The Board of Ethics met on July 21, 2017 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 Brandon, Bruneau, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Michiels, Mouton-Allen, and L. Smith. Absent was Board Member J. Smith. Also present was the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson, David Bordelon 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 City of Crowley Police Chief in the March 5, 2016 election, for filing his 30-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports 74 and 19 days late while the 40-G campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the August meeting.

Mr. Joseph Harrison Jr., former State Representative, District 51, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-016 for reconsideration of a waiver of the $2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure report 291 days late. After hearing from Mr. Harrison, 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 17-601 for a waiver of the $2,500 late fee assessed
against Christopher Tyson, a candidate for Secretary of State in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 65 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred this matter until later in the meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-620 for a waiver of the $400 and $40 late fees assessed against John I. “Johnny” Shaddinger Jr., a candidate for Mayor of the City of Westwego, Jefferson Parish in the April 6, 2013 election and the March 25, 2017 election, for filing his 2016 Supplemental and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 51 days late and 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the $40 late fee for the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report and declined to waive the $400 late fee in connection with 2016 Supplemental 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.

Representative Dustin Miller, a candidate for State Representative, District 40 in the October 24, 2015 election, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-639 for a waiver of the $2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2014 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 177 days late. After hearing from Representative Miller, 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.

Mr. Heath Hattaway, Committee Chairperson for Judge Steve Dean, appeared before the
Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-666 for a waiver of the $840, $180, $2,000 and $2,000 late fees assessed against Judge Dean, a candidate for District Judge, 5th Judicial District Court, Division C, in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 30-P, 10-P, 10-G and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports 14, 3, 106, and 56 days late. After hearing from Mr. Hattaway, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $840, $180, $2,000 and $2,000 late fee but suspended $420 of the $840 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report; $90 of the $180 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report; $1,000 of the $2,000 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report and $1,000 of the $2,000 in connection with the 40-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.

Mr. Thomas Joseph Laizer III., a member of the St. Tammany Parish Gravity Drainage District #5 Board, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-588 for a waiver of the $1,400 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 28 days late. After hearing from Mr. Laizer, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire $1,400 late fee.

Mr. Jerry Bowman Jr., a member of the Shreveport City Council, District G in Caddo Parish, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-593 for a waiver of the $2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 34 days late. After hearing from Mr. Bowman, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee.
fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 17-601 for a waiver of the $2,500 late fee assessed against Christopher Tyson, a candidate for Secretary of State in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 65 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely waiver request.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G7-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 staff recommendations on items G7- G25, excluding Items G7, G9, G11, G22 and G25, taking the following action:

Absent requested specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-347 regarding whether an individual directly employed by Sasol Limited and who also serves as an elected official, is deemed to have a “personal substantial economic interest” in matters directly involving Sasol that came before his agency; and, whether an elected official directly employed by Sasol could vote on a matter involving Sasol; and, whether an elected official would or would not be required to disclose any conflict or potential conflict of interest as part of the record of his agency prior to participation on any matter involving Sasol.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-572 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lucky Dogs, Inc., a company owned by Representative Kirk
Talbot, District 78, and, his family, contracting with the Audubon Nature Institute in New Orleans, since the proposed contract is not with the state or one of its agencies or with Representative Talbot’s agency, the legislative branch of state government.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-574 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Derek Boese, serving as an adjunct instructor at Tulane University while serving as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority- East (SLFPAE), since all work performed would take place after his normal working hours as CAO for SLFPAE and since Tulane University has no contractual business or other financial relationship with his agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-575 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Joel Galatas, a former employee of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), performing engineering intern services for compensation to C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates, LLC within two years of the termination of his public employment with DOTD, since Mr. Galatas will not be providing the same services under contract to for or on behalf of DOTD, and he will not be assisting another person for compensation in transactions in which he participated while employed by DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-610 concluding that Sections 1121B and 1121C would prohibit Collins J. Landry, presently employed by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) as a District Utilities Relocation Specialist and also a partner in L & R Permit & Utility Consultants, L.L.C. (L&R), individually and as a partner in L&R, for a period of two years following his retirement from the DOTD, from assisting another person, for compensation, in connection with a transaction or project in which he participated while employed by DOTD.
Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-611 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) accepting gifts to use as door prizes for ROADEO, since DOTD will not be accepting gifts from any person who has or is seeking to have a business financial relationship with DOTD or is regulated by the DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-614 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kelly Enkey, a former employee of the Department of Education (DOE), owning and operating a daycare center which would be licensed by and supervised by the DOE within two years of the termination of her public employment, since the duties associated with Ms. Enkey’s prior employment with the DOE are not similar to the duties associated with owning and managing a daycare center.

Approved the proposed disqualification plan in Docket No. 17-615 submitted on behalf of Anna B. LaPointe, Chief of Police, Erath Police Department, in connection with the employment of her husband, Chad LaPointe, as a Reserve Dispatcher with the Erath Police Department, since the disqualification plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics by directing all supervisory and disciplinary authority regarding Chad LaPointe to be overseen by Larry Landry and the Erath City Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-617 concluding that there are no violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Billy Spikes working part-time for the Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s Office while he seeks election for the DeRidder City Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-618 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Janna Maggio continuing her employment as an adjunct
instructor with Northwestern State University (NSU) while her husband’s brother, Dr. Chris Maggio, serves as the President of NSU, since Ms. Maggio has been employed by NSU for longer than one year prior to Dr. Maggio beginning his appointment as agency head on January 1, 2017. However, Section 1112 B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Chris Maggio from participating in any transaction in which Janna Maggio had a substantial economic interest of which he is reasonably expected to know since she is his immediate family member. The Board further advised that if such a situation arises, a disqualification plan should be submitted to the Board for approval and in conformance with the Board’s Rules and Procedures.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-619 concluding that Section 1121A(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Charles Theus, a former member of the Board of Commissioners for Southside Economic Development District (SEDD), from serving as the Executive Director of SEDD for two years following the termination of his service as a member of the Board of Commissioners for SEDD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-631 submitted by Daryl Blacher, the Program Manager for the 19th JDC Re-Entry Court Program, concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the 19th Judicial District Court’s Re-Entry Program accepting donations from jurors, since the request does not present any issue under the jurisdiction of the Ethics Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-642 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Michael D. Corbin’s employer, Always Best Care Senior Services-Shreveport, being awarded a contract with the Caddo Council on Aging to provide professional services while Mr. Corbin serves as a member of the Shreveport City Council which
periodically awards funds to the Caddo Council on Aging as a civic appropriation, since Mr. Corbin does not exercise control, nor does he own an interest in Always Best Care Senior Services-Shreveport.

Approved the proposed disqualification plan in Docket No. 17-663 in connection with the supervisory duties performed by Jimmy Densmore, District 05 Area Engineer, Area C, with respect to his brother, Joey Densmore, Mobile Equipment Operator 2, Maintenance Gang 580, who are employed by the DOTD, Monroe District, since the disqualification plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics by directing Marshall Hill, District 05 District Engineer Administrator, to perform any and all duties, decisions and/or approvals required by the Area Engineer that affect the employment of Joey Densmore.

In connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-281, adopted an advisory opinion concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Rosa DeJean, a Deputy Clerk of Court with the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and a Licensed Notary, from notarizing documents outside of her working hours for documents such as: FEMA, schools, Concealed Handgun Affidavits, and vehicle transfers, since these documents are not notarized by the personnel in the Land Records Division as part of their job duties and filed with the Land Records Division. The Board further advised that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Ms. DeJean, in her capacity as the Deputy Clerk of Court for the Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Land Records Division, notarizing documents during her office hours, to be filed with the Clerk of Court, as long as she does not accept any compensation for such services. Finally, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Ms. DeJean, within two years following the termination of her employment with the Land Records
Division, from notarizing documents that are notarized by personnel in the Land Records Division as part of their job duties and filed with the Land Records Division, as long as the documents are not related to a matter or transaction that Ms. DeJean participated in while employed with the Land Records Division.

Absent requested specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-551 regarding whether the brother of a DeSoto Parish Police Juror may bid on and buy adjudicated property through Civic Source.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 2017-573 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Joseph Gallo Jr., a former Disaster Recovery Specialist in the Grants Management section of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), providing assistance to Deloitte, for compensation, in relation to the GOHSEP Request for Proposal, since he did not participate in any closeout processes and was not involved with this particular GOHSEP Request for Proposal.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-641 concluding that Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Annette Lowery, Head Coach of the Dutchtown High School Girls Basketball Team, from hiring her daughter, Ashley Gudino, as paid Assistant Coach of the Dutchtown High School Girls Basketball Team.

Adopted a revised advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-669, concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Nicolette London, a former employee of the Orleans Parish School Board, being re-employed by the Orleans Parish School Board following her termination of employment with ExCeed Charter Management Organization, since ExCEED Charter Management Organization never entered into a contractual relationship with the Orleans Parish
School Board.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-564 by Leslie Stokes, a member of the Vieux Carre’ Commission, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Stokes that she is not required to file a Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement for her service on the Vieux Carre’ Commission, since the Vieux Carre’ Commission does not have the authority to disburse or invest $10,000 or more in funds in a fiscal year.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the June 15-16, 2017 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-556 regarding Mike Mouton, Airport Safety Director for the Abbeville Chris Crusta Memorial Airport in Vermilion Parish and also working for Vector Aviation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Mike Mouton agrees that (1) a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his receipt of compensation in connection with services rendered to Vector Aviation, LLC, at a time when (a) Vector leased space at the Airport and operated a full service fixed based facility at the Airport, for which it paid approximately $161,124 in rent and fuel payments; (b) Vector, ERA Helicopter and Westwind Helicopter were required to comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances in connection with their operations at the Airport; (c) a violation of any federal, state and local laws, statutes, regulations, and ordinances by Vector, ERA Helicopter or Westwind Helicopter, in connection with its operations at the Airport, would
subject the offender to eviction proceedings, civil action and punishment as provided under Louisiana Criminal Law and Vector was required to indemnify the City for caused thereby; (2) a violation of Section 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his participation, by an affirmative act or the failure to act or perform a duty, in transactions involving the City of Abbeville in which Vector had a substantial economic interest; and, (3) a violation of Section 1114A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his failure to timely file statements with the Board of Ethics disclosing any income that he received from Vector, at a time when Vector was regulated by the Airport; Vector leased space and operated a full service fixed base facility at the Airport, for which it paid the City at least $161,124 in rent and fuel flowage fees within the last four years and Vector subleased space and sold fuel to other businesses at the Airport, for which it received at least $4,360,054 within the last four years and in which Mr. Mouton agrees to pay a fine of $1,500 and, that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board of Ethics may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board further dismissed the charges against Mr. Mouton.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-1395 regarding Peggy Jordan, a former employee with the City of Shreveport, for performing the same services back to her former agency through contracts with ADECCO Staffing, within the two year period following the termination of their public service. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Peggy Jordan agrees that a violation of Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by rendering to the City of Shreveport Finance and Revenue Department, on a contractual basis through ADECCO Staffing, the same services that she performed as an Administrative Assistant in the City of Shreveport’s Finance and Revenue
Department within two years following the termination of her public employment with the Finance and Revenue Department and in which Ms. Jordan agrees to pay a fine of $2,500 and that, in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-235 from Mayor Gene Glascock, Town of Albany, regarding the town’s use of Bankston Auto Parts & Fuel, owned by the Chris Bankston, brother of a newly elected councilwoman, Kimberly Stewart. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Bankston Auto Parts & Fuel contracting or entering into transactions with the Town of Albany while Ms Stewart is a member of the Town Council, since Act 408 of the 2017 Legislative Session amended Section 1123(22)(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, which now provides an exception to allow a mayor or member of a governing authority with a population of five thousand or less or an immediate family member of such a mayor or governing authority member or legal entity in which such a mayor governing authority member or immediate family member has a controlling interest to enter into any transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the municipality. The Board further advised that The Town of Albany should submit a plan to the Board of Ethics for approval prior to entering into any transactions with Bankston Auto.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-241 for a reconsideration of an advisory opinion regarding whether Erin Guerra can be employed with NANO, LLC, while she is employed as a Building Plan Examiner with the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Ms. Guerra, as a Building Plan Examiner with the New
Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, being employed by NANO, since NANO does not presently have any projects being reviewed by the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, nor does it have any other contractual business or financial relationships with the Department. The Board also concluded that if NANO submits a project in the future that must be reviewed by the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, Ms. Guerra will need to submit a new request for an advisory opinion that provides specific details as to that project and the involvement of the Safety and Permits Department, including whether the project will be regulated or continuously reviewed by her department until its completion.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-314 regarding Mayor Charles E. Langlinais, City of Broussard, receiving excessive contributions in the amounts of: $500 from Market Cooper Meadows, $1,000 from Anzalone Real Estate, $500 from Acadiana Construction, $500 from T&T Asphalt, $500 from Trees Unlimited, and $500 from CO-D Construction. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Mayor Charles E. Langlinais, City of Broussard, agrees that a violation of Section 1505.2H(1)(a)(iii) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act occurred by his receipt of excessive contributions in the amounts of $500 from Market-Cooper Meadows; $1,000 from Anzalone Real Estate; $500 from Acadiana Construction; $500 from T&T Asphalt; $500 from Trees Unlimited; and, $500 from CO-D Construction and in which Mayor Langlinais 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. 17-062, 17-405, 17-409, 17-546, 17-569, 17-598, 17-599, and 17-666, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-570 for a waiver of the $120 late fee assessed against Michael “Mike” C. Darnell, a candidate for State Senator, District 2 in Orleans Parish in the October 2, 2010 election, for filing his 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report filed 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive a $120 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. 17-595 for a waiver of the $1,000 late fee assessed against Charles E. Langlinais, a candidate for Mayor of the City of Broussard in Lafayette Parish, in the October 2, 2017 election, for failure to file his 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the $1,000 late fee, since Mayor Langlinais was not required to file the report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-600 for a waiver of the $1,000 and $400 late fees assessed against Jacob Colby Perry, a candidate for Aldermen, Town of Welsh in Jefferson Davis Parish, in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing his 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports.
63 and 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $1,000 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report and declined to waive the $400 late fees 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. 17-640 for a waiver of a $600 late fee assessed against Eldon “El” Anderson, a candidate for Orleans Parish School Board, District 5 in Orleans Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, for filing the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the $600 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205D of the Board.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-662 for a waiver of the $1,400 late fee assessed against Sheet Metal Workers Local 214 PAC Fund, a political action committee, its Committee Chairperson, Damien Salassi; and, Treasurer, Paul Howard; for filing the April 2016 monthly report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $1,400 late fee, but suspended $900 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. 17-062 for a waiver of the $2,000 and $1,000 late fees assessed
against United Ballot and its Committee’s Chairperson, Chris Williams, for filing the EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports for the November 8, 2016 election 17 and 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $2,000 and $1,000 late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-405 for a waiver of the $1,000 late fee assessed against Geraldine “Geri” Broussard Baloney, a candidate for Attorney General in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 35 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. 17-409 for a waiver of the $400 late fee assessed against Brandon “B.J.” Johnson, a candidate for City of Monroe School Board, District 6, Ouachita Parish, for filing the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 26 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-546 for a waiver of the $600 late fee assessed against Charles E. “Chuck” Toney Jr., a candidate for State Representative, District 92, Jefferson/St. Charles Parish, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 20 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. 17-569 for a waiver of the $400 and $480 late fees assessed against Clayton “Snookie” Faucheux, a candidate for St. Charles Parish President, for filing the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports 5 and 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $400 and $480 late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-598 for a waiver of the $360 late fee assessed against Royce Toney, a candidate for an undecided office in a future election, for filing the 2016 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $360 late fee.

Chairman McAnelly vacated the Chair and recused himself from consideration of Docket No. 17-599. Vice Chairman Michiels assumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-599 for a waiver of the $600 late fee assessed against Paulette “Porter” LaBostrie, a candidate for Ascension Parish Assessor; the Committee Chairperson, Ervin A. LaBostrie; and, Treasurer, Willis Sawyer; for filing the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 16 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.

Chairman McAnelly resumed the Chair.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of
late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Lobbyist 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 Lobbyist Waiver Chart, excluding Docket No. 17-443, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-594 for a waiver of the $400 late fee assessed against Kathy Chittom for filing the February 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the $400 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-602 for a waiver of the $300 late fee assessed against Dayna Haynie for filing her Lobbyist Registration 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the $300 late fee, since it was Ms. Haynie’s first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-613 for a waiver of the $1,250 late fee assessed against Vanessa Spinazola for filing her Lobbyist Registration 25 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the $1,250 late fee, since it was Ms. Spinazola’s first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-443 for a waiver of the $1,050 and $500 late fees assessed against David Vitter for filing his Lobbyist Registration 21 days late and for filing the February 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the August meeting to allow for an appearance.
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. 17-588 and 17-593, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-585 from Steven Edwards of a $400 late fee;
Docket No. 17-587 from Zelko Franks II of two (2) $1,500 late fees; and,
Docket No. 17-592 from Glenn Goudeau of a $450 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-586 for a waiver of the $500 late fee assessed against Jan K. Byland, a board member of the Children’s Trust Fund, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $500 late fee, but suspended the entire late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-590 for a waiver of the $1,500 late fee assessed against Edna Webb, a member of the Coushatta Town Council in Red River Parish, for filing the 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 75 days late. On motion, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $1,500 late fee, but suspended the entire late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-591 for a waiver of a $400 late fee assessed against Gifford Briggs, a member of the Lafayette Charter Foundation, for filing a 2015 Tier 3
Annual personal financial disclosure statement 8 days late. On motion, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $400 late fee, but suspended the entire late fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of the enacted legislation for the 2017 Regular Legislative Session affecting the laws administered by the Board of Ethics, including the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and the Legislative, Executive, and Local Lobbying Disclosure Acts. Ms. Allen provided to the Board a copy of the form for charitable giving pursuant to Section 1111.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics that had been created.

Chairman McAnelly appointed Board members Bruneau, Brandon, Michiels and J. Smith to serve as members of the Disclosure Committee. It was suggested that the Committee could meet prior to the Thursday Board meetings. The Board discussed the possible subject topics from prior board meeting on forms relating to Campaign Finance and Personal Financial Disclosure.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session.

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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

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The Board unanimously resolved into general session and adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

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