

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
April 14, 2016

The Board of Ethics met on April 14, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shaddock present. Absent was Board Member Shelton. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

The Board considered for discussion the current waiver guidelines set forth with respect to the imposition of late fees in connection with the filing of campaign finance, lobbying and personal financial disclosure reports. Ms. Allen presented an overview of the current and the proposed waiver guidelines. Board Member Bruneau stated that, in connection with Rule 1205 B, he thought the seven (7) days deadline prior to the date a report was due is too short and should be changed to fourteen (14) days. He also questioned what was considered to be a “serious medical condition” and if documentation of such condition is requested from the individual requesting a waiver. Ms. Allen confirmed that documents are indeed requested from an individual who cites a “serious medical condition” in a waiver request to prove the claim as well as documentation in the instances of a death. Ms. Allen advised the Board that the final proposed changes/recommendations to the Rules can be included for final review and adoption on the Board’s May agenda and the Rule promulgation process will begin at that time. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed that the guidelines will go into effect at the May meeting. Board Member Larzelere questioned the Board’s waiver reconsideration practices. He stated that he was under the impression that the Board was not going to consider the reconsideration requests. Chairman

Monrose stated that the Board's decision was to decline to consider untimely reconsiderations since individuals have a right to ask for reconsideration if it is submitted timely. Ms. Allen advised that the Board's current Rule 1207F provides that an individual has the right to request a waiver reconsideration within 30 days of mailing of the notice of the Board's decision on the waiver request. Chairman Monrose suggested that Rule 1207F should be left as is and that the staff is directed to review future timely waiver reconsiderations and decline to include the request on the Board's agenda if no new information is provided by the individual.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
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April 15, 2016

The Board of Ethics met on April 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe and Shaddock present. Absent was Board Member Shelton, Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

Ms. Alesia Ardoin, attorney for Anthony J. “Buddy” Amoroso, appeared before the Board in connection with an Application for a Declaratory Opinion in Docket No. 16-108 submitted by Mr. Amoroso, a member of the East Baton Rouge Metro Council. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin, the Board instructed the staff to schedule the hearing for the Declaratory Opinion for the June meeting which will address future actions only. Board Member Leggio recused himself.

Mr. Timothy P. Kerner, a candidate for Mayor of the Town of Lafitte, Jefferson Parish, in the March 28, 2015 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-944 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 133 days late. After hearing from Mr. Kerner, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-1314 for a waiver of

the \$1,050 late fee assessed against Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, a member of the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission, for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 21 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,050 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-088 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Olga Foster Butler, a member of the Richmond Board of Aldermen, Madison Parish, for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 122 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

Mr. Herman Williams, former Interim Lecompte Chief of Police, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-128 regarding whether he may be appointed as the Lecompte Chief of Police when his daughter, Tamara Williams, serves as a member of the Town of Lecompte Board of Aldermen. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred consideration of the request until later in the meeting.

Mr. Eddie Dean "Chalk" Thibodeaux, St. Landry Parish Constable, District 18, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-169 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 133 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred consideration of the request until later in the meeting.

Mr. Herman Williams, former Interim Lecompte Chief of Police, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-128 regarding whether he

may be appointed as the Lecompte Chief of Police when his daughter, Tamara Williams, serves as a member of the Town of Lecompte Board of Aldermen. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Williams from being appointed as the Lecompte Chief of Police while his daughter serves as a member of the Town of Lecompte Board of Aldermen, since it is not considered a normal promotion and advancement from Assistant Chief, as the Mayor recommends a candidate and the Board of Aldermen confirms such candidate.

Mr. Talmadge Mitchel appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on behalf of Laleshia Walker-Alford, a candidate for District Attorney, 1st Judicial District Court in the October 24, 2015 election, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-218 for a waiver of the \$100 and \$2,500 late fees assessed against Ms. Walker-Alford for filing her EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 1 and 95 days late. After hearing from Mr. Mitchel, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$2,600.

Mr. Talmadge Mitchel appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on behalf of Joseph Bouie, a candidate for State Representative, District 97 in the October 24, 2015 election, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-219 for a waiver of the \$540 and \$720 late fees assessed against Mr. Bouie for filing his 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 9 and 12 days late. After hearing from Mr. Mitchel, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$1,260.

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before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-169 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 133 days late. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 9 yeas by Blewer, Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels and Shaddock and 1 nay by Board Member Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

Ms. Darla Steagall, a candidate for Livingston Parish Council, District 2 in the October 24, 2015 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-202 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against her for filing her 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. After hearing from Ms. Steagall, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Pat Book, a candidate for Catahoula Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-213 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against him for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 69 days late. After hearing from Mr. Book, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Larzelere, Leggio, Michiels and Shaddock and 4 nays by Board Members Blewer, Lavastida, McAnelly and Monroe, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late

fee but suspended \$1,900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Daniel Joseph Forestier, a member of the Duson Board of Aldermen, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-245 for a waiver of the three (3) \$1,500 late fees assessed against him for filing his Amended 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 211 days late; his Amended 2012 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 211 days late; and his Amended 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 211 days late. After hearing from Mr. Forestier, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$4,500 but suspended the entire late fee assessment.

The Board recessed at 10:40 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:58 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G9-G25 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G9-G24, excluding Items G16, G19 and G21, taking the following action:

Approved the revised disqualification plan in Docket No. 15-917 resulting from an advisory opinion issued to Jennifer Russell, the Business Manager of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport (LSUHSC-S), Department of Neurology, regarding her continued work for Acadiana Computer Services (ACS) while ACS contracts with LSUHSC-S.

Allowed the withdrawal of an Application for a Declaratory Opinion in Docket No. 15-1228 regarding the application of the post-employment restrictions set forth in the Code of Governmental Ethics with respect to Kristy Nichols, the former Commissioner of Administration, in connection with her current employment Ochsner Health System.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-117 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Robert Baker, a former employee of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office, being employed by Brown's Life Safety & Security Co. (Brown) as a security salesperson, since Brown's Life Safety & Security Co. may have new transactions involving Mr. Baker's former agency, however, he will not be involved in any of these transactions at any point in time through his sales position with Brown nor is he rendering any service back to his former agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-118 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Eunice City Marshal's Office continuing to purchase office supplies and equipment from Bertrand's Printing which is co-owned by a member of the Eunice City Council, since the Marshal's Office is considered a separate agency from the City of Eunice.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-123 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mark Davis, and Michael Tong, former employees of the Shreveport Police Department, demonstrating the Law Enforcement Network Sharing Solutions (LENSS) product to the leadership of the City of Shreveport Police Department (Department) and Chief Administrative Officer Brian Crawford. However, Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Tong from providing related services to the City Jail and

Mr. Davis from providing related services to the Long Range Narcotics Investigations Section within two years from their termination from their agencies.

Adopted an advisory opinion submitted on behalf of Waterworks District No. 10 of Cameron Parish (District) in Docket No. 16-124 concluding that (1) Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Paul Young from being employed by the District while his brother, Mark Young, serves as the Superintendent of the District, since Paul Young is Mark Young's immediate family member; and, (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the District hiring Justin Trahan, the brother of Mark Young's spouse, while Mr. Young serves as the superintendent of the District, since Justin Trahan is not considered an immediate family member of Mark Young.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-125 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Trojan Storage Mall, a company owned by the daughter of Lafourche Parish President James Cantrelle, continuing to lease storage units to the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging, since the Council on Aging was created pursuant to a Charter awarded by the Secretary of State and is governed by a Board of Directors and, as such, it is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Lafourche Parish government.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-131 concluding that (1) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office contracting with Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick (Darnall) for auditing services while Patti Falcon, the daughter-in-law of the Sheriff-elect, is employed by Darnall, since Patti Falcon has no ownership interest in Darnall and will not perform any services involved in the potential contract. The Board further advised that Ms. Falcon would be required to file an annual disclosure statement in

compliance with Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics if this contract is entered into by the Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office while Patti Falcon is employed by Darnall; and, (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office continuing a memo of understanding with the Assumption Parish Coroner's Office for investigative services to be performed by Cdr. Bruce Prejean, a full time employee of the Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office, as the Coroner's Chief Investigator, since Cdr. Prejean is not receiving any thing of economic value that he is not duly entitled to receive for the performance of his job duties with the Sheriff's Office.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-134 regarding whether Gregory Shelden, an employee with the Hammond Water and Sewer Department, may accept employment with The Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Industrial Wastes, Inc., since Mr. Shelden is no longer being considered for the position with The Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Industrial Waste, Inc.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-222 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by QSM, LLC contracting with Lafourche Parish to provide subsurface drainage materials while Steven Gros, the brother of newly-elected Lafourche Parish Councilman Michael Gros, is an employee of QSM, LLC, since Steven Gros has no ownership interest in QSM, LLC. However, Steven Gros is prohibited from acting as the salesperson related to any contract, subcontract, or other transaction involving QSM, LLC and Lafourche Parish. The Board further advised that if Lafourche Parish enters into a contract with QSM, LLC to provide material supplies, Steven Gros will receive a commission. Therefore, Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Michael Gros, as a Lafourche Parish Councilman, from

participating in any matter which comes before the Lafourche Parish Council regarding QSM, LLC. In addition, the Board advised that Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would require Steven Gros to annually disclose by May 15th any income that he receives from QSM, LLC while his brother, Michael Gros, serves as a Lafourche Parish Councilman.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-253 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Landry Deshotel, the elected Police Chief for the Village of Pine Prairie ("Village"), leasing property to The Geo Group, a company that has a contractual business relationship with the Village, since the Police Department is considered a separate agency from the Village.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-258 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by a company, Millage Management, LLC, owned by Kristyn Childers, a former employee of the Livingston Parish Assessor's Office, contracting with taxing districts in Livingston Parish to provide advice and professional services concerning adoption of millages for ad valorem taxes, since Ms. Childers will not be providing the same services under contract to Livingston Parish Assessor's Office and neither she nor Millage Management, LLC will be assisting another person for compensation in transactions in which she participated while employed with Livingston Parish Assessor's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-260 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gordon Dove, as Terrebonne Parish President, participating in matters involving the Hollywood Road Extension project, at a time when Dove Development and Land, LLC, owns property abutting the proposed roadway, since the Project could potentially affect all 25 parcels of land abutting the proposed roadway, and the right-of-way property was acquired

prior to Mr. Dove taking office and since Dove Development and Land, LLC's interest in the Project is no greater than the other members of the class.

Board Chairman Monroe recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 16-130 and vacated the Chair. Board Member Blewer assumed the Chair.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-130 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Patrick Robinson, the former interim Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission's Office of Workers' Compensation and workers' compensation judge, from representing clients in any matters before the before the Louisiana Workforce Commission within two years of his termination of service with the Commission. The Board further advised that Mr. Robinson would also be prohibited for a period of two years from the termination of his service as a judge presiding over District 1W from representing private clients in matters before District 1W of the Louisiana Workforce Commission's Office of Workers' Compensation.

Board Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-143 regarding whether Stephen Petit, Jr., the Director of Code Enforcement for the City of Kenner, is prohibited from running for the Republican State Central Committee and the Jefferson Parish Republican Executive Committee, since Mr. Petit was successful in the March 5, 2016 election and the issue is moot.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-223 regarding Russell Rachal, the Chairman of the Natchitoches Parish Council, voting on certain matters, since the request was submitted by Patty Hoover, a member of the Natchitoches Parish Council, and as such, it does not appear that the request was made by an "affected person."

Deferred to the May agenda and instructed the staff to solicit additional information in

connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-264 regarding whether it would be a conflict of interest for Vincent Russo, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to assist SJB Group, LLC in connection with projects that may or may not involve DOTD, as long as he does not assist SJB on projects in which he participated while employed by DOTD and whether SJB would be prohibited from contracting with DOTD on matters which Mr. Russo may have participated.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G26-G28 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G26-G28 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 14-989 by William Maddox, Constable for the 1st Justice of the Peace Court, Claiborne Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2012 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Maddox that he is required to file the Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 16-174 by Irving Slaton, a former member of the Rodessa Board of Aldermen, Caddo Parish, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Slaton that he has 7 business days to file the required 2014 Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statement.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 16-240 by Beverly Huey, a former

member of the New Orleans Council on Aging, in response to a notice of delinquency regarding her failure to file a 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Huey that she is not required to file, since she rotated off the New Orleans Council on Aging in 2012.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the March 17-18, 2016 meetings.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an Ethics Adjudicatory Board Order in Docket No. 13-779 regarding the assessment of additional penalties pursuant to Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act against Troy Terrell, an unsuccessful candidate for the State Senate, District 38 in the October 22, 2011 election, for failing to file his Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report on February 15, 2013. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to issue an order assessing penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in the amount of \$10,000.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-750 regarding violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics by Rena Diane Bennett Hollie, former clerk for the Town of Pearl River. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Rena Diane Bennett Hollie, former town clerk for the Town of Pearl River, agrees that (1) a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by her purchase of personal items using a credit card issued to the Town of Pearl River totaling \$3,834.46; receiving two payroll checks from the Town of Pearl River in the amounts of \$900 and

\$1,800 for taking minutes at special meetings which she was not duly entitled to receive; receiving three payroll checks from the Town of Pearl River for \$900, \$770.80 and \$770.80 for unused vacation pay which she was not duly entitled to receive and receiving free services from town maintenance staff which included picking up building supplies from Home Depot and delivering them to her personal residence during working hours; and, (2) a violation of Section 1112A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by purchasing personal items using a credit card issued to the Town of Pearl River totaling \$3,834.46; requesting approval for payment for two payroll checks from the Town of Pearl River in the amounts of \$900 and \$1,800 for taking minutes at special meetings and serving as an authorized signatory on each of the checks made payable to her; and, requesting approval for payment for three payroll checks from the Town of Pearl River for \$900, \$770.80 and \$770.80 for unused vacation pay serving as an authorized signatory on each of the checks made payable to her and in which Ms. Hollie agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-091 regarding whether Lynn Cawthorne, a Caddo Parish Commissioner, may serve as an uncompensated board member for Camping World Independence Bowl Foundation, Christian Services Program, Minority Supplier Institute, and Goodwill Industries of Northwest Louisiana. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Cawthorne serving as an uncompensated board member for the Camping World Independence Bowl Foundation, the Christian Services Program, the Minority Supplier Institute, or Goodwill Industries of Northwest Louisiana while he serves as a Caddo Parish Commissioner. Furthermore, because the Program and Goodwill are charitable, religious, and/or public service organizations, Mr. Cawthorne may vote on matters before the Commission in which the Program

or Goodwill has a substantial economic interest. The Board further advised that Mr. Cawthorne must recuse himself, in accordance with Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, from voting on any matter in which the Foundation or the Institute has a substantial economic interest.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 16-187, 16-198 and 16-206, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously rescinded the late fees based on Rule 1205D against the following:

Docket No. 16-180 from Lawrence Watts of a \$600 late fee; and,
Docket No. 16-188 from Scott Songy of two (2) \$600 late fees.

The Board unanimously rescinded the late fees based on Rule 1205B against the following:

Docket No. 16-212 from Ty J. Arnold of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 16-230 from Lawrence A. Giambelluca of a \$1,320 late fee, a \$120 late fee,
a \$60 late fee and a \$480 late fee; and,
Docket No. 16-262 from Thomas Landry of a \$320 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees against the following:

Docket No. 16-200 from James S. Lee of a \$660 late fee; and,
Docket No. 16-203 from Frederick Michael Cramer of a \$480 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 16-184 from Erana Mayes of a \$400 late fee;
Docket No. 16-185 from Joseph Dantin of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 16-186 from Tony Christy of a \$320 late fee;
Docket No. 16-189 from Allen Guillory of a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 16-196 from Angela L. Brown of a \$40 late fee and a \$440 late fee;
Docket No. 16-197 from Michael Latino of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 16-199 from Jemayel "Murray" Warren of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 16-200 from James S. Lee of a \$660 late fee;
Docket No. 16-207 from Michael A. Fesi of a \$1,200 late fee;
Docket No. 16-208 from Coastal Impac of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 16-217 from Espinola Alexander-Quinn of a \$420 late fee; and,
Docket No. 16-252 from Charlie Greer of a \$1,100 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-177 for a waiver of the \$1,246 and \$1,100 late fees assessed against Robin Daldegan Christiana, a candidate for Jefferson Parish President in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 20 and 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, (1) the Board declined to waive the \$1,246 late fee with respect to the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$946 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing; and, (2) declined to waive the \$1,100 late fee with respect to the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-178 for a waiver of the \$560 late fee assessed against the Downtown Development District Re-Election Committee, which supported a proposition in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$560 late fee but suspended \$240 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and

provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-179 for a waiver of the \$720 late fee assessed against Karen Champagne, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish President in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$720 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-181 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Jeremy Odom, a candidate for Governor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-182 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Raymond Rouse, a candidate for Catahoula Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended \$360 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 16-183 for a waiver of the \$660 late fee assessed against Francis H. "F.H." Metz, Jr., a candidate for St. Mary Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$660 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-189 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Allen Guillory, a candidate for State Representative, District 40 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-190 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Ronald Bourgeois, a candidate for West Feliciana Constable in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-191 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Merlin Duke, a candidate for Washington Parish Council, District 3 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee

conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-193 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Abbie Albritton Moon, a candidate for Union Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-194 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Jeffrey L. Evans, a candidate for DeSoto Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-195 for a waiver of the \$420 late fee assessed against Scott Grindstaff, a candidate for Jefferson Parish Council, District 1 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 7 days. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-199 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Jemayel "Murray" Warren, a candidate for State Senator, 38th District, in the October 24, 2015

election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report were filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-201 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Angela Brooks-Roberson, a candidate for St. Landry Parish Council, District 2 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended \$200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-205 for a waiver of the \$480 and \$420 late fees assessed against William Dudley Claxton, a candidate for St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 8 and 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$900 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-209 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Roland "Jimmy" Roques, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish President in the October 24, 2015 election, for

filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-210 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Billye Goree Burns, a candidate for State Representative, District 17 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 98 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended \$1,800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-211 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Johnnie J. Henderson, a candidate for Madison Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-214 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed against Terry L. Lacombe, a candidate for Acadia Parish Police Jury, District 2 in the October 24, 2015 election,

for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-231 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Jim D. Holt, a candidate for East Carroll Parish Coroner in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-261 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed Maury "Bubby" Leone, a candidate for Sabine Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-187 for a waiver of the \$800, \$200 and \$1,800 late fees assessed against Artis Cash, a candidate for Caddo Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 8, 2 and 18 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$800 late fee with respect to the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within

30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing; and, (2) declined to waive the \$200 and \$1,800 late fees with respect to the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-198 for a waiver of the \$600 and \$801 late fees assessed against Delaine Theriot, a candidate for Cameron Parish Clerk of Court in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 11 and 70 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$600 late fee with respect to the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$350 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing; and, (2) declined to waive the \$801 late fee with respect to the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-206 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against Wendell C. Bogan, a candidate for St. Mary Parish Council, District 3 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the May agenda.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 16-153, 16-154, 16-155, 16-156, 16-168, 16-176, 16-242 and 16-245, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 16-157 from Brad Bockhaus of a \$1,400 late fee;
Docket No. 16-158 from Jonathan Crow of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-159 from Adrienne Steele of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-164 from Barbara Whitley of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-167 from Stephen Holder of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-170 from Billy Murphy of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-171 from Robert Washam of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 16-172 from Travis Vernon of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 16-173 from Kenneth Funderburk of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 16-165 from Jesse Terrell, Jr. of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-160 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Kevin "Todd" Guillot, St. Landry Parish Constable, District 7, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 75 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-163 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Walter P. Reed, District Attorney -22nd Judicial District, for failure to file his 2014 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-166 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against Cynthia M. Poskey, a member of the Workforce Investment Board, Area 14, for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 275 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-241 for a waiver of the \$2,300 late fee assessed against Robert Pervis Holtzclaw, Jr., Ouachita Parish Constable, Ward 1, for filing his amended 2013 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 23 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-243 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Dorothy Thomas, candidate for the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, District 7 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her Amended 2014 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 142 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-244 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Ruby Marie W. Douglas, a former member of the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority, for filing her 2014 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental

Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-176 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against J. Jerome Smith DDS, a member of the State Board of Dentistry, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 202 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee. Board Member Shaddock recused himself.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-153 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Gerald Deshawn Brown Sr., a member of the Richwood Board of Aldermen, Ouachita Parish, for failure to file his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to advise Mr. Brown that the Board will not reconsider his waiver request until the required 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement is filed.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-154 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Edward Savant, Jr., Montgomery Town Council, Grant Parish, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 73 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to advise Mr. Savant of the additional penalties under 42:1124.4D in regards to future reports because of his unpaid repeat offenses.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-155 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Patrick W. "Pat" Bell, Sr., a candidate for Representative, District 59 in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 2014 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 127 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the

\$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-156 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Joe Walker, Jr., a member of the Natchez Board of Aldermen, Natchitoches Parish, for filing his 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 171 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee and instructed the staff to advise Mr. Walker of the additional penalties under 42:1124.4D in regards to future reports because of his unpaid repeat offenses.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-168 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against William Stoudt, a member of the Volunteer Louisiana Commission, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 210 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the May agenda in order to allow Mr. Stoudt to appear.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-242 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Charles Honore' Toups, a member of the White Lake Property Advisory Board, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$150 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-807 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Innis Addison, a member of the Shreveport City Council, District G, for failure to file his 2013 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the waiver request, since

the report had not yet been filed.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-1322 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Philip H. Simmons, Jr., a member of the Plaquemines Parish Soil and Water Conservation District, for filing his 2013 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 105 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the waiver request.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-1416 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Linda Williams, a member of the Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission, for filing her 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 20 Days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the waiver request.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to consider the items on the General Supplemental agenda.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-265 regarding whether Krystle Grindley may accept employment with Caddo Parish as its Parish Information Officer following the termination of employment of her husband, John Grindley, as the Executive Director of CoHabitat Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit that receives grant funding from Caddo Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Krystle Grindley's employment with Caddo Parish, after April 30, 2016, will not be prohibited since she will no longer be receiving a thing of economic value, through her community share of her husband's salary earned from CoHabitat Foundation, from a person (CoHabitat) that has a contractual, or other financial, or business relationship with Caddo Parish as her husband's employment will be terminated as of April

30, 2016.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 13-795 against Patrick Tovrea, the successful candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board in the October 2, 2010 election, for failing to file a 2012 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report which was due by February 15, 2013 and instructed the staff to issue the late fee order of \$2,000 for the 2012 Annual campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board dismissed the charges filed in Docket No. 13-1442 against Floyd Meche, a constable for Pointe Coupee Parish, regarding the failure to file a 2011 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 14-503 against Patrick Tovrea, the successful candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board in the October 2, 2010 election, for failing to file a 2013 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report which was due by February 15, 2013 and instructed the staff to issue the late fee order of \$2,000 for the 2013 Annual campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board instructed the staff to continue with the litigation in Docket No. 14-1353 regarding Walter Monsour, the former Executive Director of the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority, with respect to the Charges filed on November 20, 2015. Board Member Blewer recused herself.

Ms. Allen provided a status report with respect to legislation for the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

