



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room
JULY 6, 2023
2:30 PM
617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on July 6, 2023 and continue to July 7, 2023.

Executive Session

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

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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. 23-186
Waiver request submitted by Edward "Ted" C. James, II, former Representative / District 101, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 10 days late.
- G3.** Docket No. 23-435

Application for Declaratory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union"), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Union from paying for legal services in connection with the representation of its members in matters before the Civil Service Board while one of its Officers or Trustee serves as an elected member of the Civil Service Board.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

- G4.** 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.
- G5.** Docket No. 23-207
Advisory Opinion request from John Schweitzer, former employee of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services within the La. Workforce Commission, regarding post-employment restrictions.
- G6.** Docket No. 23-311
Advisory Opinion request from Jon Guice on behalf of the Grant Parish School Board regarding the potential hiring of Amanda Slaughter as Superintendent.
- G7.** Docket No. 23-312
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a volunteer fireman of the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Co. #1 from being appointed to the Board of Directors for the Fire Company.
- G8.** Docket No. 23-334
Advisory Opinion Request from Hammond Downtown Development District ("DDD") regarding potential transactions with members of the DDD Design Review Committee (the "Committee").
- G9.** Docket No. 23-365
Advisory Opinion request from Terry Stuard, Fire Chief of the St. Tammany Parish Fire District No. 12, regarding the appointment of a new board member.
- G10.** Docket No. 23-387
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Hannah Honeycutt Calandro on behalf of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 ("District"), concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit the District from accepting the bid of a company that employs a District board member.
- G11.** Docket No. 23-405
Withdrawal of a Request for Advisory Opinion, submitted by Cody J. Blanchard, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits a successful candidate for the Louisiana Legislature from maintaining contracts with persons who receive state funding.
- G12.** Docket No. 23-407
Advisory Opinion request from Christopher Pulaski, Director of Planning & Zoning for Terrebonne Parish Government, regarding his step-sister submitting a bid to a Request for Proposal issued by the Planning & Zoning Department.
- G13.** Docket No. 23-409
Advisory Opinion Request from Melissa Gueldner, former member of the

Ponchatoula City Council, regarding a newspaper she owns serving as the official journal for the City of Ponchatoula.

- G14.** Docket No. 23-426
Advisory Opinion request from Melinda Richard, an employee of Louisiana Department of Health, regarding outside consulting services.
- G15.** Docket No. 23-427
Advisory Opinion request from Judy Dupuy, Chair of the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board, regarding board members representing clients before the board.
- G16.** Docket No. 23-428
Advisory Opinion request from Reshell Lambert on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Port as to the potential hiring of Jordan Nielsen while her mother, Christie Nielsen, is employed as Director of Administration.
- G17.** Docket No. 23-429
A Request for an Advisory Opinion, submitted by Charles Tate, concerning whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") prohibits state employment while he (and his Company - Jasmine Consulting, LLC) has a contractual/business relationship with the Louisiana Housing Corporation.
- G18.** Docket No. 23-430
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the President/CEO of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts from becoming an ambassador of the 2023 New Orleans Men Wear Pink organization of the American Cancer Society.
- G19.** Docket No. 23-431
Advisory opinion request regarding whether Code of Governmental Ethics ("Ethics Code") prohibits the fiance of a patrolman of the Youngsville Police Department from working the same overtime or security detail shifts.
- G20.** Docket No. 23-432
Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits the brother of an Iberia Parish Councilman to be employed with the Planning and Zoning Department.
- G21.** Docket No. 23-434
Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Ethics Code") would prohibit a member of the Bogalusa Planning and Zoning Commission from also serving as a member of the State Democratic Party Central Committee and the Washington Parish Democratic Committee.
- G22.** Docket No. 23-473
Request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits Darrell Moore to perform road design work for a consultant after retirement from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Disclosure Reports

- G23.** Docket No. 23-370
PFD Answer submitted by Bryon Juneau in response to a NOD requesting he file a 2021 Tier 2.1 PFD.
- G24.** Docket No. 23-386
PFD Answer regarding whether members of the Monroe Housing Authority are

required to file PFDs pursuant to R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

Regular Business

- G25.** Docket No. MINUTES
June 2023 Board Minutes
- G26.** Docket No. 22-251
Consent Opinion regarding Dan Ford, the parent of a teacher at Youree Drive Middle School, entering into transactions with the school.
- G27.** Docket No. 23-055
Request for reconsideration of an advisory opinion as to whether Tiffany Marshall can continue her employment as a staff pharmacist at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center while also serving full-time as the Pharmacy Director for Humana Louisiana Medicaid.
- G28.** Docket No. 23-338
Advisory Opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") permits a former Livingston Parish Council member to be employed by the Parish President's Administration following termination of their term as council member.
- G29.** Docket No. 23-339
Discussion regarding changes to the Candidate's Report form.
- G30.** Docket No. waiver
Consideration of changes to the PFD, Hospital Service District Disclosure, and School Board Disclosure Waiver Guidelines.
- G31.** Docket No. LEGISLA
Consideration of legislation enacted during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

G32. WAIVER REQUESTS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Docket No. 22-718

Request that the Board waive the \$2,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against NOLA Defenders for Equal Justice LLC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kendall P. Green, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report for the November 13, 2021 election was filed 14 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 22-721

Request that the Board waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ian Cotton, an unsuccessful candidate for Constable / 2nd Justice Court, Jefferson Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 10-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late.

Docket No. 22-816

Request that the Board waive the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Harold Bodenheimer, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of Kenner, Jefferson Parish in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late.

Docket No. 22-983

Request that the Board waive a \$180 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lorenzo Davis, Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late.

Docket No. 23-082

Request that the Board waive a \$480 and \$520 for a total of \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Sandra Bailey-Simmons, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District H, Tangipahoa Parish, in the November 8, 2022, whose Special (48 Hours) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 12 and 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-250

Request that the Board waive the \$480 & \$280 campaign finance late fees assessed against Michael Hebert Jr., a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District H, Iberville Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 12 and 7 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-255

Request that the Board waive the two (2) \$2,000 for a total of \$4,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Drake H. Graves, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 15th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G and 2019 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 124 and 332 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-279

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ryan Romero, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of Broussard (Pop. 13,417), Lafayette & St. Martin Parishes, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hours) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-280

Request that the Board waive the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian Sacksteder, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, Division C, City of Westlake, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-282

Request that the Board waive the \$700 and \$1,300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mark John Shea, a successful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division D, Orleans Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 13 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-315

Request that the Board waive the \$840 campaign finance late fee assessed against David Tatman, an unsuccessful candidate for Member of School Board, District 9, East Baton Rouge Parish in the November 8, 2022, whose Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late.

Docket No. 23-316

Request that the Board waive a \$480 and \$400 for a total of \$880 campaign finance late fees assessed against David McDavid, a successful candidate for Mayor, City of Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose two (2) Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report were filed 12 and 10 days late, respectively.

Docket No. 23-361

Request that the Board waive the \$2,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Javon Charles, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 50th Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 10-G

campaign finance disclosure report was filed 113 days late.

Docket No. 23-362

Request that the Board waive the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Floyd Ford, in his capacity as a candidate for Alderman, District B, City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-363

Request that the Board waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerald Allen, a successful candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Blanchard, Caddo Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late.

Docket No. 23-364

Request that the Board waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Wendy Williams Dupont, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilmen at Large, City of Bogalusa, Washington Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late.

Docket No. 23-385

Request that the Board waive the \$1,300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr., a successful candidate for Constable, 1st City Court, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

G33. WAIVER REQUESTS - LOBBYING

Docket No. 23-410

Request to waive the \$50 late fee assessed against Sarah Perkins for the late filing of the March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 23-411

Request to waive the \$100 late fee assessed against Peyton Rose Michelle for filing the 2023 lobbying registration 2 days late.

Docket No. 23-412

Request to waive the \$300 late fee assessed against Bill Robertson for the late filing of the March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

Docket No. 23-433

Request to waive the \$200 late fee assessed against Matthew Byrd for the late filing of the March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report.

G34. WAIVER REQUESTS - PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Docket No. 23-233

Waiver request submitted by James T. "Jim" Harper, Rapides Soil & Water Conservation District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 282 days late.

Docket No. 23-234

Waiver request submitted by Michele M. Guillot, Constable / Ward 5 / Avoyelles Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 195 days late.

Docket No. 23-235

Waiver request submitted by Curtis Wayne Duke, Constable / Ward 6 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 141 days late.

Docket No. 23-237

Waiver request submitted by Marian H. Pierre, Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 396 days late.

Docket No. 23-238

Waiver request submitted by Percy L. Edler, Jr., Livingston Board of Alderman (Pop. 1,877)/ Livingston Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 33 days late.

Docket No. 23-241

Waiver request submitted by Maurice Leo "Scooter" Keen, Livingston Parish Council / District 3 / Livingston, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 333 days late.

Docket No. 23-243

Waiver request submitted by Clerice "Clo" Lacy, Council Member at Large / West Baton Rouge Parish, regarding a \$700 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 7 days late.

Docket No. 23-244

Waiver request submitted by Fredman Hardy, Jr., former member of the Calcasieu Parish School Board / District 2, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 151 days late.

Docket No. 23-245

Waiver request submitted by Charles L. Gray, Bossier Parish Police Jury / District 9, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 189 days late.

Docket No. 23-247

Waiver request submitted by Ronald Louis "Ronnie" Hayes, Welsh Board of Aldermen (Pop. 3,333) / Jefferson Davis Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 349 days late.

Docket No. 23-248

Waiver request submitted by Dawn Denise Gray, candidate for Mayor Village of Tangipahoa (Pop. 425)/ Tangipahoa Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, regarding a \$850 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 3 candidate pfd 17 days late.

Docket No. 23-284

Waiver request submitted by Keith Copelin Ferdinand, M.D., Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 277 days late.

Docket No. 23-285

Waiver request submitted by Martha Cazaubon, St. Tammany Parish Council / District 3, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2 annual pfd 580 days late; a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 181 days late; and, a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual pfd 8 days late.

Docket No. 23-286

Waiver request submitted by Janice Fultz Richards, Tangipahoa Parish School Board / District A, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual pfd 3 days late.

Docket No. 23-287

Waiver request submitted by Jonathan E. Mitchell, State Board of Private Investigator Examiners, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 691 days late.

Docket No. 23-288

Waiver request submitted by Lennis Smith Elston, Caddo Parish Fire Protection District 5, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 435 days late.

Docket No. 23-318

Waiver request submitted by Jocelyn Renea Austin Duffin, Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 202 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual pfd 202 days late.

Docket No. 23-354

Waiver request submitted by Beverly Norwood-Matheney, former member of the Young Audiences Charter Association (YACA), regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 3 annual pfd 487 days late.

Docket No. 23-355

Waiver request submitted by Shalon Ray Latour, candidate for Public Service Commission / District 4 in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate pfd 96 days late.

G35. WAIVER REQUESTS - UNTIMELY

Docket No. 23-319

Untimely waiver request submitted by Alan C. Arnold, New Orleans Board of Liquidation and Debt, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual pfd.

G36. WAIVER REQUESTS - RECONSIDERATIONS

Docket No. 21-804

Request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to 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.

Docket No. 22-904

Request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against William E. "Bill" Willson, unopposed candidate for Member of School Board, District 3, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late.

Docket No. 23-184

Request to reconsider the Board's decision declining to waive the \$100 late fee assessed against Adam Ducote for the late filing of the December 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report.