimburse himself for attorney fees expended in successfully defending a formal charge that was filed by the Judiciary Commission. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the judge may use campaign funds to reimburse himself for attorney fees expended in successfully defending a formal charge that was filed by the Judiciary Commission since, in this case, the formal charge filed against the judge was successfully defended and is directly related to his holding of office.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 15-1213, 15-1355 and 15-1357, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1259 from Laurence Kevin Coleman of a \$240 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1262 from LAHP of a \$1,400 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1265 from Ricky Goff of a \$200 late fee and a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1268 from Reginald D. Johnson of a \$180 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1353 from Local Two Forty Seven PAC of an \$800 late fee; and  
Docket No. 15-1362 from Financial Services of the South, PAC of a \$1,600 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1218 from Frank “Frankie” Howard of a \$420 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1358 from Keva Landrum-Johnson of a \$1,000 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1360 from John P. Rogers of a \$60 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1260 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Ray Crawford, a candidate for State Representative, District 99 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1261 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Dr. Jonathan D. Hunter, the successful candidate for Rapides Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1263 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Joseph H. Riley, II, a candidate for Lafayette City Court Judge, Division A in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 36 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1264 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against John

D. Salter, a candidate for Natchitoches Parish President in the October 24, 2014 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1266 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against James Scott Richard, a candidate for Lake Charles City Marshal, Ward 3 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 25 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1267 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jennifer Treadway, a candidate for State Treasurer in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 62 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$2,500 late fee since Ms. Treadway amended her 90-P campaign finance disclosure report to clarify that the activity was for the State Representative campaign which resulted in the 90-P campaign finance disclosure report not being required to be filed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1353 for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee assessed against Local Two Forty Seven PAC in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,200 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future

compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1354 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against William "Bill" Shearman, Jr., a candidate for Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 3 in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 343 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1356 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Benjamin Barnett, a candidate for State Representative, District 104 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1362 for a waiver of the \$2,000, \$800 and \$1,400 late fees assessed against Financial Services of the South, PAC; Jay Angelle, Chairperson; and, Troy Cloutier, Treasurer, in connection with the October 24, 2015 election for filing the 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late, the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late and the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee in connection with the 90-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$1,600 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign

Finance Disclosure Act and payable within 30 days; (2) declined to waive the \$800 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$300 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and payable within 30 days; and (3) declined to waive the \$1,400 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and payable within 30 days.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1364 for a waiver of the \$60 late fee assessed against Chad Leger, a candidate for Lafayette Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$60 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1365 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Lanell Swindler Landry, a candidate for Pointe Coupee Parish Clerk of Court in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1213 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Monica Hudson, a candidate for Caddo Parish Clerk of Court in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and

passed by a vote of 9 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Blewer and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1357 for a waiver of the \$1,700 late fee assessed against Victor Mainiero, a candidate for BESE, District 3 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 36 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists included in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Lobbyist Waiver Chart, excluding Docket No. 15-1324, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1325 from Wes Hataway of a \$50 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1352 from Stasha Rhodes of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1324 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Lobbyist Ashley Porche for the late filing of an Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee but suspended

the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 15-1310, 15-1316, 15-1317 and 15-1318, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 15-1312 from Claude Stelly of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1314 from Sylvia Scineaux Richard of a \$1,050 late fee;  
Docket No. 15-1320 from Patricia Edmiston of a \$200 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 15-1322 from Philip Simmons, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1309 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Jean Renee Markway, a former member of the Reeves Board of Aldermen, Allen Parish, for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 63 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1311 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Stephen J. Osborn, a member of the Developmental Disabilities Council, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$50 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1313 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee

assessed against Ross J. Jordan, a former member of the Sun Volunteer Fire Department Board, St. Tammany Parish, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$150 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1315 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Kevin Scott LeBlanc, the former Estherwood Police Chief, Acadia Parish, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 41 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1319 for a waiver of the \$950 late fee assessed against Randall Calvin "Randy" Byrd, a member of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, District 9, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$950 late fee but suspended \$700 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1321 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against Bence Ann Nicholas, a member of the Campti Town Council, Natchitoches Parish, for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion



made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$350 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1316 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against Brian Hendry Melius M.D., a member of the Animal Welfare Commission, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 18 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 15-1317 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Lakeisha A. Ford, a former member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 118 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 15-1193 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Chasedee Noto, a member of the Developmental Disabilities Council, for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 9 yeas by Board Members Blewer, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 2 nays by Board Members Bruneau and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered charges in Docket No. 13-1630 against Amber Faith Dubois, former Police Chief of Mermentau in Acadia Parish, regarding her failure to file 2011 and 2012 Tier 3

Annual personal financial disclosure statements. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges and instructed the staff to assess late fees.

Chairman Monroe announced the Board's meeting scheduled for February 18, 2016 would commence at 1:30 p.m. to allow for discussion by the Board of changes/revisions to the waiver guidelines.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman