



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
AUGUST 5, 2021
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on August 5, 2021 and continue to August 6, 2021.

Executive Session

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

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Peter Businelle in Docket No. 2017-073.

Discussion in Executive Session of charges issued against Ricky Richard, Patrick Richard and Wayne Richard in Docket No. 2019-053

Discussion of decision against Joseph Wicker, a former board member for Laurel Oaks Charter School in Baton Rouge in Docket No. 2019-593.

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GENERAL

Appearances

G1. Docket No. 21-049

Consideration of a PFD Answer submitted by Walter Leger, Jr., a member of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, regarding whether he needs to

disclose certain income.

G2. Docket No. 21-127

Request to reconsider the Board's decision to decline to waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Donald R. Dobbins, an unsuccessful candidate for City Judge, City Court, Division C, City of Baton Rouge in the July 11, 2020 election, whose EDE-P Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 224 days late.

G3. Docket No. 21-307

Request that the Board waive the \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Aylin Acikalin Maklansky, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, 1st City Court, Section B, Orleans Parish, in the July 11, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late.

G4. Docket No. 21-309

Request that the Board waive a \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kevin J. Centanni, a successful candidate for Justice of the Peace, 6th Justice Court, Jefferson Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

G5. Docket No. 21-353

Advisory Opinion request from Richard L. Traina, an Assistant Attorney General, relative to providing legal services to the State Land Office upon his leaving the Louisiana Department of Justice.

G6. Docket No. 21-372

Request that the Board waive the \$60, \$780 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Ryan Huval, an unsuccessful candidate for Clerk of Court, Iberia Parish, for Regular and Unexpired Term in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-P, 10-G and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1, 13 and 276 days late, respectively.

G7. Docket No. 21-377

Request that the Board waive a \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Alfred Randall Williams, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

G8. Docket No. 21-392

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 and \$480 campaign finance late fees assessed against Lynelle Johnson, an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Peace, 3rd Justice Court, Ascension Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G and 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 97 and 12 days late, respectively.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G9. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent August 2021 Agenda.

G10. Docket No. 21-260

Request for an advisory opinion from Dr. Shelta Richardson, St. Tammany Parish School Board, relative to whether she commits malfeasance if she is not allowed to inquire into background checks of employees of St. Tammany Parish Schools.

G11. Docket No. 21-351

Advisory Opinion request from Rachel Bertrand regarding participation by a drainage district board member.

- G12.** Docket No. 21-364
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Michael E. Parks - Attorney for the Pointe Coupee Fire Protection District No. 3, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit a variety of scenarios.
- G13.** Docket No. 21-409
Office of Conservation Commissioner Richard P. Ieyoub originally requested the approval of a disqualification plan, however he has submitted a request to withdraw the approval as the matter has been resolved.
- G14.** 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.
- G15.** Docket No. 21-411
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Dr. Amy Henke, Psy.D., regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the continued service (on a volunteer basis) of members of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("Board") after their terms expire.
- G16.** Docket No. 21-475
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Haley M. Delery, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit her from providing landscape architectural services to ILSI Engineering while employed by the City of New Orleans Capital Projects Administration.
- G17.** Docket No. 21-476
Advisory opinion request from Revathi Hines, professor at Southern University, as to whether she may seek part-time employment at Louisiana State University.
- G18.** Docket No. 21-477
Advisory Opinion request from William E. Weatherford, Secretary Treasurer for the Sabine Parish Police Jury, regarding Police Juror Jeffrey Davidson donating rocks and gravel for maintenance of Parish roads.
- G19.** Docket No. 21-478
Request for an advisory opinion from Dr. Cathy S. Banks, Board Chairman of the Thrive Community and Development Board in Calcasieu Parish (pop. 192,768) that has applied for charter school approval relative to whether she can lease property to the school once the charter is approved.
- G20.** Docket No. 21-479
Advisory Opinion request from Lionell Lawson, Director of the Sewer Department for the City of Zachary, regarding the City hiring his son in the Gas and Water Department.
- G21.** Docket No. 21-480
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Warren A. Perrin, regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the Acadian Heritage & Culture Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), a non-profit organization of which he is the Founder, Director, President, Vice-President,

and Secretary/Treasurer, from accepting a \$10,000.00 grant from the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana ("CODOFIL").

- G22.** Docket No. 21-481
Advisory opinion request from Jack Skaggs, former member of Bossier Parish Police Jury, relating to whether a non-profit entity of which he is an officer, may contract with the Parish of Bossier.
- G23.** Docket No. 21-483
Advisory Opinion request from St. John Parish Library Director Tullos regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prevent the St. John Parish Council from appointing Peyton Falgoust to serve on the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control ("Library Board").
- G24.** Docket No. 21-484
Request for an advisory opinion and disqualification plan from Sanettria "Sam" Pleasant, Attorney for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development relative to the employment of brothers, Joe Siggers and Ronnie Anderson.
- G25.** Docket No. 21-485
Advisory Opinion request from Peter G. Bowen, Deputy CAO for the Office of Business and External Services with the City of New Orleans, regarding his ownership of stock in Sonder USA, Inc.
- G26.** Docket No. 21-585
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Rebecca Sanders, a certified teacher for the Calcasieu Parish School Board, may be promoted to an administrative position while her father, Alvin Smith, serves as a member of the school board.

Regular Business

- G27.** Docket No. MINUTES
July 2021 Board Minutes
- G28.** Docket No. 20-718
Consent opinion regarding the employment of Brenda Ferguson with the Lincoln Parish School Board while her brother-in-law, David Wayne Ferguson, serves as a Lincoln Parish School Board member.
- G29.** Docket No. 21-167
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Bub Tucker II, candidate for Mayor, City of Ponchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports
- G30.** Docket No. 21-352
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by John C. Hopewell, III (City Attorney for the City of Zachary), regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit his law firm from subleasing an office to a third party contractor of the City of Zachary while he is the City Attorney for the City of Zachary.
- G31.** Docket No. 21-566
Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) and (b) for Jerry Lee Dunn, Jr., candidate for Sheriff, Claiborne Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.

G32. Docket No. 21-567

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Pamela Burleigh, candidate for State Representative District 40, in the October 24, 2015 election, for her failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report.

G33. Docket No. 21-568

Consideration of the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Roger Z. Toney, candidate for Mayor, Town of Ball, Rapides Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for his failure to file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

G34. Docket No. CFFORM

Consideration of language on the Candidate's Report Form advising district and major office level candidates that they must electronically file the report.

G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYINGDocket No. Waiver

August 2021 Lobbying Waiver Request Chart

Docket No. 21-412

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against John Wyble for the late filing of the April 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 21-413

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Jamie Freeman for the late filing of the April 2021 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSUREDocket No. waiver

August 2021 PFD Waiver Chart.

Docket No. 21-488

Waiver request submitted by Cleve Dunn, Jr., successful candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council / District 6 / in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 candidate pfd 25 days late.

Docket No. 21-489

Waiver request submitted by Daniel E. "Dan" Weaver, unopposed candidate for City Marshal / City Court, City of Minden (Pop. 13,082) / Webster Parish in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 candidate pfd 167 days late.

Docket No. 21-490

Waiver request submitted by Mr. Jerry "JJ" Barnum, Jr, Killian Board of Aldermen (Pop. 1,206)/ Livingston Parish, regarding a \$150 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 21-491

Waiver request submitted by Kimaron Haynes Moore, DeRidder City Council (Pop. 10,578)/ Beauregard and Vernon Parishes, regarding a \$650 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 13 days late.

Docket No. 21-492

Waiver request submitted by Andrew Lee Sims, Sr., Tallulah City Council (Pop. 7,335)/ District 3 / Madison Parish, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 11 days late.

Docket No. 21-493

Waiver request submitted by Terry Ralph Brown, House of Representatives / District 22, regarding a \$1200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-494

Waiver request submitted by Billy E. Billings, McNary Board of Aldermen (Pop. 211) / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 12 days late.

Docket No. 21-495

Waiver request submitted by Claude T. Bromley, III, former member of the GEO Academy Board Charter School Board, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 4 days late.

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. 21-498

Waiver request submitted by Ronald M. Carrere, Jr., State Civil Service Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 140 days late.

Docket No. 21-499

Waiver request submitted by Patrick H. Martin, V, BASIS Baton Rouge Charter Schools, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 211 days late.

Docket No. 21-500

Waiver request submitted by Patricia Adams, former member of the Advocates for Excellence, Ben Franklin Charter School Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 237 days late.

Docket No. 21-501

Waiver request submitted by Bobby Joe Milner, Chief of Police / Choudrant (Pop. 845) / Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-502

Waiver request submitted by Thomas B. Patton, Choudrant Board of Alderman / Choudrant (Pop. 845) / Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 4 days late.

Docket No. 21-503

Waiver request submitted by Sandra Wiggins Long, former member of the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 1216 days late.

Docket No. 21-504

Waiver request submitted by John Wayne Crowell, Jr., Choudrant Board of Aldermen / Choudrant (Pop. 845) / Lincoln Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-505

Waiver request submitted by Teddy Lee Barton, Jr., former member of the Oil City Board of Aldermen (Pop. 1008) / District 1 / Caddo Parish, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 21-506

Waiver request submitted by Anne Fitzgerald Famoso, former member of the Lafayette Parish Board of Zoning Adjustments, regarding a \$1250 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 25 days late.

Docket No. 21-507

Waiver request submitted by Nancy Gomez, PhD, Lafayette Charter Foundation, regarding two \$1500 late fees (total of \$3000) assessed for filing both her amended 2018 and amended 2019 Tier 3 annual pfd 94 days late.

Docket No. 21-508

Waiver request submitted by Rebecca Lynn Cook, Cheneyville Board of Aldermen (Pop. 625) / Rapides Parish, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 3 annual pfd 242 days late.

Docket No. 21-509

Waiver request submitted by Michael D. Harris, former member of the DeRidder City Council at Large (Pop. 10,578) / Beauregard & Vernon Parishes, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2018 Tier 2 annual pfd 211 days late.

Docket No. 21-510

Waiver request submitted by Norman Dale Craig, former member of the Bossier Parish Police Jury / District 4, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 10 days late.

Docket No. 21-511

Waiver request submitted by Ingrid T. Labat, MD, former member of the Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc. Charter School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2016 Tier 3 annual pfd 8 days late.

G37. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELYDocket No. 21-513

Waiver request submitted by Melissa Barrett O' Neal, former member of the Metairie Business Development District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 531 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 194 days late.

Docket No. 21-514

Waiver request submitted by Tokyahaha Bernette Wright, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Area #83, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 47 days late and a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 127 days late.

G38. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONSDocket No. 21-088

Reconsideration of the Board's decision decline to waive a \$1500 late fee after considering an untimely waiver request submitted by Rodneya Melene Hart, former member of the Louisiana State Arts Council, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2018 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 31 days late.