

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
March 6, 2020

The Board of Ethics met on March 6, 2020 at 9:09 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Board Member Leggio was not present at 9:09 roll call. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Latoya Jordan, Jennifer Land, and Greg Thibodeaux.

In connection with request in Docket No. 19-1025, submitted by Gregory Jordan, with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 250 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred to the April meeting.

In connection with request in Docket No. 19-1127, submitted by Sybil Haydel Morial, with the New Orleans Science and Mathematics Charter School, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for failing to file her 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred to the April meeting.

Board Member Leggio arrived to the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Ms. Donna Renee McComas, Constable, Ward 7, Livingston Parish, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 20-036 to waive \$2,500 late fees assessed for not filing 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. After hearing from Ms. McComas, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, and Smith and one nay by Board Member Roberts, the Board waived the \$2,500 late fee based on future

compliance.

Ms. Amber Mitchel, representing the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court and Councilman Marty Dean, District 1 – St. Tammany Parish, appeared before the Board to request an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-084. Board Member Colomb stepped out at 9:32 and was not present for vote. After hearing from Ms. Mitchel and Mr. Dean, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the Councilman Dean from entering into transactions with the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court.

Board Member Colomb returned at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Douglas Swenson representing Ms. Lotte T. Delaney, a board member of the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana who also serves as the CFO at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-088 regarding whether Ms. Delaney can receive a per diem payment for attending a board meeting. After hearing from Mr. Swenson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that there would be no violation of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics since the per diem payment is authorized and paid annual leave is an entitlement from her employer.

Mr. Jeff Everson, potential Caddo Parish Commission Clerk, Attorney R. Gray Sexton, and Attorney Alesia Ardoin appeared before the Board in connection with Docket No. 20-115 to file petition for Approval of Separation of Property with regard to their compensation and bank accounts asserting that based on the separation of property, Mr. Jeff Everson would not be entitled to receive a portion of his wife's income from Robinson's Rescue and thus there would be no violation under Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. After hearing

from Mr. Everson, Mr. Sexton, and Ms. Ardoin, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Grand, Leggio, and McAnelly and four nays by Board Members Lavastida, Meinert, Roberts, and Smith, the Board concluded the separation of property agreement removes the violation of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Chairman McAnelly recognized Board Members Couvillon, Lavastida, and Leggio with a plaque for their dedicated years of service to the Board. Board Member Leggio has served six years and Board Members Couvillon and Lavastida have served three years.

Mr. Michael Echols, State Representative, District 14, appeared before the Board in reference to an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 20-058 regarding Mr. Echols employment/ownership in Vantage Health Plan, Inc. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that 1) Section 1113C of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Vantage Health Plan, Inc. from entering into the OGB contract since neither Mr. Echols or his father in law are in any way interested in the OGB contract; 2) Section 1113D of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Vantage Health Plan, Inc. from entering into a contract with the State of Louisiana as Vantage Health Plan, Inc. does not meet the definition of legal entity of a person since neither Mr. Echols nor his wife own a combined interest greater than 5% of Vantage Health Plan, Inc.; 3) Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Echols receipt of compensation from Vantage Health Plan, Inc. since the contract is with the Office of Group Benefits which is part of the executive branch of the State of Louisiana; and 4) Section 1111 E 2 of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Echols from assisting Vantage Health Plan for compensation in a transaction involving the State of Louisiana without filing the required disclosure forms within the

time prescribed.

Mr. Reginald Higgins, East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District, District 6, appeared before the Board in reference to Docket No. 20-028 in regards to a \$250 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 5 days late. After hearing from Mr. Higgins, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. McKinley Bates, Jr., candidate for Concordia Parish Police Juror, District 1-A, appeared before the Board in reference Docket No. 20-047 regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 12 days late. After hearing from Mr. Bates, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Ms. Tammy Phelps, candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 20-024 to request a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 2 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board moved to add to the agenda a \$240 fine for Ms. Phelps filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report late and to also add a \$400 fine for Ms. Phelps filing her 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived all of the \$400 for the 40-G and suspended half of the two other fines based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Larry M. Snyder, St. John the Baptist Parish Council, District 6, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 20-039 regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 256 days late. After hearing from Mr. Snyder, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$250 is payable within 30 days and if payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board recessed at 11:06 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:25 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G8-G20 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 G8-G20, excluding items G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, and G19, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-1275 concluding that no provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Kimberly Martel, a teacher with Grolle Elementary School under the St. Landry Parish School Board, from opening a driving school since none of her official duties involve the regulation of driving schools or driving instruction and Ms. Martel has no business, financial, or contractual relationship with the Office of Motor Vehicles or Department of Public Safety.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-002 concluding that Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Mr. Benjamin E. Jordan, Webster Parish Police

Juror- District 12, to continue to donate his services as a volunteer firefighter with the Fire District. However, Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Mr. Jordan's appointment by the Webster Parish Police Jury to be a member of the Fire District Board and Section 1119B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Sherri Harris Jordan from being employed by the Webster Parish Library, since the Library is a part of Mr. Jordan's governmental entity.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-007 concluding that Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Keith A. Chaney, Jr., State Park Warden at Bayou Segnette State Park, from providing paid security details on duty or off duty hours at Bayou Segnette State Park since Mr. Chaney's public duties as a Warden includes security details at Bayou Segnette State Park. Secondly, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Chaney from providing paid security details to private entities at any site if those private entities have a contractual relationship with the agency. The Board suggested for Mr. Chaney to seek additional advisory opinion with details of potential private entities regarding off-duty security details outside of Bayou Segnette State Park.

Allowed the withdrawal of an Application for Declaratory Opinion in Docket No. 20-010, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association-Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union"), that requested reconsideration of an advisory opinion previously issued by the Board in Docket No. 2018-401 (on July 23, 2018).

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-087 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Matthew Caplan from contracting with the 16th Judicial District Court while maintaining his full-time employment with the 22nd Judicial District Court because they are separate agencies.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-106 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit two Nicholls State University professors for publicizing two books for sale at the request of their publishers via email flyers since neither professor would receive any economic benefit.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-108 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Thompson Core, Crowley City Councilman and member of the Crowley Police Department's Public Service Committee, from becoming a reserve police officer with the Crowley City Police Department if the Crowley City Council does not have any involvement in selection or approval of reserve police officers for Crowley City Police Department. However, Mr. Core may want to seek guidance from the Attorney General on dual office holding. If Mr. Core becomes a reserve police officer, he should be cautioned not to participate in any matters that come before Public Service Committee in which he may have a substantial economic interest. In addition, if the Chief of Police or other employee of the Crowley City Police Department is responsible for appointing persons to the Public Service Committee, Mr. Core would be prohibited from being reappointed to the Committee while serving as a reserve police officer as such would be a prohibited transaction with his agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-081 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Sara Virginia Pic, an employee of the Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library, from receiving the \$1,500 honorarium from OCLC since OCLC has a contractual, business, or financial relationship with the Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-082 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the appointment of Angela Smith, the daughter of

Ervin Menard, Fire Chief for Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 in St. Landry Parish, to the position of Secretary/Treasurer by the Fire District Board. However, Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit his daughter from donating her accounting services to the Fire District Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-083 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit a property manager of a Section 8 Program property from being appointed as a commissioner for the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority. However, because the Section 8 property is regulated by the Housing Authority, the continued employment of the property manager while serving as a commissioner would violate Section 1111(C)(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. If the property manager is appointed as a commissioner, Section 1111(C)(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit her from receiving compensation for services rendered related to the Section 8 property, which is regulated by her agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-085 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Dr. Gia Tyson's continued paid participation in Gilead's Speaker's Bureau while employed by Ochsner.

Adopted an updated advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-086 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Lori Desselle from working as a Criminal Justice adjunct faculty member, since the subject matter of the courses she will be teaching do not appear to be substantially related to the activities, programs and operations of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Ms. Desselle does not perform these services during her normal work hours or has any parolees taking the course.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-107 concluding that the Code of

Governmental Ethics would prohibit the fire station, including all of its employees, over which the employee of CLEAR Restoration serves as the Captain, from referring the services of CLEAR Restoration and any other business conducted by Restoration or its divisions to victims being served by the Captain's fire station. The other fire stations under the umbrella of the St. George Fire Department would not be prohibited from making such referrals.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the February 6-7, 2020 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 16-1034 to be executed by G. Bert Allain concerning his violations of Sections 1111C(1)(a) and 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the pending charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB) in which Mr. G. Bert Allain signed and paid the \$7,500 civil penalty.

The Board considered the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event. The Board calculates the statutory increase based off of the previous year's increased food and drink limitation amount. As such, the Board would promulgate a rule which increases the current \$62 amount by 1.8%. The calculation to determine the increase is as follows: $62 \times .018 = 1.116$ Any increase to the food and drink limitation would be an increase by \$1.116, which rounded to the nearest dollar results in a \$1 increase. Therefore, the total limit should be increased to \$63. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board promulgate a rule which increases the current value of the food and drink limit to \$63 per event beginning July 1, 2020.

The Board will consider legislation for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session in G25 at the

end of the meeting.

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. 19-1136, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 19-1138 from Jerry Landrum, 2017 Supplemental Report of a \$1,000 late fee;
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Docket No. 20-090 from Jefferson Safe & Strong PAC, 10-P of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-091 from Mark Pope, 10-P of a \$560 late fee;
Docket No. 20-097 from Roger A. Casama, 30-P of a \$480 late fee; and,
Docket No. 20-099 from Robert “Rock” Davis, 30-P of a \$1,140 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-093 from Keith Landry, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-098 from Marcus Johnson, 10-P of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 20-101 from Neal Latigue, 30-P of a \$480 late fee; and,
Docket No. 20-101 from Neal Latigue, 10-P of a \$540 late fee;

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$100 based on future compliance the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-096 from Shelly Mayo, 10-P of a \$280 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered waiver request in Docket No. 19-1136 regarding Nicholas R. P. Wright, a candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-G 2016, 2017, and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1745, 980, and 615 days, respectively and his 2018 supplemental report was not filed. On motion made, seconded

and unanimously passed, the Board requested the matter to be deferred.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyist contained in the Lobbying Waiver Request 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 Lobbying waiver chart taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the \$150 late fee in Docket No. 20-078 assessed against Keely Miller for failure to timely file her November 2019 Legislative and Local lobbying expenditure report since this is Ms. Miller’s first late filing.

The Board unanimously suspended all \$600 late fee based on future compliance in Docket No. 20-079 assessed against Hannah Cox for failure to timely file her Supplemental lobbying registration report since Ms. Cox is no longer registered as a lobbyist.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the \$300 late fee in Docket No. 20-080 assessed against Amanda H. Edge for failure to timely file her October 2019 Legislative and Local lobbying expenditure report.

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. 20-018, 20-025, 20-031, 20-043 and 20-051 taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 20-017 Thomas Dufrene, Jr., 2018 Tier 3, 10 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket No. 20-026 Harry Brignac, 2018 Tier 3, 117 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 20-049 Reginald Prealow Jr., 2018 Tier 3, 162 days late of \$1,500 late fee; &
Docket No. 20-053 VaRhonda Burrell., fail to file 2017 Tier 3 of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive and offer a payment plan against the following:

Docket No. 20-019 Sarah Reliford, 2018 Tier 3, 49 days late.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$200 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-020 Jayme Johnson, 2018 Tier 3, 61 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-034 Brian Burns, 2018 Tier 3, 69 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-044 Brian McCarthy, 2018 Tier 3, 62 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-048 Caleb Atwell, 2018 Tier 3, 82 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and
Docket 20-050 Michael Gillie, Jr., 2018 Tier 3, 66 days late of \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$450 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$450 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-021 Robert McKinnon, Jr., 2017 Tier 2.1, 131 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$600 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$600 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-022 Raymond Leger, Sr., 2018 Tier 3, 159 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-045 Albert Rivers, IV, 2018 Tier 3, 159 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-046 Amanda Pointer, 2018 Tier 3, 159 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and
Docket 20-052 Irvin June, Jr., 2018 Tier 3, 166 days late of a \$1,500 late fees.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$400 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$400 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-023 Stefanie Ashford, 2018 Tier 3, 124 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$1,050 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$1,050 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-025 Richard Brandt, 2017 Tier 2.1, 301 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

Docket 20-041 Dwan Johnson, 2017 Tier 2.1, 247 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 20-027 Jason Coats, 2018 Tier 3, 1 day late of a \$50 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$650 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$650 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-029 Phyllis Glover, 2017 Tier 2.1, 155 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and

Docket 20-035 Rana Ottallah, 2017 Tier 2.1, 148 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$850 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$850 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-030 James Llorens, 2017 Tier 2.1, 230 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and
Docket 20-042 Patricia Westley, 2017 Tier 2.1, 201 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$250 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-032 Martin Jackson, 2017 Tier 2.1, 84 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$1,000 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$1,000 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-033 Ronald Nielson, 2017 Tier 3, 447 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-040 Tommy Evans, 2017 Tier 3, 483 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$1,250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$1,250 is payable within 30 days and if payment is no received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-037 Gary Evans, 2017 Tier 2, 489 days late of a \$2,500 late fee; and
Docket 20-38 James Green, 2017 Tier 2, 414 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-018 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Calvin Vogel, Creola Board of Aldermen, Grant Parish, for filing his 2017 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 413 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$200 is payable within 30

days and if payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-031 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Carlos Harvin, Charter Schools USA-Lafayette Charter Foundation, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. Board Member Colomb recused himself from the vote. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board chose not to suspend the \$300 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-043 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Morgan Carter, Tensas Parish School Board, for filing her 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 37 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-051 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Eric Tarver, Calcasieu Parish School Board, for filing his 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$2,500 late.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-016 and unanimously waived the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Edith Morrison, Beekman Charter School Board, for filing her 2019-2020 School Board Disclosure Statement 36 days late since this was Ms. Morrison's first late filing involving a school board disclosure statement.

An untimely request in Docket No. 19-1051 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Janice Simon, Oberlin Board of Aldermen, District 4, Allen Parish, for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 35 days late and a timely

waiver request of the \$650 late fee for filing her 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 13 days late; the Board considered the waiver request for the 2017 report and suspended all for both reports based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board reconsidered a waiver request in Docket No. 19-468 regarding the Board's suspension of all but \$600 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Sandra Brown, former member of the Northshore Charter School Board, for filing her 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 143 days late. Since this is Ms. Brown's first late filing and she is no longer on the board, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board reconsidered a waiver request in Docket No. 19-1083 regarding Vanner James Erikson, Natchitoches Historic Development Board, \$1,500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. Since the amendment has been filed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Ethics.

Chairman McAnelly recognized Counsel David Bordelon for his service and wished him well on his new position. Chairman McAnelly dismissed staff and continued the meeting with Kathleen and Board members to review Legislation.

The Board considered bills introduced for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that affect the laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. Following the legislative overview provided by Ms. Allen, the Board reviewed the proposed legislation filed in connection with the 2020 Regular Legislative Session and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, took the following actions noted in the two tables below:

Legislation	Author	Summary of Legislation	Law	Board Position
<i>House</i>				
HB 81	Turner	Ethics/Nepotism: Provides an exception to allow immediate family members of a collegiate athletic program coach to be employed on the staff of that program.	R.S. 42:1119(I)	Oppose
HB 201	Harris	Judges: Establishes certain requirements for financial disclosure statements filed by judges and judicial candidates and provides for the availability of such statements through the Board of Ethics' website.	R.S. 13:11-13	Support*
HB 641	Selders	Ethics: Allows public employees of a political subdivision that operates parks and recreational facilities to rent facilities at a discounted rate or fee provided that the transaction is conducted without preference and in the same manner and subject to the same conditions applicable to the general public.	R.S. 42:1123 (44)	Oppose

Bill No.
SB 167

Author

Sen. Mills – The Board did not vote with respect to this legislation. While the Board did not object to the enhanced conflict of interest provisions in the legislation, such provisions would not be enforced by the Board of Ethics; and, it is the assumption of the Board that the members of the districts would be subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics (La. R.S. 42:1101, et seq.).

Legislation	Author	Summary of Legislation	Law	Board Position
<i>Senate</i>				
SB 155	Luneau	Ethics: Provides for payment of supplemental compensation from nonpublic sources for certain personnel at the Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.	R.S. 42:1111A(3)	Support
SB 193	Hewitt	Ethics: provides exceptions to present law by allowing an officer of a state or local law enforcement or firefighter association serving as an elected or appointed member of any fire or police civil service board to participate in transactions in which the association of which he is an officer has a substantial economic interest involving members of the association as well as transactions involving a classified employee of the agency whom the association represents in collective bargaining.	R.S. 42:1123(47) and (48)	No position**
SB 194	Hewitt	Judges: Requires judges to file personal financial disclosure forms as a public record with the judicial administrator for the La. Supreme Court.	R.S. 13:65-67	Support
SB 238	Allain	Campaign Finance: Provides for repayment of personal contributions or loans. Proposed law provides for repayment of contributions and loans from existing campaign contributions, loans, or funds.	R.S. 18:505.2(T)	Support
SB 304	Peacock	Campaign Finance: Proposed law removes the limitation on combined contributions for both the primary and general elections that may be accepted by any candidate and his principal and subsidiary campaign committees from a political committee.	R.S. 18:1505.2(H)	Oppose

*HB 201 Rep. Harris – On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, and Meinert, and four nays by Board Members Couvillon, Dittmer, Roberts, and Smith, the Board voted to support Bill HB 201 noting that they support transparency but unsure of the resources and responsibility that will be placed on the staff.

**SB 193 Hewitt – On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, and Smith, and four nays by Board Members Bruneau, Grand, Meinert, and Roberts, the Board voted to have no position on SB 193

The Board considered charges in Docket No. 2019-031 regarding Jenny Bobal, who failed to do her Ethics training. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges filed against Jenny Bobal since she has completed her training and it was the first time she was non-compliant.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board added the Performance Audit Request by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to the agenda.

The Board considered the Legislative Auditor's request to review the executive meeting minutes which are held confidential and privileged. Board Member Dittmer left the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and was absent for the last vote. Board Member Lavastida left the room at 1:24 p.m. and returned at 1:25 p.m. Board Member Leggio left the room at 1:32 p.m. and returned at 1:35 p.m. On motion made, seconded and passed with eight yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts, and Smith, and two nays by Board Members Bruneau and Leggio, the Board challenges the authority of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to request to review the executive minutes which are held confidential and privileged.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

Secretary

Chairman