

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
June 2, 2023

The Board of Ethics met on June 2, 2023 at 9:04 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 Couvillon, Grand, Grimley, Lavastida, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb and Ellis were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, LaToya Jordan and Charles Reeves.

Board Member Colomb arrived to the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Cary Koch, LA Loggers PAC, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 22-260 regarding a request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against LA Loggers PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Josh McAllister, and treasurer, Spencer Garr, whose June 2019 Monthly campaign finance reports was filed 5 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Koch, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance.

William Wallis appeared before the Board in Docket No. 22-826 requesting that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mr. Wallis, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 78th Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance

Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Wallis, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

Leslie Schiff, attorney for the Lafayette Center Development District d/b/a Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) and Miles Matt, Secretary for the DDA, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-218 requesting an advisory opinion regarding to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit DDA board members from participating in certain transactions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to allow time for Mr. Schiff and Mr. Matt to review the advisory opinion draft.

Olivia Marchand, representative with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-220 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit certain transactions and/or participation involving a company that employs an immediate family member of John Rayer, who is an employee with DOTD. After hearing from Ms. Marchand, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed advisory opinion with a correction and concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does prohibit Mr. Rayer’s father’s company, Shavers-Whittle Construction, LLC from entering into transactions with DOTD to the extent that such contract would be subject to supervision of DOTD Section 24.

The Board returned to Docket No. 23-218 to hear from Leslie Schiff and Miles Matt after they reviewed the draft of the advisory opinion. After hearing from Mr. Schiff and Mr. Matt, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to obtain more information.

The Board took a recess from 10:22 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on

items G5-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 G5-G19, excluding items G7, G9, G11, G13, G14 and G19 taking the following action:

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-058 from Erick Knezek regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an individual from serving as a member of the Lafayette Parish School Board while his wife's law firm represents the Lafayette Parish School System.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-163 from Dr. James Hussey, the Medical Director for the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), Department of Health (LDH), regarding contract work following his retirement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions of Section 1121B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) will be in effect for a period of two years following the termination of Dr. Hussey's public employment as Medical Director of OBH. Should a specific situation arise which presents a potential violation of those provisions, the Board advised that Dr. Hussey should seek an updated advisory opinion. The answers to Dr. Hussey's specific questions are as follows:

1. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) prohibits Dr. Hussey from contracting with OBH/LDH under a professional or social services contract to perform duties similar/related to the ones Dr. Hussey performed when employed with OBH.
2. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) prohibits Dr. Hussey from contracting with LDH/OBH to be a part-time Medical Director in OBH.
3. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) does not prohibit Dr. Hussey from assisting any of the Local Governing Entities(LGEs)/Human Service Districts in a transaction or in an appearance with a transaction, in which Dr. Hussey participated during his public employment, involving the State of

Louisiana, since the LGEs/Human Service Districts are not persons for purposes of the Code. Further, La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) does not prohibit y Dr. Hussey from contracting with the LGEs/Human Service Districts, provided Dr. Hussey is not rendering the same services back to OBH through such contracts.

4. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) prohibits Dr. Hussey from assisting any Mental Health Rehabilitation providers in a transaction or in an appearance with a transaction, in which Dr. Hussey participated during his public employment, involving the State of Louisiana.
5. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) prohibits Dr. Hussey from assisting any Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in a transaction or in an appearance with a transaction, in which he participated during his public employment, involving the State of Louisiana.
6. La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) prohibits Dr. Hussey from assisting any Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Association in a transaction or in an appearance with a transaction, in which he participated during his public employment, involving the State of Louisiana.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-261 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Leah Hood to obtain outside employment with the Louisiana Mental Health Association (Association). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Hood from being employed by the Association for providing services as a Certified Target Health Facilitator, provided that she has not participated in the Target Health Whole Management Program as a public servant with the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-289 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Tempest Jackson from being employed as a Housing Specialist with the Patterson Housing Authority. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Jackson from being employed with the Patterson Housing Authority, while her daughter-in-law serves as a commissioner for the Patterson Housing Authority.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-291 submitted by Bryan James Marie, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits various post-employment activities subsequent to his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ("LDWF"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded answering the following questions:

1. The Code does not prohibit Mr. Marie from purchasing oyster leases from individuals or family members.
2. The Code does not prohibit Mr. Marie from obtaining a commercial fishing license.
3. The Code does not prohibit Mr. Marie from being employed by or otherwise holding a position with a commercial fishing company, because his public employment did not involve participating in commercial fishing.
4. The Code does not prohibit Mr. Marie from serving as a surveillance officer for oyster relay permits, because his public employment did not involve oyster relay permit surveillance.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-333 regarding whether immediate family members working for ADAPT, Inc. are subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that ADAPT, Inc. neither is a private-nonprofit and not a public entity for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics, nor are its employees subject to the provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-335 submitted by John James Clark, President of the Amite River Basin Commission ("ARBC") as to whether he may be employed by ARBC as its Executive Director. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of

Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Clark from being employed as the Executive Director of ARBC during his service as an ARBC member and for a period of two years following the termination of your service as an ARBC member.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-336 submitted by Md Nazmul Azim Beg, PhD, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits his employment at Michael Baker International. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Dr. Beg from being employed by Michael Baker International and does not place any prohibitions on Mr. Beg's post-Tulane employment at LWI since Tulane University is a private entity and its employees are not subject to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-337 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit a former employee of the Floodplain Management Department (FMD) of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) from assisting an engineer firm in contracts with DOTD. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jeannette Clark, for two years from the termination of her employment with FMD, from assisting Quality Engineering and Surveying (QES) in transactions with FMD related to matters that she participated in while employed by FMD. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Clark from assisting QES in transactions with FMD that are unrelated to matters that she participated in while employed by FMD.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-217 submitted by Isral C. Duke regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from starting a business while maintaining his employment with the Louisiana Office of Technology Services

(OTS). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Duke from creating a side business, which would offer website and software design services to website owners.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-275 regarding Vic Lafont being employed by both the South Louisiana Economic Council and Nichol's State University. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed for the withdrawal of the advisory opinion since Mr. Lafont is no longer seeking dual employment.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-290 on behalf of the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation regarding board member Roger Watkins receiving compensation from b1BANK. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, Roger Watkins is not prohibited from being employed as Vice President of b1BANK, provided that he recuses himself from voting in favor of b1Bank, and discloses the reason by forwarding a disclosure form (Form 402) to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Watkins is also required to file a Form 405 annually by May 15th in accordance with La. R.S. 42:1114A disclosing income he received from b1Bank in the prior calendar year.

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 from being appointed to the Board of Directors for the Fire Company. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to obtain additional information.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-313 from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) concerning employees' outside

employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the employees from performing radiation inspection services for the State of Washington under the proposed arrangement while they remain LDEQ employees.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-344 submitted by Dain Gillen, P.E., concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from providing professional engineering services, through Neel-Schaffer, Inc., on the Calcasieu-Sabine Large-Scale Marsh and Hydrologic Restoration Project (State Project No. CS-87) after the termination of his public employment with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Dain Gillen, P.E., from providing professional engineering services on the Calcasieu-Sabine Large-Scale Marsh and Hydrologic Restoration Project (State Project No. CS-87) or any future projects on which he had no previous involvement, since he was not an agency head.

The Board considered an answer in Docket No. 23-112 submitted by Mary Ann Wiggins, former member of John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission, regarding her failure to amend her 2019 Tier 2.1 annual and failure to file her 2021 Tier 2.1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to advise Ms. Wiggins that she is not required to file any remaining outstanding reports.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 4th and May 5th, 2023 meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on

items G22 – 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 G22-G24, taking the following action:

The Board considered consent opinion in Docket 19-592 regarding Alton McClinton, a code enforcement inspector for Jefferson Parish, receiving a thing of economic value to ignore zoning violations and falsify inspection reports. Mr. McClinton has signed the consent opinion and a confession of judgement agreeing to a civil penalty of \$500. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered consent opinion in Docket No. 21-726 regarding Lisa Cooper receiving a thing of economic value from an account belonging to the Cottonport Housing Authority that she was not duly authorized to receive for the performance of her duties. Ms. Cooper executed the consent opinion admitting to a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics with no civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered consent opinion in Docket No. 22-209 regarding Fernest Martin, City Marshal for the City of Jeanerette in Iberia Parish. Mr. Martin has signed the consent opinion and paid the civil penalty of \$500. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-338 regarding as to 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. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until the July meeting.

The Board considered changes in Docket No. 23-339 regarding the instructions to the Candidate's Report form. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board amended to add consideration of changes to the Statement of Organization. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board proposed changing the Candidate's Report form instructions to advise candidates to indicate "Former Candidate" or "Not Currently Seeking Office" if they are not currently running for a specific office. Also on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted staff recommendation to change the Statement of Organization to provide a check box for political committees that support multiple candidates.

Kathleen provided an update on legislation enacted during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

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 G28, en globo, subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G28, excluding Docket Nos. 23-251 and 23-281 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. 22-528 from Jacob Oakley, 10-P of a \$60 late fee;

Docket No. 23-276 from Tyrin Truong, 30-P of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 23-278 from James Keith Bates, 30-P of a \$660 late fee; and,
Docket No. 23-278 from James Keith Bates, 10-G of a \$600 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$400 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. 22-908 from Jesse Garrett Regan, SUPP 2021 of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 23-230 from Kenny James Suire, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously suspended all but \$100, based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, for the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 23-083 from John L. Barthelemy, Jr., 30-P of a \$280 late fee;
Docket No. 23-083 from John L. Barthelemy, Jr., 10-P of a \$320 late fee;
Docket No. 23-083 from John L. Barthelemy, Jr., 10-G of a \$320 late fee; and,
Docket No. 23-283 from Arthur Laughlin, 10-P of a 240 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously waived the campaign finance late fee against the following:

Docket 23-232 from Danielle Capritto, 10-G of a \$80 late fee; and,
Docket 23-277 from Willie Washington, Jr., 10-G of a \$80 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board suspended all but \$200, based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the campaign finance late fees against the following:

Docket 23-239 from James “Jimmy” Kytile, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee; and,
Docket 23-239 from James “Jimmy” Kytile, 10-P of a \$960 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously rescinded, based on Section 1205B(1) of the Rules for the Board of Ethics, and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket 23-283 from Arthur Laughlin, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-251 regarding the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Betty Washington, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District

7, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 23-251. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-281 regarding the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Mike Francis, a successful candidate for Public Service Commission, District 4, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,400 campaign finance late fee.

Board Member Lavastida left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G29, 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 G29, excluding Docket Nos. 22-673, 23-087, 23-097, 23-154, 23-155, 23-158, 23-174 and 23-178, taking the following action:

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

Docket 23-090 Amy Nicole Nonarski, 2020 Tier 2.1, 40 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-093 Willie J. Morgan, 2019 Tier 3, 354 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 23-096 Zachary Daniel “Zack” Howze, Amend 2019 Tier 3, 154 days late of \$500 late fee;
Docket 23-098 Richard Allen “Bay” Rhodes, 2020 Tier 3, 31 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 23-106 Alvin B. Cormier, 2020 Tier 2, 476 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 23-108 Hollis Conway, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 14 days late of a \$700 late fee;
Docket 23-109 Doris Alexander, 2020 Tier 3, 286 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-110 Charles “Chuck” Edward Toney, Jr., Amend 2020 Tier 3, 5 days late of a \$125 late fee;

Docket 23-141 Earl E. Webb Jr., 2020 Tier 3, 351 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-142 Gaynell C. Young, 2021 Tier 3, 37 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-156 Mark Manda, 2020 Tier 2.1, 416 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

Docket 23-177 Jacob Dustin “Jake” Halley, 2019 Tier 2.1, 658 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

Docket 23-185 Major Charles D. “Chuck” McNeal, 2020 Tier 2.1, 139 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

Docket 23-191 Gayle D. Fisher, 2018 Tier 2.1, 1119 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and,

Docket 23-193 Olivia S. Regard, 2020 Tier 2.1, 393 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

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

Docket 23-092 Phillip Michael Cavins, 2019 Tier 3, 311 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-094 T. “Dori” Telsee, 2021 Tier 3, failing to file of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-095 Ricky LaMar Coleman, 2020 Tier 3, 173 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-111 Eddie Ray Fountain, Sr., 2020 Tier 3, 308 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 23-157 Daniel Moore, 2020 Tier 3, 422 days late of a \$500 late fee;

and,

Docket 23-179 Bobby J. Washington, Amend 2019 Tier 3, 860 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$150 of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and payment within 20 days, assessed against the following:

Docket 23-093 Willie J. Morgan, 2020 Tier 3, 67 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$350 of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and payment within 20 days, assessed against the following:

Docket 23-194 Joseph Merritt, Jr., Amend 2020 Tier 3, 229 days late of a \$500 late fee.

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

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-673 submitted by Liacia M. Baaheth-Sylvain, former member of the Real Estate Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 67 days late. On

motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board withdrew 23-097, 23-154, 23-158, 23-174 and 23-181 as pulls and adopted staff recommendation.

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

Docket 23-154 Richard E. Moore, Jr., 2020 Tier 2, 83 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 23-174 Todd Gerald Chaisson, 2020 Tier 2.1, 317 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
and,
Docket 23-181 Paris C. Sumrall, Amend 2020 Tier 3, 118 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 23-097 James Benedict, 2019 Tier 3, 401 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and,
Docket 23-158 Alvonso Norwood, Amend 2021 Tier 3, 343 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-087 submitted by Rickey Adams, Avoyelles Parish School Board, District 7, regarding a \$200 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$200 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-155 submitted by Earnest Lee Freeman, Avoyelles Parish Tourist Commission, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 258 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 46 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the 2019 late fee and suspended all but \$250 of the 2020 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-178 submitted by Robert Roussel, former member of the Port of South Louisiana Commission, regarding a \$600 late fee

assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based of future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-099 submitted by Keith Anthony Jones, St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, regarding a \$550 late fee assessed for filing his 2022 School Board Disclosure 11 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. 23-100 submitted by Edna Mitchell "MaMa" Johnson, St. Martin Parish School Board, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 School Board Disclosure 83 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. 23-101 submitted by Barbara Crain Major, Orleans Parish School Board - Robert Russa Moton Charter School, regarding a \$600 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 School Board Disclosure 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 23-107 submitted by Treva Askey, former member of the Workforce Development Board, Seventh Planning District Consortium / Area #70, regarding a \$350 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-140 submitted by John Stone "Chip" Coulter, former member of the Workers Compensation Second Injury Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 356 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the \$1500 late fee for 2020 based on future compliance and suspended all but \$450 of the \$1500 late fee for 2021 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$450 late fee is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-175 submitted by Amber Michele Dugas, Denham Springs City Council, Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2020 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 142 days late; a \$100 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure 1 day late; and, a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 32 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive all of the late fees.

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

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 21-751 regarding the employment of Kevin Wilson in the Maintenance Department of the International Charter School while his brother, Sean Wilson, served as the head of school. Sean Wilson executed the consent opinion admitting to a violation of R.S. 1119 and 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and paid the civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for

publication the consent opinion and dismissed the charges against Sean Wilson pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered the consent opinion in Docket No. 22-062 regarding Gordon Atwell and Ashley van der Meulen, members of the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors related to violations of Sections 1111C(2)(d) and Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Mr. Atwell and Mr. van der Meulen signed a consent opinion for violation of Sections 1111C(2)(d) and 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics and paid the \$1,500 civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinions.

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

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

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairwoman