

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
April 11, 2019

The Board of Ethics met on April 11, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Greg Thibodeaux.

Ms. Allen introduced and administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member, Mr. Robert W. Grand.

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 SESSION**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
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The Board of Ethics met on April 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Absent was Board Member Couvillon. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Greg Thibodeaux.

Chairman McAnelly welcomed and introduced new Board Member Robert Grand.

Mr. Gifford Briggs, Executive Director of the LA Oil and Gas PAC, Rig PAC and Drill PAC, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with requests for reconsideration in Docket Nos. 18-1440, 18-1473 and 18-1474 for waivers of the (1) \$1,800 late fee assessed against the LA Oil and Gas PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Don G. Briggs, and treasurer, Bryan Hanks, for filing the September 2018 Monthly Report campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late; (2) \$1,800 late fee assessed against Rig PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Bob Meredith and treasurer, Jordan Gleason, for filing the September 2018 Monthly Report campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late; and, (3) \$1,800 late fee assessed against the Drill PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Mark K. Miller, and treasurer, Cece Richter, for filing the September 2018 Monthly Report campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. After hearing from Mr. Briggs, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 8 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith and 2 nays by Board Members

Colomb and Leggio, the Board declined to waive the three (3) \$1,800 late fees but suspended \$1,300 of each late fee 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.

Mr. Major Thibaut, Pointe Coupee Parish President, and Mr. Henry Olinde, Jr., attorney, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-117 regarding the propriety of Mr. Thibaut receiving insurance commissions that result from a group health insurance contract with the Pointe Coupee Parish Hospital Service District No. 1. After hearing from Mr. Thibaut and Mr. Olinde, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Major Thibaut, in his capacity as the Pointe Coupee Parish President, receiving compensation from Massad-Olinde as a result of any new health insurance contract with the Pointe Coupee Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 (Hospital District), since the Hospital District is a political subdivision of the state pursuant to La. R.S. 46:1064A.

Mr. John Claiborne Brass, a candidate for the Lutcher Board of Aldermen, District 1, Division A, St. James Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 19-179 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 106 days late. After hearing from Mr. Brass, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement and rescinded the \$1,500 late fee previously assessed for filing the 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 174 days late.

Mr. Briton Myer, a candidate for Council Member, District 5, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 19-273 for a waiver of the \$280 late fee assessed for filing the 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Mr. Myer, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended \$180 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.

Mr. Marshall Hevron, attorney for the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School; Ms. Patty Glaser, CEO of the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School; and, Ms. Emily Arata, with Ochsner Medical Center, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-326 regarding whether the employees of Ochsner Medical Center may serve on the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School Board while Ochsner Medical Center and Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School have a partnership agreement. After hearing from Mr. Hevron, Ms. Glaser and Ms. Arata, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by employees of Ochsner Medical Center serving as members of the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School Board while there is a partnership agreement between Ochsner and Discovery pursuant to La. R.S. 17:399.1 which provides an exception to the prohibitions found in Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Therefore, the employee of Ochsner are not prohibited from receiving a thing of economic value for services rendered to Ochsner while the employees serve as members of the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School Board while

there is a partnership agreement between Ochsner and Discovery. The Board further advised that the Ochsner employee members of the Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School Board will be required to file annual financial disclosure statements with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and file annual personal financial disclosure statements with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 1124.3 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. In addition, the Board cautioned that Sections 1111A and 1111E(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would require the Ochsner employees to take leave to attend business of the charter school board as Ochsner would be prohibited from paying its employees to perform their public duties as members of a charter school board or for assisting Ochsner in its partnership with Discovery.

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:20 a.m.

The Board called the public hearing in Docket No. 19-327 to consider a declaratory opinion request from Representative Nancy Landry regarding the propriety of her election, appointment, or employment by the House of Representatives to the position of Clerk of the House of Representatives once her term of office has expired. Chairman McAnelly designated the Board's staff attorney, David Bordelon, to serve as the attorney who will draft the opinion. Appearing before the Board were Representative Nancy Landry and her attorneys, R. Gray Sexton and Alesia Ardoin. After hearing from Mr. Sexton, Ms. Ardoin and the introduction of exhibits, including a Stipulation of Facts, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board took the matter under advisement with the opinion to be rendered within ninety (90) days.

Mr. R. Gray Sexton and Ms. Alesia Ardoin, attorneys for Arcadis, Inc., appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-322 regarding an RFP

released by the Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) for Watershed Initiative Program Management Support Services. After hearing from Mr. Sexton and Ms. Ardoин, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the law and previous advisory opinions, the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit Arcadis from serving as a subcontractor to OCD-DRU in response to RFP No. 10740-056, since the services for the Watershed Initiative Program Management Support Services are not within the scope of the current subcontract with the Coastal Protection Restoration Authority(CPRA). Additionally, Arcadis is not participating in a transaction in which it has a substantial economic interest. Since Arcadis did not participate in the creation of the OCD-DRU RFP, Arcadis does not have an economic interest greater than the general class of firms responding to the RFP.

Mr. R. Gray Sexton and Ms. Alesia Ardoин, attorneys for CSRS, Inc., appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-323 regarding whether the Code would prohibit CSRS, Inc.'s (CSRS) ability to respond as a prime contractor to the State of Louisiana, Louisiana Land Trust's Request for Qualification Statements for Phase III Engineering Design and Related Service for the Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles (Phase III) while also subcontracting with the Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) to provide grant management services. After hearing from Mr. Sexton and Ms. Ardoин, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by CSRS responding as a prime contractor to the State of Louisiana, Louisiana Land Trust's Request for Qualification Statements for Phase III Engineering Design and Related Service for the Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles (Phase III) while also subcontracting with the Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) to

provide grant management services, since neither CSRS nor the former employee, Ms. Stacy Bonnaffons, participated in any aspect of Phase III.

Mr. R. Gray Sexton and Ms. Alesia Ardoin, attorneys for CSRS, Inc., and Ms. Campo, Deputy Director for the Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-491 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit CSRS, Inc.'s (CSRS) ability to respond as a subcontractor to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit's (OCD-DRU) Request for Proposals for Restore Louisiana Program Selected Services (RFP# 107140-055). After hearing from Mr. Sexton, Ms. Ardoin and Ms. Campo, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by CSRS, Inc. serving as a subcontractor on the Restore Louisiana Program, since the December 2018 RFP is a transaction in which neither Stacey Bonnaffons nor Todd Mann, former employees of the OCD-DRU, participated. In addition, Ms. Bonnaffons and Mr. Mann's services to OCD-DRU are not the same services they now seek to provide as employees of CSRS to OCD-DRU under the current RFP. The proposed services to be provided by CSRS are in regard to the implementation and construction management of the Restore Louisiana Program, services that are distinct from the services that were provided by Ms. Bonnaffons and Mr. Mann as employees of the OCD. Additionally , neither Ms. Bonnaffons nor Mr. Mann will provide services to both the PEA and Selective Services contracts at the same time. Since based on the facts provided, Ms. Bonnaffons and Mr. Mann would provide different services under a different "scope of work" on a new transaction in which they never participated, the post-employment provisions of Section 1121 of the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit CSRS, Inc. from serving as a

subcontractor on the Restore Louisiana Program.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G12-G27 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 G12-G27, excluding items G17, G24 and G26, taking the following action:

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-104 regarding the Beauregard Parish Police Jury appointing Ruthy Reed to the Beauregard Parish Fire District 4 Board while she serves as a bookkeeper for Beauregard Parish, since Ms. Reed's appointment involves past conduct and Section 1113A the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit her continued service as a member of the Beauregard Parish Fire District 4 Board while she serves as a bookkeeper for the Parish. The Board further advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-207 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the son of Donna Rutledge, Catahoula Parish Registrar of Voters, qualifying as a candidate for Catahoula Parish Police Jury. The Board further advised that in the event her son is elected as a member of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury, he will be prohibited by Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from participating in any transaction in which Ms. Rutledge may have a substantial economic interest. He may recuse himself pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-209 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by a limited liability company owned by Mayor Cornell Dukes, City of New Roads, continuing to rent property for which some of the tenants receive vouchers for partial rent subsidies through the Section 8 program administered by the New Roads Housing Authority, since the New Roads Housing Authority is a separate governmental entity from the City of New Roads, under La. R.S. 40:384(16). Because the New Roads Housing Authority is separate from the City of New Roads, any transaction between Perpetual Properties and the Housing Authority would not be under the supervision of the City of New Roads.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-211 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Police Chief Ronald Lamont Goudeau, Town of Boyce, promoting his cousin, Raphelle Turner, to Assistant Chief of Police, since Mr. Turner is not his immediate family member as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-233 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by a receptionist employed by the Town of Albany whose duties include receiving payments for traffic violations working part-time as a police officer whose duties included issuing citations for traffic violations.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-262 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the continued employment of Chantell Vedros with Lafourche Parish Council on Aging if her aunt is appointed to the board, since Ms. Vedros is not considered to be an immediate family member of Ms. Bradford as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-263 concluding that Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Kyle Machen, Principal of Benton Middle School in Bossier Parish, from providing teacher development services through Solution Tree, Inc. to faculty

members of Benton Middle School, since as Principal, Mr. Machen's agency is Benton Middle School and he has participated in providing those services in his public capacity. The Board further advised that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Machen providing teacher development services through Solution Tree, to teachers who are not employed at Benton Middle School. Further, Mr. Machen would not be prohibited from performing compensated services for Solution Tree, since Solution Tree does not currently have a contract, business, or financial relationship with Benton Middle School. The Board further cautioned that the application of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics may change in the event Solution Tree obtains, or seeks to obtain, a future contractual relationship with Bossier Parish School Board to provide services to Benton Middle School.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-264 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Daniel J. Adams, a part-time employee of Louisiana Department of Hospitals Office of Behavioral Health (LDH/OBH), providing services to the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Management Services, since the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Management is not a person, he would not be accepting compensation for services from a "person" in violation of Section 1111C2(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that if Mr. Adams were to accept a position as a trainer for LDH/OBH to provide SafeTALK T4T training, Section 1111C1(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from continuing to provide the same service, SafeTALK T4T training, for Livingworks.net. Additionally, this request may present a dual office holding issue which is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-265 from Judge Arthur L. Hunter,

Jr. as to the use of the title "Judge" in a non-judicial election campaign, since this inquiry presents no issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics and Judge Hunter is seeking guidance from the Judiciary Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-267 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kimberly Matherne, the Director of Economic Stability for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) accepting a \$1,000 honorarium from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation Family Self Sufficiency Research Technical Working Group (TWG), since she would not be providing any service which is part of her public duties. Additionally, Section 1111C2(d) of the Code would not prohibit Ms. Matherne from accepting an honorarium since TWG is not a person, it is an agency of the federal government.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-269 concluding that no violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act is presented by the use of campaign funds by Darlene Landry to pay for legal fees she incurred in connection with findings made in a legislative audit report related to actions she took as Assumption Parish Clerk of Court, since the matter involved her activities as Assumption Parish Clerk of Court.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-325 regarding the Monroe Housing Authority re-hiring a retired employee per the request of James Rountree, legal counsel for the Monroe Housing Authority.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-332 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by three employees of the French Quarter Management District,

Emily Remington, the Executive Director of the District; Nicholas Gernon, Commander of the New Orleans Police Department's 8<sup>th</sup> District; and, Kristin Palmer, a member of the New Orleans City Council, receiving complimentary airfare, lodging and meals to travel to the City of Amsterdam, since the French Quarter Management District is a governmental entity. The Board further advised that the attendees would not be required to file a disclosure statement with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 1115.2 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board declined to address whether or not this is an appropriate use of public funds as this issue is not under the jurisdiction of the Board and such inquiry should be directed to the local District Attorney or the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-261 concluding that Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Horace Womack, the former Chief Criminal Deputy of the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office, for a period of two years following the termination of his employment from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office, from providing any service on a contractual basis to the Criminal Section of the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office or assisting his company in any transaction involving his former agency, the Criminal Section of the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office. The Board further advised that since Mr. Womack will not be providing the same or similar services as he provided while employed with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office, he would not be prohibited from providing the proposed services to other agencies within the Sheriff's Office. Further, there are no post-employment prohibitions as to other parish entities like the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, DeSoto Parish School Board, DeSoto Parish Water Systems or the DeSoto Parish 911 System.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-307 concluding that members of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control are not required to file annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since

Livingston Parish has a population of less than 200,000 and the Library Board of Control was created by Livingston Parish.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-329 concluding that, given the unique set of facts, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Pascha Cater Brown, a candidate for Concordia Parish Clerk of Court, providing services as a licensed realtor if she should win election as Clerk of Court. The Board further advised that this analysis is based on the facts as presented and any alteration of those facts would require further analysis.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the March 14-15, 2019 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-857 regarding Deborah Crowder Loper, a former employee of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), diverting DHH funds into the National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers (NASHSFO) for her personal use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Deborah Crowder Loper, a former employee of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Division of Fiscal Management, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her receipt of things of economic value, to which she was not duly entitled to receive, for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of her public position and in which no fine is to be imposed in light of the \$1,018,423.35 civil penalty as assessed against Ms. Loper in a civil money judgment entered into on October 9, 2014 in a civil action brought in the 19th Judicial District Court, case number 09-13-0414. The Board further dismissed the charges against Deborah Crowder Loper pending before the Ethics

Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-210 regarding Ray Williams, the elected Police Chief for the Village of Pleasant Hill, being employed as a School Resource Officer in Sabine Parish schools. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the May agenda and instructed the staff to solicit additional information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-260 regarding the Avoyelles Water Commission (Commission) having a Certificate of Deposit with the Cottonport Bank while Penn A. Lemoine and Albin M. Lemoine, Jr., members of the Commission, have immediate family members employed by Cottonport Bank. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jacqueline Lemoine, wife of Penn A. Lemoine, receiving any thing of economic value from Cottonport Bank if the Avoyelles Water Commission places funds into a Certificate of Deposit with Cottonport Bank, since the Commission is a local depositing authority and La. R.S. 39:1233.1 creates an exception for such scenarios. Additionally, Rebecca Lemoine, daughter of Albin M. Lemoine, Jr., would be not prohibited from receiving things of economic value from Cottonport Bank if the Commission places funds into a Certificate of Deposit, since Albin Lemoine, Jr. would not be receiving a thing of economic value from Cottonport Bank. The Board further advised that Rebecca Lemoine and Jacqueline Lemoine would be required to file a disclosure every year by May 15<sup>th</sup> in accordance with Section 1114A of the Code of Governmental Ethics disclosing income received from the bank in the prior calendar year.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-266 regarding whether M. David Freneaux, a member of the Central City Council, can settle a lawsuit he had filed

against the City of Central prior to his being elected councilman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Freneaux from entering into a settlement with the City of Central in connection with a lawsuit that he filed in 2015 involving a public records request, since any settlement reached between Mr. Freneaux and the City of Central would be considered a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency. The Board further advised that Mr. Freneaux could recuse himself from participation as a councilman for the City of Central, however, the recusal pursuant to Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would only alleviate a violation of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-283 regarding whether Representative Steve Pugh may be employed by the Louisiana House of Representatives after his term of office as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives ends. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered the proposed disclaimer language on opinions drafted for consideration by the Board of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) adopted the language proposed on Disclaimer #2 which reads, “This is a draft opinion and it is NOT an opinion of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. No party may rely on the facts or conclusions. The analysis and conclusions herein are provided for discussion purposes only, and are subject to change or revision at the meeting of the Board of Ethics at which this matter is considered”; and, (2) agreed to use the placement of the language as proposed in Disclaimer Placement #1.

The Board considered legislation for the 2019 Regular Legislative Session. Ms. Allen advised the Board that there is currently no proposed ethics legislation under consideration.

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 taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 18-1538 from Joyce Burges of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-070 from Mervin Allen, Jr. of a \$320 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-073 from Sharlous Booker of a \$720 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-268 from Ricky J. Calais of a \$560 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-271 from Jeffrey Warren of an \$800 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-272 from Burghart Hillary Turner of a \$1,920 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-276 from Timothy P. Monceaux of a \$320 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-277 from Alfred Vincent Davis of a \$360 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-279 from Corey R. Arbourgh of a \$760 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-280 from Donna Weeks Duvall of an \$80 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-281 from Walter I. Lanier, III of a \$900 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-285 from Riley Smith of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-287 from Aaron Lee Moak of a \$320 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-288 from Despo “D’Ann” Wells of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-289 from Tammy Lamy of two (2) \$1,000 late fees and a \$716 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-298 from Thomas M. Tolar of a \$440 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-300 from Phillip L. Johnson of a \$360 late fee;  
Docket No. 19-303 from Charles W. Cummings of an \$80 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 19-304 from Laurie Reis Brister of a \$540 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1538 for a waiver of the \$400 and \$480 late fees assessed against Joyce Burges, a candidate for City of Baker School Board, District 3, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 11 and 12 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the

Board (1) declined to waive the \$400 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$300; and, (2) declined to waive the \$480 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$380 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. 19-070 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Mervin "Merv" Allen, Jr., a candidate for Iberville Parish School Board, District G, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 61 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 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. 19-080 for a waiver of the \$240 and \$400 late fees assessed against Raymond L. Gros, Jr., a candidate for St. James Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 6 and 12 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$240 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$140; and, (2) declined to waive the \$400 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$300 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. 19-274 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Roger Corcoran, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the Special (48 hour) campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 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. 19-286 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Clarence H. "Sonny" Savoie, a candidate for St. Charles Parish School Board, District 4, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 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. 19-290 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Mark "Dave" Freneaux, a candidate for City of Central Council, District 3, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but

suspended \$300 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. 19-291 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Tommy Womack, candidate for City of Zachary Council, District 5, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 6, 2018 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 \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 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. 19-292 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Gail Wilking, a candidate for Town of Ball Alderman, Seat A, Rapides Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 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. 19-293 for a waiver of the \$60 late fee assessed against Evelyn Ware-Jackson, a candidate for East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 5, in the November

6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$60 late fee, since the IT Department confirmed that the 10-G report was submitted before midnight on the due date, however, it appears the network was slow and the report was not accepted until 12:02 am making the report one day late.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-294 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Marian Jacobs Gonzales, a candidate for Avoyelles Parish School Board, District 1, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 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. 19-295 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Theresa Rohloff, a candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Scott, Lafayette Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, and her committee's treasurer, Clarice M. Gallegos, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$360 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-299 for a waiver of the \$960 late fee assessed against Jayson Richardson, a candidate for DeSoto Parish Sheriff, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 16 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously

passed, the Board rescinded the \$960 late fee, since Mr. Richardson submitted an invoice showing that the in-kind contribution was made in May 2018 instead of October 2018, and he amended the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report to disclose it. Therefore, the Special campaign finance disclosure report was not required to be filed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-301 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Daniel Ray Smith, a candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Olla, LaSalle Parish, in the November 6, 2018 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 \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 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. 19-302 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Brannon J. Decou, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Broussard, Lafayette and St. Martin Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 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.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-230 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against John "Bo" Staples for filing his January 2019 Expenditure Report 2 days late. On

motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$100 late fee, since this was Mr. Staples' first late filing.

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 taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-497 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael Glenn Landrum, a former member of the South Burbank Crime Prevention and Development District, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 304 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$450 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under 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 in Docket No. 19-305 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against Scott Alden Couvillion, a former member of the Audubon Area Security District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$100 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-308 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against Luther Traylor, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Development District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 42 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 reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-309 for a waiver of the \$850 late fee assessed against James Norris Bergeron, a member of the Crab Task Force, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$850 late fee, since the Notice of Delinquency was not sent to the address disclosed on Mr. Bergeron's last filing with the Board and he did not sign the green card.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-310 for a waiver of the \$450 late fee assessed against Eric Liew, a former member of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$450 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Liew's first late filing and he is no longer on the board.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-311 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Myron Little Collins, a former member of the State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 135 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

reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since Ms. Collins timely filed a Tier 2 when she was required to file a Tier 2.1. However, not all information required by the Tier 2.1 was disclosed on the Tier 2 disclosure statement.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-312 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Ronald Hollis "Ronny" Graham, a former member of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 111 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,050 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under 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 in Docket No. 19-313 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Hunter King, a former member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #6, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 165 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 reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. King's first late filing and it involved an amendment.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-314 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Terry L. Myers, a member of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisal Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 140 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$850 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under 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 in Docket No. 19-315 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Chris Edward Landry, a member of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, District 7, for filing his 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 37 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Landry's first late filing and he did file his personal financial disclosure statement within 30 days of filing his taxes.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-316 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against Dexter Quinn Brown, a member of the St. Landry Parish Council, for filing his amended 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$100 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-317 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Phillip Wayne Tharp, a member of the Calcasieu Parish Waterworks District, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$50 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Tharp's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-318 for a waiver of the \$250 late fee assessed against Eric Paul Hansen, a former member of the Shrimp Task Force, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$250 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Hansen's first late filing and he is no longer on the board.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-321 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Michael D. Robinson, a former member of the Louisiana State Arts Council, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 382 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$450 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-720 for a waiver of the Board's suspension of all but \$1,050 of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against David Charles Bass Jr., a former member of the Beauregard Parish Tourist Commission, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 348 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,050 late fee, since it was Mr. Bass' first late filing and he is no longer a member of the board. Further, based on the meeting minutes submitted, Mr. Bass did verbally resign from the Commission in 2014 making the 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement not due and owing.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session without staff members except for staff attorney, David Bordelon, and Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session and adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman