



Louisiana Board of Ethics

LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room

MAY 4, 2023

2:30 PM

617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Note: Meetings begin on May 4, 2023 and continue to May 5, 2023.

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 Keith Schroth in Docket No. 2021-889.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding Charges filed against Mark Savoie for a violation of La. R.S. 42:1121.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-551

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$1050 of a \$1500 late fee, based on future compliance, submitted by James Russell Fatic, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 489 days late.

- G2.** Docket No. 23-225
Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Parry "Matt" Thomas, a future candidate for State Rep, Dist 68, East Baton Rouge Parish, in a future election, whose 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1,070 days late.
- G3.** Docket No. 23-321
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Kyle Kennington, a member of the Desoto Parish Police Jury, and employed as Senior Vice President of Community Bank of Louisiana, is required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1114 while the Police Jury and Bank has a business and financial relationship.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G4.** Docket No. 23-162
Withdrawal of an advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Crescent City Schools from employing Dr. Katherine Chenier while they are contracting with her limited liability company, Young Cypress Psychology.
- G5.** Docket No. 23-183
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits an employee of Landmark Bank to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with East Feliciana Parish Police Jury.
- G6.** Docket No. 23-202
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Martin Guy Barcelona, Sr., concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit ARTOVIA from contracting with the Housing Authority of New Orleans ("HANO"), his former agency.
- G7.** Docket No. 23-219
Withdrawal of a Request for Advisory Opinion, submitted by Kyle LeBouef.
- G8.** Docket No. 23-221
Advisory Opinion request from Christopher Knotts, Chief Engineer for the DOTD Office of Engineering, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G9.** Docket No. 23-222
Advisory Opinion request from the Chief of Maintenance in the Office of Operations of the DOTD regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G10.** Docket No. 23-256
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Ebony Allen to work in a part-time position with Social Work Professional Services, LLC, while being employed full-time within the Department of Children and Family Services.
- G11.** Docket No. 23-262
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Ethics Code") would prohibit a Fist Assistant District Attorney from also being employed as an administrative law judge.
- G12.** Docket No. 23-264
Request for Approval of a Disqualification Plan submitted by Andy Dotson, East Baton Rouge Parish Attorney, regarding Special Assistant Parish Attorney Lisa Smith and her mother Robin Gastelum.

- G13.** Docket No. 23-265
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Robert Jones, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit him from accepting secondary employment with Instructional Data Solutions, LLC while maintaining his employment with the Louisiana Department of Education ("LDOE").
- G14.** Docket No. 23-306
Advisory Opinion Request from Karen Crosby, Dean of Honors College at Southern University, relating to post-employment restrictions.

Regular Business

- G15.** Docket No. MINUTES
April 2023 Board Minutes
- G16.** Docket No. waiver
Proposed changes to the PFD Waiver Guidelines.
- G17.** Docket No. 21-334
Consent Opinion regarding Darren Lewis, principal of Walter Cohen College Prep Charter School, hiring his brother-in-law, Derrell Martin, as a classroom teacher and then promoting him to the position of Athletic Director.
- G18.** Docket No. 22-114
Request for reconsideration of assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Kevin Bates, candidate for State Representative, 20th District, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a SUPP2020 campaign finance disclosure report.
- G19.** Docket No. 22-239
Consent Opinion for Carlee White Gonzales, member of the City of Hammond Council, related to violation of La. R.S. 42:1112B(1).
- G20.** Docket No. 23-076
Advisory Opinion Request from Benjamin Franklin High School as to whether assistant coaches may receive compensation for coaching students in private leagues during out of season periods.
- G21.** Docket No. 23-339
Discussion regarding changes to the Candidate's Report form.
- G22.** Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of proposed legislation introduced for consideration during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.
- G23.** **WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Docket No. 23-123

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raphineas "Ray" Riley, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 2021 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 254 days late.

Docket No. 23-150

Request that the Board waive the \$120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kenneth Pickett, Sr., a successful candidate for Mayor, Town of Mansura, Avoyelles Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 23-151

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Robert "Rob" Forshee, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of Plaquemines Parish Council, District 5, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-152

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 and \$1,080 campaign finance late fees assessed against Pauline D. "Polly" Higdon, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, At large, Iberville Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 38 and 18 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-164

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$680 campaign finance late fees assessed against Yolanda Butler Laws, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District F, Iberville Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 37 and 17 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-195

Request that the Board waive the \$760 campaign finance late fee assessed against Sonceria Brown Evans, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District V, West Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 19 days late.

Docket No. 23-196

Request that the Board waive the \$80 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lennon "Butch" Whitney, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, Town of Delhi (Pop. 2,919), Richland Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, for the late filing of his 10-P campaign finance report which was filed 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-223

Request that the Board waive a \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Desmond Wallace, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 14, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late.

Docket No. 23-224

Request that the Board waive a \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Aaron Hoyle, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District B, Ouachita Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-226

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fees assessed against James "Jim" Mora, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 9, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-227

Request that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kimya Holmes, a successful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section D, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 27 days late.

Docket No. 23-228

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Burnell Tolbert, an unsuccessful

candidate for Council Member /District 1, Lafourche Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1,035, 1,015 and 980 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-229

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lauren Heinen, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 31st Judicial District Court, Jefferson Davis Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 301 days late.

Docket No. 23-240

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jordan Bridges, an unsuccessful a candidate for State Representative, 102nd Representative District, Orleans Parish in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 76 days late, AND the three (3) \$2,000 for a total of \$6,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against, Jordan Bridges, an unsuccessful candidate for Clerk, 2nd City Court. Orleans Parish in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed.

Docket No. 23-242

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Hannah Smith Mason, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 8, Lafayette Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 224 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-254

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Movement for Change, Inc., a political action committee, its chairperson, Tyra L. Banks, and its treasurer, Brock A.M. Facione, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports was filed 870 days late.

G24. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 23-184

Request to waive the \$100 late fee assessed against Adam Ducote for the late filing of the December 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-036

Waiver request submitted by Julie Ann Anderson Lively, former member of the Crab Task Force, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 23-037

Waiver request submitted by Betsy Mullins, Oak Ridge Aldermen (pop. 124) / Morehouse Parish, regarding a \$25 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-038

Waiver request submitted by Nick Burgess, candidate for Alderman / District D, Town of Delhi (Pop. 2,622) / Richland Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 98 days late.

Docket No. 23-039

Waiver request submitted by David Randal "Randy" Wagley, St. Landry Parish School Board / District 9, regarding a \$100 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 1 day late.

Docket No. 23-043

Waiver request submitted by Joseph S. Pappalardo, Jr., Real Estate, regarding a \$800 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 16 days late.

Docket No. 23-044

Waiver request submitted by Jessica Bertrand McCleandon, candidate Jefferson Parish School Board / District 5, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 118 days late.

Docket No. 23-045

Waiver request submitted by Ronald Lamont Goudeau, candidate for Boyce Chief of Police (Pop. 888) / Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 candidate pfd 121 days late and regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual pfd 58 days late.

Docket No. 23-072

Waiver request submitted by Chauna Banks, East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council / District 2, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 215 days late.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - SCHOOL BOARD DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 22-963

Waiver request submitted by Frederick Stelly Jr., St. Martin Parish School Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 School Board Disclosure 11 days late.

Docket No. 22-964

Waiver request submitted by Alaina Wallace Nichols, Franklin Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 377 days late.

Docket No. 22-966

Waiver request submitted by Paul Saville Kent, East Feliciana Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 School Board Disclosure 8 days late.

Docket No. 22-967

Waiver request submitted by Jason Paul Manola, West Baton Rouge Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 School Board Disclosure 362 days late.

Docket No. 22-968

Waiver request submitted by Mia Liki (Dunn) Jones, Franklin Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 377 days late.

Docket No. 22-994

Waiver request submitted by Ellis Guillory, Sr., Evangeline Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 School Board Disclosure 428 days late.

Docket No. 23-003

Waiver request submitted by Amanda Temple McKinney, West Feliciana Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 367 days late and regarding a \$100 late fee assessment for filing her 2022 School Board Disclosure 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-030

Waiver request submitted by Ricky Johnson, Sr., Jefferson Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 School Board Disclosure 378 days late.

G27. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 22-911

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the two (2) \$1,000 for a total of \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Garland Brossette, a successful candidate for Mayor, Town of Colfax (Population 1,419), Grant Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 90 and 70 days late, respectively.