

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
July 7, 2023

The Board of Ethics met on July 7, 2023 at 9:05 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 Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Grand, Grimley, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Couvillon, Ellis and Lavastida were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Mallory Guillot, LaToya Jordan and Charles Reeves.

James Russell Fatic, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-551 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$1,050 of a \$1,500 late fee, based on future compliance, assessed against St. Tammany Community Action Agency, for filing the 2018 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 489 days late. After hearing from Mr. Fatic, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee and instructed the staff to advise that the board members of the St. Tammany Parish Community Action Agency Advisory Board are not required to file.

Edward “Ted” C. James, II, former Representative/ District 101, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-186 requesting that the Board waive the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Mr. James, for filing his 2020 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 10 days late. After hearing from Mr. James, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Alesia Ardoin, attorney representing Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association – Local 1374 – International Association of Fire Fighters (“Union”), and Mr. Robert Burkett, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-435 regarding the submission of an Application for

Declaratory Opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Union from paying for legal services in connection with the representation of its members in matters before the Civil Service Board while one of its Officers or Trustee serves as an elected member of the Civil Service Board. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin and Mr. Burkett, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to conduct a public hearing on the Declaratory Opinion at the November 3, 2023 Board meeting, directed the parties to submit memorandums by October 6, 2023, and designated Attorney Guillot to draft the Declaratory Opinion for the Board's consideration at its December Board Meeting.

John Schweitzer, former employee of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services within the Louisiana Workforce Commission ("LRS"), appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-207 regarding the post-employment restrictions. After hearing from Mr. Schweitzer, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Schweitzer for a period of two years from his retirement, from assisting another person for compensation in a transaction involving the State of Louisiana, if he participated in that transaction while employed by LRS. However, Mr. Schweitzer is not prohibited from assisting third parties in new transactions involving the Bureau of Community Rehabilitation Program/Employment Development of LRS.

Melissa Gueldner, former member of the Ponchatoula City Council, appeared before the Board regarding an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-409 regarding a newspaper she owns serving as the official journal for the City of Ponchatoula. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board moved Docket No. 23-409 until later in meeting so Ms Guelner has some time to review the draft opinion.

Danielle Lax, representing the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparation Board, appeared before the Board in Docket 23-427 regarding an advisory opinion request from Judy Dupuy, Chair of the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits appointed board members from providing services to clients and being reimbursed through the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board. After hearing from Ms. Lax, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Reparations Board from assisting clients for compensation in transactions involving the Reparations Board [1111(E)(1)]; prohibits members of the Reparations Board from providing compensated services to clients who seek financial payment from the Reparations Board [1111(C)(2)(d)]; prohibits appointed members of the Reparations Board from seeking reimbursement of costs through the Reparations Board [1113(B)]; and prohibits members of the Reparations Board from participating in any transaction in which a client has a substantial economic interest [1112(B)(5)]. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit members of the Reparations Board from participating in the discussion regarding the creation of rules and regulations of the Reparations Board, provided that no individual Reparations Board member has a substantial economic interest that is greater than any general class of individuals who are subject to the rules & regulations of the Reparations Board. The Board further advised that if any individual member of the Reparations Board has a concern regarding a specific situation, that member should seek an individual advisory opinion.

Martha Cazaubon, St. Tammany Parish Council/District 3, appeared before the board in Docket No. 23-285 regarding a waiver request for the following: a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2019 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 580 days late; a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 181 days late;

and, a \$800 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 8 days late. After hearing from Ms. Cazaubon, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the 2019 fees based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics; suspended all but \$750 of the 2020 fees based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and payment within 20 days; and, declined to waive the \$800 of the 2021 late fee.

The Board returned to Docket No. 23-409 to hear from Melissa Gueldner after she reviewed the draft of the advisory opinion. After hearing from Ms. Gueldner, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future board meeting.

Michelle Kendall, Hammond Downtown Development District (“DDD”), appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-334 regarding an advisory opinion request on potential transactions with members of the DDD Design Review Committee (“Committee”). After hearing from Ms. Kendall, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Committee from entering into transactions with the DDD to the extent that such transactions are under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Committee.

The Board took a recess from 10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Board Member Scott was out of the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G4-G22 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 G4-G22, excluding items G7, G17 and G19 taking the following

action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-537 from Scott Franklin, Sheriff of LaSalle Parish, as to whether he may acquire an ownership interest in the official journal of record for LaSalle Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion due to lack of information.

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-311 from Jon Guice on behalf of the Grant Parish School Board regarding the potential hiring of Amanda Slaughter as Superintendent, since Ms. Slaughter was not chosen as Superintendent.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-365 from Terry Stuard, Fire Chief of the St. Tammany Parish Fire District No. 12, regarding the appointment of a new board member. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the appointment of Kevin Perilloux as a member of the Fire District Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-387 submitted by Hannah Honeycutt Calandro on behalf of the Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 ("District"), concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the District from accepting the bid of a company that employs a District board member. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Robert Borne from maintaining his District membership and employment with the SJB Group, LLC should it decide to submit a response to Request for Qualifications.

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-405 submitted by Cody J. Blanchard, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits

a successful candidate for the Louisiana Legislature from maintaining contracts with persons who receive state funding.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-407 from Christopher Pulaski, Director of Planning & Zoning for Terrebonne Parish Government, regarding his step-sister submitting a bid to a Request for Proposal issued by the Planning & Zoning Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded Mr. Pulaski's step-sister is not prohibited from bidding on or entering into a contract to provide painting services with the Terrebonne Planning & Zoning Department.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-426 submitted by from Melinda Richard, an employee of Louisiana Department of Health, regarding outside consulting services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Richard from providing Lean Six Sigma consulting services to third parties, including the credit union, outside of her normal work hours. The Board advised that, if a specific situation arises which presents a potential violation of these provisions, Ms. Richard should seek an updated advisory opinion.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-428 submitted by Reshell Lambert on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Port as to the potential hiring of Jordan Nielsen while her mother, Christie Nielsen, is employed as Director of Administration. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jordan Nielsen, from being employed in her mother's agency, the Port District Department of Administration.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-430 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Silas Cooper, President/CEO of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts from becoming an ambassador of the 2023 New Orleans Men Wear Pink organization of the American Cancer Society. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Mr. Cooper to serve as an Ambassador for the Men Wear Pink organization of the American Cancer Society, as long as he does not solicit and/or accept donations from those persons listed in Sections 1115A and 1115B of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-432 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the brother of Paul G. Landry, Iberia Parish Councilman, to be employed with the Planning and Zoning Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Landry's brother from being employed with the Iberia Parish government while Mr. Landry serves as a member of the Iberia Parish Council. If Mr. Landry resigns as member of the parish council, his brother could be employed by the Planning and Zoning Department after his resignation.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-434 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Deborah Gale McCloud, a member of the Bogalusa Planning and Zoning Commission from also serving as a member of the State Democratic Party Central Committee and the Washington Parish Democratic Committee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. McCloud from serving as an appointed member of

the Bogalusa Planning and Zoning Commission while also serving as an elected member of the State Democratic Party Central Committee and the Washington Parish Democratic Committee. The Board suggested that she may want to seek advice on Dual Office Holding Laws either with her local District Attorney or the Attorney General's Office.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-473 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Darrell Moore to perform road design work for a consultant after retirement from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions contained in Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Moore, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which he participated at any time during his public employment with DOTD and involving the State of Louisiana. Mr. Moore is also prohibited, for that same two year period, from rendering any service which he had rendered to the Road Design Section of the DOTD during the term of his public employment on a contractual basis, regardless of the parties to the contract, to, for, or on behalf of the Road Design Section of the DOTD.

Board Member Scott returned to the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-312 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a volunteer fireman of the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Co. #1 ("Fire Company") from being appointed to the Board of Directors of the Fire Company. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that as

long as Eugene Jones receives no compensation for his services as a volunteer fireman, he is not prohibited from being appointed to the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Co. #1 Board of Directors.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-429 submitted by Charles Tate, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits his state employment while he and his Company, Jasmine Consulting, LLC have a contractual/business relationship with the Louisiana Housing Corporation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Charles Tate from accepting employment with the Louisiana Housing Corporation and having contracts with other agencies; and, from accepting a position specified in Section 1113(D)(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and completing the contracts he currently has. The Board also affirmed the advisory opinion rendered in Docket No. 16-531 since the law has not changed..

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-431 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Hannah Gentry from working as a patrolman for the Youngsville Police Department while her fiancé is also employed as a patrolman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Gentry and Mr. Romero from both working for the Youngsville Police Department as patrolmen on the same or opposite shifts and details while engaged or married since neither are an agency head. The Board cautioned that neither should participate in a matter involving the Youngsville Police Department in which the other has an economic interest.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G23 – G24 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 G23-G24, taking the following action:

The Board considered a personal financial disclosure answer in Docket No. 23-370 submitted by Bryon Juneau in response to a Notice of Delinquency regarding his failure to file a 2021 Tier 2.1 Personal financial disclosure. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to advise Mr. Juneau that he is required to file a 2021 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure.

The Board considered a personal financial disclosure answer in Docket No. 23-386 regarding whether members of the Monroe Housing Authority are required to file Personal financial disclosures pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Board Member Bryant recused herself from voting on Docket No. 23-386. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to advise Beverly Lewis and other members of the Monroe City Housing Authority that they are required to file personal financial disclosures pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the June 1st and June 2nd, 2023 meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G26 – G31 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 withdrew the en globo action on items G26 – G31.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket 22-251 regarding Dan Ford, the parent of a teacher at Youree Drive Middle School, entering into transactions with the school. Dan Ford executed the consent opinion admitting to a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion with no civil penalty.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-055 regarding as to whether Tiffany Marshall can continue her employment as a staff pharmacist at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center while also serving as the full-time Pharmacy Director for Humana Louisiana Medicaid. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board denied reconsideration and affirmed the original advisory opinion concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Marshall from serving as Humana Pharmacy Director while also working as a part-time staff pharmacist at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-338 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits a former Livingston Parish Council member to be employed by the Parish President's Administration following termination of their term as a council member. A motion was made to accept draft option # 1, and was seconded, but failed by a vote of 5 nays by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Roberts and Speer and three yays by Board Members Grand, Grimley and Scott. On motion made, seconded and unanimous passed, the Board adopted the second proposed advisory opinion concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Tracy Girlinghouse, a council member, from being employed by the executive branch of government, the Livingston Parish President's Administration, as Chief of Staff to the Livingston Parish President, following the end of her term as a council member.

The Ethics Administrator advised the Board in Docket No. 23-339 that the instructions to the Candidate's Report form were approved by the Legislative Oversight Committee. The Board thanked staff for working on these changes.

The Board considered proposed changes to the Personal Financial Disclosure, Hospital Service District Disclosure, and School Board Disclosure Waiver Guidelines. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted each of the three guidelines proposed by Tracy Barker.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to promulgate the proposed rules with respect to the implementation of Act 241 (with changes to Section 1. d.) to account for those forms filed by public servants.

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 item G32, 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 G32, excluding Docket Nos. 22-718, 22-816, 22-983, 23-279, 23-280, 23-282, 23-362 and 23-363 taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

- Docket No. 22-721 from Ian Cotten, 10-P of a \$600 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-082 from Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Special of a \$480 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-082 from Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Special of a \$520 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-250 from Michael Hebert Jr., Special of a \$480 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-250 from Michael Hebert Jr., Special of a \$280 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-255 from Drake H. Graves, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-255 from Drake H. Graves, 2019 SUPP of a \$2,000 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-315 from David Tatman, Special of a \$840 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-316 from David McDavid, Special of a \$480 late fee;

Docket No. 23-316 from David McDavid, Special of a \$400 late fee; and,
Docket No. 23-364 from Wendy Williams Dupont, 40-G of a \$480 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$600 the following late fee based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 23-361 from Javon Charles, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$1,000 the following late fee based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 23-385 from Lambert C. Boissiere, Jr. 2022 SUPP of a \$1,300 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-718 regarding a \$2,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against NOLA Defenders for Equal Justice LLC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kendall P. Green, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report for the November 13, 2021 election was filed 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-816 regarding the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Harold Bodenheimer, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of Kenner, Jefferson Parish in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the late fee to \$100 based on financial hardship.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-983 regarding the \$180 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lorenzo Davis, Sr., an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor, City of Alexandria,

Rapides Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-279 regarding the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ryan Romero, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, District 5, City of Broussard, Lafayette & St. Martin Parishes, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-280 regarding the \$320 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brian Sacksteder, an unsuccessful candidate for Council Member, Division C, City of Westlake, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-282 regarding the \$700 and \$1,300 campaign finance late fees assessed against Mark John Shea, a successful candidate for Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court Division D, Orleans Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 7 and 13 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-362 regarding the \$280 campaign finance late fee

assessed against Floyd Ford, in his capacity as a candidate for Alderman, District B, City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-363 regarding the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Gerald Allen, a successful candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Blanchard, Caddo Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

Board Member Baños left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of Lobbying late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G33 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 G33, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the lobbying late fees of the following:

Docket 23-410 Sarah Perkins, March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report, \$50 late fee;
Docket 23-411 Peyton Rose Michelle, 2023 Lobbying Registration, \$100 late fee;
Docket 23-412 Bill Robertson, March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report, \$300 late fee;
and,
Docket 23-433 Matthew Byrd, March 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report, \$200 late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G34 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 in G34, excluding Docket Nos. 23-235, 23-245, 23-284 and 23-355 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance for the following:

Docket 23-233 James T. "Jim" Harper, 2020 Tier 2.1, 282 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-234 Michele M. Guillot, 2020 Tier 3, 195 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 23-237 Marian H. Pierre, 2020 Tier 2.1, 396 days late of \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-238 Percy L. Edler, Jr., 2020 Tier 3, 33 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 23-243 Clerice "Clo" Lacy, Amend 2020 Tier 2, 7 days late of a \$700 late fee;
Docket 23-244 Fredman Hardy, Jr., 2021 Tier 2, 151 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 23-286 Janice Fultz Richards, Amend 2020 Tier 2, 3 days late of a \$300 late fee;
and,
Docket 23-354 Beverly Norwood-Matheney, 2020 Tier 3, 487 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to waive all of the personal financial disclosure late fees for the following:

Docket 23-241 Maurice Leo "Scooter" Keen, Amend 2020 Tier 2, 333 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 23-247 Ronald Louis "Ronnie" Hayes, 2020 Tier 3, 349 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 23-248 Dawn Denise Gray, Amend 2019 Tier 3, 17 days late of a \$850 late fee;
Docket 23-287 Jonathan E. Mitchell, 2019 Tier 2.1, 691 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-288 Lennis Smith Elston, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 435 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-318 Jocelyn Renea Austin Duffin, Amend 2017 Tier 2.1, 202 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket 23-318 Jocelyn Renea Austin Duffin, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 202 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

Board Member Colomb left meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-235 submitted by Curtis Wayne Duke, Constable / Ward 6 / Ouachita Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 141 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Board Member Colomb returned to the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-245 submitted by Charles L. Gray, Bossier Parish Police Jury / District 9, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 189 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-284 submitted by Keith Copelin Ferdinand, M.D., Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 277 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-355 submitted by Shalon Ray Latour, candidate for Public Service Commission / District 4 in the November 8, 2022 election, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 96 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 23-319 submitted by Alan C. Arnold, New Orleans Board of Liquidation and Debt, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely waiver request.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for waiver reconsiderations of late fees assessed

against the individuals included in item G36, 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 G36, excluding Docket No. 21-804, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 22-904 regarding its decision to decline to waive a \$520 campaign finance late fee assessed against William E. "Bill" Willson, unopposed candidate for Member of School Board, District 3, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 23-184 regarding its decision to decline to waive a \$100 late fee assessed against Adam Ducote for the late filing of the December 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 21-804 regarding its decision to decline to waive a \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Stephanie Bridges, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K, Orleans Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered the following items on the General Supplemental Agenda.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-366 from Rory Bellina on behalf of CRC Logistic Services, Inc. (“CRC”) and from Michael Powers on behalf of the City of Kenner, regarding the purchase of property by CRC while former City employee, Adam Campo, is an employee of CRC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1121(C) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits CRC, for a period of two years following Adam Campo’s resignation, from assisting another person for compensation in a transaction in which Adam Campo participated while employed by the City of Kenner

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-561 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Audrey Pugh from applying for the Children and Youth Resilience Challenge Award while working for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Pugh from applying for the Children and Youth Resilience Challenge Award provided the Division of Family Support, specifically TANF, has no supervision or jurisdiction over the transaction.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board added Docket No. 23-408 to the agenda.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-408 regarding whether a fine assessed against Charles Kleckley’s campaign account may be paid by a political committee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the fine assessed against Mr. Kleckley’s campaign account may only be paid by Mr. Kleckley or Mr. Kleckley’s campaign account.

Kathleen Allen announced that Attorney Suzanne Mooney will be resigning on July 21, 2023. There will be a posting for the attorney position forthcoming. The Board extended best wishes to Mrs. Mooney.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairwoman