



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
DECEMBER 1, 2022
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on December 1, 2022 and continue to December 2, 2022.

Executive Session

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

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9:00 AM
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GENERAL

Appearances

- G1.** Docket No. EABSELC
Appearance by Sabra Matheny, Director of the Division of Administrative Law, to select administrative law judges to serve on the panels of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board, as well as an alternate.
- G2.** Docket No. 21-556
Request to reconsider the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1000 of a \$1500 late fee, based on future compliance, assessed against Ronald J. Evans, Jefferson Rise Charter School Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 783 days late.
- G3.** Docket No. 22-515

Request that the Board waive the \$540, \$1,140 and \$180 campaign finance late fees assessed against Barbara Norton, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 3rd Representative District, Caddo Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 2020 & 2021 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 9, 19 and 3 days late, respectively.

G4. Docket No. 22-645

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$450 campaign finance late fees assessed against John Ray LeBlanc, a successful candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2019 Annual and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 247 and 16 days late, respectively.

G5. Docket No. 22-708

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Community Organization for Urban Politics, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, and treasurer, Lambert Boissiere, Jr., in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late.

G6. Docket No. 22-709

Request that the Board waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Manny "Chevrolet" Bruno, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G7. Docket No. 22-537

Advisory Opinion request from Scott Franklin, Sheriff of LaSalle Parish, as to whether he may acquire an ownership interest in the official journal of record for LaSalle Parish.

G8. Docket No. 22-569

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether Penny Comena may accept a teaching position with the Family Service Center in St. Francisville while also owning Glory Angels, LLC.

G9. Docket No. 22-707

Request to withdraw a disqualification plan submitted by La. Department of Transportation and Development(DOTD) regarding Jerry and Jake Dison.

G10. Docket No. 22-745

Advisory Opinion request regarding whether Vincent Latino, Jr., a former employee of DOTD, can perform services for DOTD post-employment.

G11. Docket No. 22-747

Advisory Opinion Request submitted on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners and Psychologists ("LSBEP"), as to whether LSBEP members are required to file disclosures as a result of their receipt of complimentary admission to an event.

G12. Docket No. 22-802

Advisory opinion as to whether the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Jennifer Jeffers, A KIPP employee and former Booker T. Washington High School Assistant Principal, from transacting with Booker T. Washington High School students and other public school students by learning through international travel.

- G13.** Docket No. 22-805
Advisory Opinion Request from Dr. Shannon LaFargue, Superintendent of the Calcasieu Parish School Board (the "School Board") as to whether School Board employees may receive awards for their service from a local hospital.
- G14.** Docket No. 22-807
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted Erik Mack (an employee of the City of Shreveport), concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits Mr. Mack from participating in Louisiana-state sponsored training programs through the Louisiana Workforce Commission while being employed by the City of Shreveport.
- G15.** Docket No. 22-808
Advisory Opinion request from Johnell Young in connection with his potential employment by Xavier University in New Orleans.
- G16.** Docket No. 22-809
Advisory Opinion from Tonya Landry, employee of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), as to whether her father-in-law may contract with DEQ.
- G17.** Docket No. 22-810
Advisory Opinion request regarding whether a member of the Springhill City Council can be appointed to the North Webster Industrial Board after retirement as City Alderman.
- G18.** Docket No. 22-812
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Vicki Ponthieux, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her and her sister from serving in the same supervisory chain at the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("LaDOTD").
- G19.** Docket No. 22-846
Advisory Opinion Request from Leah Tatum, employee of the Office of Public Health, regarding post-employment matters.
- G20.** Docket No. 22-853
Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Bryan Cowart, a Building Inspector for the Safety and Permits Division with the City of New Orleans, from accepting employment with Khan's Codes and Standards, LLC, providing inspections to third parties within two years of the termination of his employment.

Regular Business

- G21.** Docket No. MINUTES
November 2022 Board Minutes
- G22.** Docket No. 22-407
Request for reconsideration of the denial to render an Advisory Opinion regarding potential Code violations if an owner of several nighttime businesses serves as the Director of the Office Nighttime Economy for the City of New Orleans.
- G23.** Docket No. Report
Administrator's Report
- G24.** **WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
Docket No. 21-1063

Request that the Board waive the three (3) \$3,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$9,000 assessed against Communications Workers of America, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Christopher Shelton, and treasurer, Sara Steffens, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 51, 30 and 159 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-716

Request that the Board waive the \$200 campaign finance late fees assessed against St. Tammany DPEC PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Gayle Green and treasurer, Marie Wade, whose 2021 October Monthly campaign finance report was filed 1 day late.

Docket No. 22-717

Request that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Travel PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Celeste Gomez and treasurer, Jill Kidder, whose 2021 November Monthly campaign finance report was filed 28 days late.

Docket No. 22-719

Request that the Board waive the \$800.00 campaign finance late fee assessed against, LA Academy of Medical Psychologists PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Dr. Glenn Ally, PhD, MP and treasurer, Paul Dammers, PhD, MP, whose February 2022 Monthly campaign finance report was filed 4 days late.

Docket No. 22-720

Request that the Board waive a \$60 and a \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephen Petit, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, 1st Parish Court, Division B, Jefferson Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2017 and 2018 supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1 and 203 days late, respectively.

G25. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 22-712

Untimely request that the Board waive three (3) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$6,000 assessed against Jamar Gales, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria (Pop. 47,723), Rapides Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2016, 2017 & 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1652, 1287 & 922 days late, respectively.

G26. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 21-300

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$200 of a \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Edward Adrian Adams, a successful candidate for District Judge, 24th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. G, Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-315

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive \$680, \$500 and \$400 campaign finance late fees assessed Pam Blakely, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Delcambre (Pop. 1,866), Iberia and Vermilion Parishes, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 64, 43 and 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 21-809

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against C. Sherburne Sentell, unopposed candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Minden (Pop. 13,082), Webster Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.