

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
January 19, 2018

The Board of Ethics met on January 19, 2018 at 10:00 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 Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert and Mouton-Allen present. Absent were Board Members Brandon, Bruneau, Michiels and Smith. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson and Greg Thibodeaux.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-1040 for a waiver of the \$760, \$1,000 and \$1,000 late fees assessed against Allen Broussard, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish in the March 5, 2016 election, for filing his 30-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports 74, 19 and 517 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-1197 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Michael Betts, a candidate for District Judge, 21st Judicial District Court, Division A, Livingston Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election; his committee's chairperson, Lamar Davis; and treasurer, Laurie Kilpatrick for inaccurately filing the 2015 and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports 374 and 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-682 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against John Mark Coghlan, a member of the Zachary City Council, District 3, East Baton Rouge Parish, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 94 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

Mr. William Potter, attorney for Freedom First, LLC, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1170 for a waiver of the \$3,000 late fee assessed against the political action committee (PAC) and the committee's chairperson and treasurer, Timothy L. Spratt, for filing the 2015 June monthly campaign finance disclosure report 31 days late. After hearing from Mr. Potter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$3,000 late fee but suspended \$2,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Board Member Bruneau arrived at the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. David P. Baird, a candidate for Council Member at Large, Division 2, Orleans Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1172 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against him for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. After hearing from Mr. Baird, 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 Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G6-G19 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 G6-G19, excluding Items G13 and G14, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1273 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Carl J. Krielow, a farmer and a Commissioner on the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, selling bulk grain commodities to grain dealers who load the grain for export through the IFG Terminal, which is regulated by the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, since Mr. Krielow has no ownership interest in the businesses maintained by the grain dealers, nor does he have an ownership interest in the IFG Terminal. Further, Mr. Krielow does not exercise control over the businesses maintained by the grain dealers, nor does he exercise control of the privately run IFG Terminal.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1274 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by James Tyler bidding on or entering into a contract to supply lawn services at the all of the locations of the DeSoto Parish Library System other than the Mansfield Main Branch where his wife is employed.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1292 submitted by Emmy O'Dwyer, Educational Program Consultant with the Early Childhood Division of the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), concluding the following:

1. With respect to fee-based trainings to early childhood teachers and directors, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. O'Dwyer from receiving compensation for providing fee-based trainings to early childhood teachers and directors for primarily private schools that have early learning programs in the New Orleans area that are licensed by the Early Childhood Division

of the LDE, since Ms. O'Dwyer's agency, the Early Childhood Division of LDE, regulates early childcare centers, including private centers;

2. With respect to strategic planning guidance to early childhood programs, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. O'Dwyer from receiving compensation from private childhood centers for strategic guidance services, since the private schools are licensed by the Early Childhood Division of LDE and regulated by her agency; and,

3. With respect to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation Leadership Association asking Ms. O'Dwyer to develop the curriculum for the next class of fellows, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ms. O'Dwyer receiving compensation from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation or the Leadership Association to develop the curriculum, since they have no contractual, business, or financial relationship with her agency, and all work would be performed outside of her normal working hours with LDE.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1293 concluding that members of the Carencro Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) are not subject to the disclosure requirements in Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since PARC was created by the City of Carencro, which has a population of less than 25,000 people.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1328 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Patricia Aleshire, Site Manager for Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site, co-authoring a guide book on Rosedown Plantation which would be sold in gift shops in the West Feliciana area, since Ms. Aleshire's duties as Site Manager do not

include the authorship and publication of a book regarding Rosedown Plantation, nor are her job duties associated with historical documents and artifacts. Further, if any revenue generated by the sale of the guide book would go to the Friends of Rosedown, then Ms. Aleshire as the public servant would not be in receipt of any thing of economic value. The Board further advised that a possible violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics could occur if the book is sold at the gift shop at Rosedown Plantation.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1329 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by elected Lafayette City-Parish council members seeking employment with non-profit organizations or being employed by non-profit organizations provided the employing non-profit has no financial or contractual relationship with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government (LCG). The Board further advised that if a specific employment opportunity arises in the future for a Lafayette City-Parish council member, he or she should seek an advisory opinion.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1333 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Michael J. Sanders, a part time police officer with the Village of Anacoco, running in the special election for Police Chief of the Village of Anacoco if he were appointed by the Board of Alderman as the interim Police Chief of the Village of Anacoco.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1336 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Tiffany Hardy being appointed as a Board Commissioner of the Kaplan Housing Authority while her husband, Joshua Hardy, is a candidate for Kaplan Chief of Police, since Mr. Hardy is not employed by the City of Kaplan.

Approved the disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 17-1343 in connection with the

employment of Tenneal Latiolais as administrative assistant to the Chief of Police of the City of Breaux Bridge while her husband, Terry Latiolais, serves as Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Breaux Bridge, since the submitted disqualification plan will eliminate any potential violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1344 concluding that Section 1119A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jolie Boudreaux from being hired as the Cameron Parish Library Director, or any other position with the Library Board, while her father, Jamie Boudreaux, serves as a Commissioner of the Cameron Parish Library Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1345 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Phillip Dufrene contracting to supply professional services to the St. Charles Department of Public Works and Wastewater following his retirement as the Facilities Manager for the St. Charles Parish Department of Governmental Buildings, since the St. Charles Department of Public Works and Wastewater is not part of his former agency and since, based on the facts as presented, Mr. Dufrene would not be assisting a person for compensation, contracting with, or rendering the same services that he rendered with his former agency, St. Charles Parish Department of Governmental Buildings.

Allowed the withdrawal of the request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1346 submitted by Liz Webb Hebert, a member of the Lafayette City Parish Council, regarding her acceptance of employment with SLEMCO (Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation) as an Economic Development Specialist.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1334 regarding the application of the dual office holding provisions as they apply to Donald Westmoreland, Director of St. Tammany

Parish Libraries, who also serves as the President of the Washington Parish Library Board of Control Director, since the dual office holding provisions are outside of the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1335 concluding that there is no statute within the Code of Governmental Ethics which addresses the issue of the financial records and files of the 5th District Drug Court Program being relocated from the current location at the Richland Parish Courthouse to the home office of Cindy F. Odom, Fiscal Agent for the 5th Judicial District Drug Court; therefore, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G20-G26 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 G20-G26, excluding Item G20, taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1304 by Christon Cupp, former member of the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Cupp that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since his term expires in March, 2018 and he was present and participated as a member of the board at its January, 2016 meeting and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1305 by Claudean Cartwright, former member of the Chatham Board of Aldermen in Jackson Parish, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure

statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Cartwright that she is required to file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since her term ended in December, 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1306 by Wayne Coco, former member of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Coco that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since he did not resign from the Commission until October 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1307 by Carol Whelan, former member of the Lusher Charter School Board, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Whelan that she is required to file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since her term ended in June, 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1338 by Melissa Ardoin, former member of the Terrebonne Housing Authority, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Ardoin that she is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since her term ended in December, 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1339 by Julie Hebert, a former

member of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Hebert that she is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since her term ended in June, 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1248 by Joseph Hugg, a former member of the Algiers Charter School Board, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Hugg that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since he was still serving and participating as a member of the school board in January, 2016 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the December 14-15, 2017 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-008 regarding Edward Carroll, a member of the East Feliciana Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, requesting approval from his agency for the re-subdivision of family owned property. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Carroll Family Properties, LLC agrees that a violation of Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by being in any way interested in the approval of maps by the East Feliciana Parish Planning and Zoning Commission for a re-subdivision of property proposed by Carroll Family Properties, LLC, a company wholly owned by Edward Carroll and his wife, while Edward Carroll served as an

appointed member of the East Feliciana Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and in which Carroll Family Properties, LLC agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000 and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

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. 17-1001 and 17-1172, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-1269 from Lonny Guidroz of a \$660 late fee and a \$180 late fee;
Docket No. 17-1285 from Preservation Partners of a \$1,600 late fee; and,
Docket No. 17-1342 from Reginald Laurent of a \$1,300 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1269 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Lonny Guidroz, a candidate for District Judge, 18th Judicial District Court, ES 4, Div. A for Point Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parish in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 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. 17-1290 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against

Matthew Hill, a candidate for Mayor of the City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 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. 17-1001 for a waiver of the \$1,000 and \$1,000 late fees assessed against William Lawson, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Walker in Livingston Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, for failure to file his 10-G and 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$2,000.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1268 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Steven Kennedy for the late filing of the August 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$50 late fee, since it was Mr. Kennedy's 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, excluding Docket Nos. 17-1245, 17-1250, 17-1297, 17-1300, 17-1303 and 17-1340, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-1243 from Ron Carr of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 17-1252 from Charles Ross of a \$1,300 late fee, offer a payment plan
and decline to reassess prior suspensions;
Docket No. 17-1298 from Alisa Dunklin of a \$1,500 late fee; and
Docket No. 17-1299 from Gary Evans of a \$1,200 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1239 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Tania Christina Tetlow, a member of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 64 days late. 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 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. 17-1240 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Nicholas "Nicky" Muscarello Sr., a member of the Tangipahoa Parish Council, District 5, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 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. Muscarello's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1242 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against Benjamin David Markey, a former member of the Mid-City Security District, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,400 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. Markey's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1244 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Brandan Duhon, a member of the White Lake Property Advisory Board, for filing his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$50 late fee, since this board had not met in several years and in August 2016, the board was abolished by the legislature.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1249 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Carey Syumon Williams, Member at Large of the Port Allen City Council in West Baton Rouge Parish, for filing her 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 79 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$2,250 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. 17-1251 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Rickey D. Brummett, Calcasieu Parish Constable, Ward 6, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 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 reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. Brummett's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1294 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against William John McBride, a former member of the Washington City Council, District 3 in St. Landry Parish, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 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 reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Mr. McBride's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1296 for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee assessed against James Michael "Mike" Johnson, State Representative, District 8, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,200 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 Representative Johnson's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1301 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against James J. Brown Jr., a member of the Downsville Charter School in Union Parish, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 30 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 Mr. Brown initially filed a Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement and needed to amend to file under the correct Tier.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1341 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Lashawnda Bartie, a candidate for the Lake Charles City Council, District B in the March 25, 2017 election, for filing her 2016 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 57 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$2,250 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. 17-1245 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Nellwinn Shaunee Huffman, a member of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, for filing her amended 2015 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 reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics, since it was Ms. Huffman's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1250 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Cassandra Thompson "Cassy" Gebhart, a former member of the Natchitoches Historic Development Commission, for filing her amended 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 581 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 with the offer of a payment plan.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1303 for a waiver of the \$550 late fee assessed against Daniel L. Ponder Jr., Jackson Parish Constable, District D, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$550 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1340 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Charles "Chuck" Lacroix, a member of the Montgomery Town Council in Grant Parish, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 187 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the

Code of Governmental Ethics and with the offer of a payment plan.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1297 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Shalon Roy Latour, a member of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, District 10, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1300 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Gregory "Greg" Route Sr., a former member of the Washington Parish Council, District 6, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 32 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended \$2,300 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 17-1337 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against John Dirk Deville, a candidate for Evangeline Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 258 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the February meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 15-1140 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Tamara L. Jones, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Constable, Justice of the Peace, Ward J in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 40-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 the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, since Ms. Jones submitted financial documentation as requested related to her financial hardship claim.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-586 for a waiver of a \$3,000 late fee, a \$3,000 late fee, a \$3,000 late fee and a \$2,000 late fee against Treme Improvement Political Society; its chairman, Norman R. Smith; and, its treasurer, Paul T. West, in connection with the political committee's participation in the October 24, 2015 primary and November 21, 2015 elections for filing a Special campaign finance disclosure report 127 days late, an EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 114 days late, a Special campaign finance disclosure report 104 days late, and an EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report 86 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees but suspended \$2,700 of the late fee in connection with the Special campaign finance disclosure report, \$2,700 of the late fee in connection with the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report, \$2,700 of the late fee in connection with the Special campaign finance disclosure report and \$1,800 of the late fee in connection with the EDE-G campaign finance disclosure report 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 for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-896 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Frank Duson, Jr., a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, Town of Vidalia in

Concordia Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 257 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the \$2,000 late fee.

The Board recessed at 11:37 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:54 a.m.

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 1:10 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman

