



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room**

JANUARY 6, 2022

2:30 PM

**617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on January 6, 2022 and continue to January 7, 2022.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Yvette Robinson and Chasity Livingston in Docket No. 2017-1219.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges against LaShanda Bridges in Docket No. 2019-051.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against members of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission in No. 2019-632.

Discussion in Executive Session concerning charges issued against Rebekah Gee in Docket No. 2019-690.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges pending against Vana Acker and Davanya Tabb in Docket No. 2019-1167.

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JANUARY 7, 2022

9:00 AM

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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1. Docket No. 20-861**
Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ernest A. Burguieres, III, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.
- G2. Docket No. 21-186**
Request the the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee V. Faulkner, Jr., a successful candidate for District Judge, 24th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. P, Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.
- G3. Docket No. 21-804**
Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephanie Bridges, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.
- G4. Docket No. 21-882**
Advisory Opinion request from Paul D. Escott, Assistant City Parish Attorney for Lafayette Consolidated Government, regarding Act 340 of 2021 Regular Session and changes to R.S. 42:1123(34).
- G5. Docket No. 21-1037**
Advisory Opinion request from Richard L. Traina, a former Assistant Attorney General, relative to providing legal services to the Department of Natural Resources upon his leaving the Louisiana Department of Justice.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G6. Docket No. CHART**
Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent January 2022 Agenda.
- G7. Docket No. 21-410**
Request for an advisory opinion from Corey Oubre, Director of Legal Services for St. Charles Parish, relative to St. Charles Parish entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with P.A.C.E., a non-profit corporation of which St. Charles Parish President, Matthew Jewell is an officer.
- G8. Docket No. 21-713**
Advisory Opinion Request from C. Kyle Mosley, Chief of Cullen Fire Department, regarding whether he may promote his brother to Assistant Chief.
- G9. Docket No. 21-845**
Request for an advisory opinion from Kurt Evans, relative to whether his company, Digital Engineering, could contract with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, an entity that employs Matt Butler, who serves on the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Commission ("BOC") while Digital Engineering has entered into a contract with the BOC.
- G10. Docket No. 21-847**
Advisory opinion regarding whether Michael Rich is prohibited from serving as the financial advisor on Troy Ingram's retirement account while Mr. Ingram serves as the contract attorney for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District

No. 1 and Mr. Rich serves as one of its Commissioners.

- G11.** Docket No. 21-901
Request for Advisory Opinion from Becky Reeves, on behalf of the LSU Lallie Kemp Medical Center (the "Center"), as to whether the Center's employees may accept food gifts from vendors of the Center.
- G12.** Docket No. 21-923
Advisory Opinion Request from Harry L. "Chip" Cahill, Attorney for the Town of Grand Isle (Pop. 1,005) in Jefferson Parish, regarding the post-employment restrictions for former Police Chief Laine Landry.
- G13.** Docket No. 21-975
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would require New Iberia Mayor Pro Tem Ricky Gonsoulin to recuse himself from discussing and voting on the annexation of an 11-acre tract of land which is currently leased to his family business, Gonsoulin Farms.
- G14.** Docket No. 21-988
Request for approval of a disqualification plan from Fire Chief Chad Major, Baton Rouge Fire Department, relative to the employment of brothers, Jared Robertson and Jerome Robertson.
- G15.** Docket No. 21-994
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would require Brian Boney to take a leave of absence from his position as a part-time police officer in Tullos, Louisiana while running for election for Police Chief of Ball.
- G16.** Docket No. 21-1000
Advisory Opinion request from Robert J. Klein with the Office of Technology Services ("OTS") within the Division of Administration.
- G17.** Docket No. 21-1022
Advisory Opinion request from Sheena Johnson, former Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, for the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services program within the Louisiana Workforce Commission regarding her post-employment restrictions.

Regular Business

- G18.** Docket No. MINUTES
December 2021 Board Minutes
- G19.** Docket No. 20-565
Consent Opinion relative to nepotism involving Dwayne Sanner, Manager/Director of the Hackberry Recreation Center. Cameron Parish has a population of 6,839.
- G20.** Docket No. 20-588
Consent Opinion regarding Jill Cowart, former Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Academic Content for the Dept. of Education.
- G21.** Docket No. 20-719
Consent opinion regarding the employment of Aimye Dugas with the Iberia Parish School Board while her brother-in-law, Dana Dugas, serves as an Iberia Parish School Board member.
- G22.** **WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Docket No. 21-461

1) Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Traffic Court, Division D, Orleans Parish, in the October 19, 2013 election, whose 2017 and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 28 and 2 days late. 2) Request to waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against D. Nicole Sheppard, a successful candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division J, Orleans Parish in the October 14, 2017, whose 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was 2 days late.

Docket No. 21-644

Request that the Board waive a \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brady Dennis O'Callaghan, successful candidate for District Judge, 1st Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. H, Caddo Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late.

Docket No. 21-832

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Marie Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Juvenile Court, Section A, Orleans Parish and her committee's chairperson, Betty Williams, and treasurer, Armin Williams, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

G23. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. 21-976

Request to waive the \$800 late fee assessed against Amanda Derise for the late filing of her 2021 Lobbying Registration.

Docket No. 21-981

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Edward Shanklin for the late filing of his September 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. waiver

January 2022 PFD Waiver Chart

Docket No. 21-496

Waiver request submitted by Verna C. "Teta" Smith, Jean Lafitte Town Council (Pop. 1,903) / Jefferson Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2015 Tier 3 annual pfd 1655 days late.

Docket No. 21-691

Waiver request submitted by Tabitha Bell, Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 257 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 74 days late.

Docket No. 21-888

Waiver request submitted by Barry Ray Purcell, successful candidate for Constable / Oil City (Pop. 901) / Ward 2 / Caddo Parish / in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 candidate pfd 140 days late.

Docket No. 21-909

Waiver request submitted by Jamie U. Huval, Aldermen for the Town of Arnaudville (Pop. 1009) / St. Martin Parish, regarding a \$325 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 13 days late and a \$325 late fee

assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-911

Waiver request submitted by Ervin Gerard Wilson, Sr., New Llano Town Council (Pop. 2213)/ Vernon Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 28 days late and a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 28 days late.

Docket No. 21-912

Waiver request submitted by David J. Bates, St. Tammany Parish Gravity Drainage Dist. #5 / SubDist. #2, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 61 days late.

Docket No. 21-913

Waiver request submitted by Gwendolyn C. "Gigi" Carter, Louisiana Education Television Authority, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-914

Waiver request submitted by Nolan Marshall, III, former member of the New Orleans Metropolitan Planning Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

Docket No. 21-917

Waiver request submitted by Alvin Thomas, Jr., Ascension Parish Council / District 1, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 240 days late.

Docket No. 21-983

Waiver request submitted by Levi Lewis, Sr., former Washington Parish Council Member / District 4, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 189 days late.

Docket No. 21-985

Waiver request submitted by Pamela Tompkins "Pam" Bloxom, Minden City Council (Pop.11,928) / Webster Parish, regarding a \$125 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late and a \$125 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 5 days late.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 21-427

Request that the Board reconsider the decision to decline to waive \$480 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Elzey J. "Jeff" Perilloux, an unsuccessful candidate for District Judge, 40th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. B, St. John the Baptist Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 8 days late and not filed, respectively.

Docket No. 21-551

Untimely waiver request submitted by James Russell Fatic, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 489 days late.

Docket No. 21-916

Waiver request submitted by Jeffrey A Free, candidate for Bossier City Council (Pop. 62,701) / District 4 / in the March 20, 2021 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 candidate pfd 229 days late.

Docket No. 21-984

Untimely waiver request submitted by Darrell D. Sims, Madison Parish School Board / District 5, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 170 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 20-641

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Randy Armentor, a candidate for Police Juror, District 10, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-227

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$650 of a \$1500 late fee assessed against Roxanna F. Foret, Human Rights Commission, for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 148 days late.

Docket No. 21-436

Request that the Board reconsider decision to decline to waive \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Charles Christian Thomas Guillory, a successful candidate for Assessor, Evangeline Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 8 days late.