

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
March 15, 2019

The Board of Ethics met on March 15, 2019 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 Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly and Meinert present. Absent were Board Members Roberts and Smith. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Greg Thibodeaux.

Mr. Richard Simmons, attorney for Walter P. Reed, a candidate for District Attorney, 22nd JDC, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1333 for a waiver of the two (2) \$2,500 late fees assessed against Mr. Reed for failure to timely file the 2016 and 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports. On motion made, seconded and passed, the Board agreed to also consider the request for a waiver of the \$1,200 late fee in connection with Mr. Reed's failure to timely file the 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. After hearing from Mr. Simmons, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two (2) \$2,500 late fees in connection with the 2016 and 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports and the \$1,200 late fee in connection with the 2018 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report but suspended all of the late fees conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board also agreed to consider the request for waiver of the two (2) \$2,500 late fees assessed against Mr. Reed in connection with his

failure to timely file the 2014 and 2015 Annual Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements. After hearing from Mr. Simmons, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two (2) \$2,500 late fees in connection with the 2014 and 2015 Annual Tier 2 personal financial disclosure statements but suspended all of the late fees conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Gerber Porter, a candidate for Councilman, District 2, City of Alexandria, in the November 6, 2018 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1541 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against him for filing the Special campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. After hearing from Mr. Porter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$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 for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1544 regarding Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr. using campaign funds to pay for costs associated with the Allen Ray Bolin Trial Advocacy Workshop. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the May meeting.

Mr. Major Thibaut, Pointe Coupee Parish President, and Mr. Henry Olinde, Jr., attorney, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-117 regarding the propriety of Mr. Thibaut receiving insurance commissions that result from a group health insurance contract with the Pointe Coupee Parish Hospital Service District No. 1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of 1111C2(d) or

1111E(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented and instructed the staff to return a drafted advisory opinion to the Board's April agenda for review and adoption.

Dr. Mary Livers, former Deputy Secretary of the Office of Juvenile Justice, appeared before the Board on behalf of Kim Bailey Barnette in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-172 regarding post-employment restrictions that would apply to Ms. Barnette after her retirement from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPSC). After hearing from Dr. Livers, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kim Bailey Barnette assisting Ashland University of Ohio (AU) with Louisiana jails and detention centers operated by local sheriffs' offices with respect to federally funded programs offered by AU, since they are separate agencies from the DPSC. However, Ms. Barnette would be prohibited from assisting AU in transactions with DPSC for two years following the date of her retirement.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to add a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-175 to the Board's agenda for consideration.

The Board recessed at 10:21 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Justin Ebarb, a biologist employed by the Private Lands Section of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF), appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-175 regarding whether he may provide nuisance trapping services for compensation while an employee of the LDWF. After hearing from Mr. Ebarb, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Ebarb providing nuisance trapping services for

compensation while employed by the LDWF Private Lands Section to persons with whom he interacts in his position with LDWF, since providing trapping services is not part of the programs, operations and responsibilities of his agency, the Private Lands Section. The Board further advised that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Ebarb from receiving private compensation from anyone who has or is seeking to have a contractual, or other business or financial relationship with the Private Lands Section, anyone whose operations or activities are regulated by the Private Lands Section or any person who has a substantial economic interest which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of his official duties.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G7-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 G7-G22, excluding items G8, G14, G20 and G21, taking the following action:

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-105 from Jonathan M. Rhodes regarding possible prohibitions of outside employment, since Mr. Rhodes's question as to whether an unclassified employee may engage in outside employment is not within the jurisdiction of the Board and he has received guidance from the City of New Orleans Chief Administrative Officer as to his inquiry.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-137 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jay King continuing his employment with Franklin Foundation

Hospital if he is elected as a Councilman in St. Mary Parish in the upcoming election. The Board further advised that this advisory opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office and suggested that Mr. King contact the Attorney General's Office for advice associated with the Dual Office Holding laws.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-140 concluding that Section 1115A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jay Banks from receiving complimentary Jazz Festival tickets while serving on the New Orleans City Council and as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, since the Foundation, on which he serves as a board member, has contracts with his agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-141 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jeremy Hidalgo continuing to serve as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the City of Broussard if he is elected to the Lafayette Parish Council. The Board further advised that this advisory opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office and suggested that Mr. Hidalgo contact the Attorney General's Office for advice associated with the Dual Office Holding laws.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-143 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jay Mallard or his business from bidding on or entering into a contract with the Jackson Parish Police Jury if he were appointed to the Watershed Board, since he would not be contracting with his agency, the Watershed Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-158 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Barry Lacy, an engineer currently employed by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), seeking employment with a consulting firm or governmental entities within two years after the termination of his public service, since he will not be working on any project that he participated in during his public employment nor rendering any service through contract back to DOTD that he rendered during his public service.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-160 concluding that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the employment of Brandi Dupuis as a part-time clerk with the Town of Henderson, since her mother-in-law, Sue Dupuis, serves as the Town Clerk and as such, is the agency head of that department. The Board further advised that Brandi Dupuis, is not an immediate family member of the Henderson Chief of Police, since a step-daughter is not considered to be an immediate family member as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-161 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Bernard Brown III working as an independent contractor with the Public Defender's Office while maintaining his full-time employment with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), since the Public Defender's Office is a separate agency from LDH.

Absent specific information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-171 regarding the Town of Gueydan entering into transactions with volunteer fire fighters and reserve police officers and instructed the staff to advise Myor Jude Reese to request a new opinion if a specific situation arises.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-173 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Carla Chiasson, the Grants Officer with St. Charles Parish Government, or her business, 2C's Consulting, LLC, from providing grant consulting to state and

local government agencies other than St. Charles Parish Government. Because 2C's Consulting would be contracting with agencies other than her own, there would be no violation of Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Further, by providing consulting services to agencies other than St. Charles Parish Government, Ms. Chiasson and 2C's Consulting would not be receiving anything of economic value for any service, the subject of which is devoted substantially to the responsibilities, programs or operations of her agency and in which she participated. Finally, the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Chiasson or 2C's Consulting from providing grant consulting to non-profit organizations or entities that do not have a contractual, business or financial relationship with St. Charles Parish Government.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-174 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Brenda Stanifer, Purchasing Agent for Plaquemines Parish, from purchasing or bidding on the assets disposed of or auctioned by Plaquemines Parish Government, since the transaction is under the supervision or jurisdiction of her agency as the Purchasing Agent.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-190 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Sandra Walker continuing her outside employment with Assertive Aspirations while serving as a Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Welfare Consultant, since Assertive Aspirations does not have a business, contractual or financial relationship with nor is it regulated by DCFS.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-106 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mark Alan Pope running for Lafayette City Council while working as a substitute radio talk-show host. The Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory

Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, further cautioned that should Mr. Pope hosting a radio talk-show result in a form of campaigning for his political election, then his "air time" might be viewed as an in-kind contribution and he would have to report same.

Board Member Meinert was excused from the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-159 concluding that Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Luanna Cambas, P.E., the District Laboratory Engineer for District 2 within the Department of Transportation (DOTD) in Bridge City, or her company, Pave Way, Inc., from receiving compensation for performing any services to or for District 2 Laboratory through a contract with the DOTD Materials & Testing Lab in Baton Rouge, LTRC, DOTD Contracts & Specifications Section, or DOTD Headquarters Construction Section for two years after her final date of public employment with the DOTD District 2, since she served as an agency head of the District 2 Laboratory. The Board further advised that Ms. Cambas would be prohibited from assisting any person for compensation, not including another governmental entity, in any transaction that she participated at any time with the District 2 Laboratory for two years from her final date of employment. This would include the transactions in which she participated through calls, meetings, or committees. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Cambas from being re-employed by the DOTD so long as it is not by the "Research Project Identification Committee" or "Project Review Committees" on which she served while employed by the DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-176 concluding that Section 1113A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jodi Stansbury, the spouse of Youngsville City Councilman Kenneth Stansbury, from being appointed to the Youngsville Beautification Committee (Committee) by the Youngsville City Council.

Absent specific facts, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-187 regarding board members of the Council on Aging St. Tammany, entering into transactions with the agency.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G23-G27 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G23-G27 taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-196 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Lynn Guidry, an architect recently appointed to the Lafayette Airport Commission, from participating as a Commissioner for the Lafayette Airport Commission on matters involving construction at the Lafayette Airport, provided that he does not have a personal substantial economic interest in the construction matters, and he or his firm does not have a contract or are owed money by the contractor. The Board further advised that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Lynn Guidry from receiving anything of economic value from the Lemoine Company or any other general contractor, while he serves on the Lafayette Airport Commission, while the Lemoine Company or any other contractor has a contractual, business or financial relationship with the Lafayette Airport Commission.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-197 regarding the receipt of donations which would be utilized as door prizes and ditty bags during the upcoming Louisiana Emergency Management Conference, which is co-sponsored by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the employees of GOHSEP who serve on the Louisiana Emergency

Management Conference Committee from soliciting any type of donation to be used as ditty bag items or door prizes from a person, provided that the person donating the prize is not a prohibited source. GOHSEP employees are also not prohibited from accepting any type of door prize awarded via a random drawing at the Louisiana Emergency Management Conference, provided that the person donating the prize is not a prohibited source. Finally, GOHSEP employees are not prohibited from accepting ditty bags containing promotional items such as cups, pens, and other items of no substantial resale value with imprinted company logos, even if the items were donated by prohibited sources, because these items are promotional items which have no substantial resale value.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-199 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Voice of the Experienced (VOTE) acting as fiscal agent for the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions Clinic while Norris Henderson, who served on the Justice Reinvestment Task Force and currently serves on the Governor's Advisory Council which was created by the Justice Reinvestment Task Force, serves as VOTE's Executive Director.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-208 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Robert Dale working for a consulting engineer, Atrovia, LLC, who is a subcontractor providing services to the Jefferson Parish Sewerage Department within two years of his departure from the Jefferson Parish Drainage/Pumping Stations Division, since Mr. Dale did not participate in any transactions involving the Sewerage Department while employed by the Drainage/Pumping Stations Division and the services are not being rendered to his former agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-235 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by B. Wayne Brown, a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, and any legal entity in which he has a substantial economic interest submitting an

application to the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the development of a Lafourche Parish multi-family rental housing project, since the transaction is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of Mr. Brown's agency, the LSU Board of Supervisors.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G28-G30 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 G28-G30 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 19-088 by Byron Adams, Jr., a former member of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Board, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Adams that he is not required to file a 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Mr. Adams' term expired on February 5, 2017 and he has not attended a meeting of the board since 2016.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 19-100 by Jonald Walker, III, a former member of the Chennault International Airport Authority, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Walker that he is required to file a 2017 and a 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since his term ended on June 30, 2018, and that failure to file will result in the assessment of late fees. The Board further instructed the staff to also advise Mr. Walker that a 2018 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure statement is due by May 15, 2019.

In connection with an Answer filed in Docket No. 19-182 by Douglas Dodt, member of the Jefferson Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee, instructed the staff to advise Mr.

Dodt that he is not required to file a 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since it does not appear based on the information submitted by Mr. Dodt that the Committee has the authority to expend, disburse or invest funds.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

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

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-758 regarding Delrice Jermaine Augustus, a former employee of the Department of Children and Family Services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Delrice Jermaine Augustus, a former employee of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his receipt of things of economic value, to which he was not duly entitled to receive, for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of his public position and in which no fine is to be imposed in light of the civil monetary penalty assessed in *US of America vs. Delrice J. Augustus*, Case No. 14-CR-00039, of \$155,305.24 in restitution to the DCFS. The Board further dismissed the charges against Delrice Jermaine Augustus pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 16-1071 regarding Doris Singleton, a former member of the Village of Clarence Board of Aldermen, participating in the hiring of her sister by the Village of Clarence. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Doris Singleton, a former member of the Village of Clarence Board of Aldermen, agrees that (1) a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code

of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her participation by seconding a motion made during the September 8, 2016 Village of Clarence council meeting to hire her immediate family member, Sue Davis, as Village Clerk for the Village of Clarence, while Sue Davis had a substantial economic interest in being hired by the Village of Clarence; (2) a violation of Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of Sue Davis, the immediate family member of Doris Singleton, being employed as the Village Clerk for the Village of Clarence while Doris Singleton served as Alderwoman and agency head for the Village of Clarence; and, (3) a violation of Section 1119B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of Sue Davis, the immediate family member of Doris Singleton, being employed as the Village Clerk for the Village of Clarence while Doris Singleton served as Alderwoman and a member of the governing authority for the Village of Clarence and in which Ms. Singleton agrees to pay a fine of \$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 further instructed the staff to dismiss the charges against Doris Singleton pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB) upon receipt of full payment of the \$500 fine.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 18-037 regarding the employment and supervision of the daughter of April Volpe with the Accounting Department of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office while April Volpe served as the supervisor in the Accounting Department with the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which April Volpe, in her capacity as the Accounting Deputy/Supervisor for the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, agrees that (1) a violation of Section 1119 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of the employment of her daughter, Emily Volpe, in the Accounting Department of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office

under the direct supervision of her mother; and, (2) a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her participation in the employment of her daughter, Emily Volpe, by requesting Sheriff Sam Craft hire daughter in the student worker program and by her participation in the approval and signing of all time sheets of her daughter, Emily Volpe, while she was employed with the Accounting Department of the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office and in which April Volpe agrees to pay a fine of \$500 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 considered a draft of a proposed advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1210 in connection with its decision rendered at the February 15, 2019 meeting regarding the use of campaign funds by Morgan Lamandre, a candidate for State Representative in the 2019 election, to pay for childcare expenses that she would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Leggio and McAnelly and 2 nays by Board Members Bruneau and Lavastida, for the reasons stated at the November 16, 2018 and February 15, 2019 meetings, the Board adopted the advisory opinion concluding that the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act does not prohibit the use of campaign funds to pay child care expenses that exist solely because of a person's participation as a candidate and which would not exist but for her campaign.

Ms. Jessica Monroe, an employee of Johnson & Johnson, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-198 regarding whether the Johnson & Johnson Global Community Impact team of volunteers can engage in a volunteer capacity to improve operations and data collection for better community development in the City of New

Orleans government. After hearing from Ms. Monroe, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Johnson & Johnson Global Community Impact team members providing assistance to the City of New Orleans Equipment Maintenance Division or the Office of Community Development. Based on the information provided, including the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Johnson & Johnson and the City of New Orleans, the Johnson & Johnson employees assigned to the City of New Orleans would not be considered public employees subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 19-074 from Versa Clark of an \$80 late fee;
Docket No. 19-075 from Bernadine St. Cyr of a \$720 late fee with the option of a payment plan;
Docket No. 19-166 from Sheila Crosby Wimberly of a \$40 late fee;
Docket No. 19-185 from Friends of Marlin Gusman PAC of a \$3,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 19-192 from Joy Nelson of a \$320 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1439 for a waiver of the \$40 and \$480 late fees assessed against Larry D. Morris, Jr., a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Minden in the November 6, 2018

election, for filing the 30-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 1 and 12 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$40 and \$480 late fees, since it was Mr. Morris' first election, he had no other late filings and he submitted documentation supporting his financial hardship claim.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1534 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Floyd "Y" Knott a candidate for St. Martin Parish School Board, District 9, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-071 for a waiver of the \$160 and \$200 late fees assessed against Calvin G. Battley, Sr., a candidate for Pointe Coupee Parish Council Member, District C in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 4 and 5 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$160 late fee in connection with the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$60 and declined to waive the \$200 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$100 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-078 for a waiver of the \$440 late fee assessed against Winston Florence, a candidate for Alderman, District B, City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 11 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$440 late fee but suspended \$340 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-082 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Lonnie LaBouve, a candidate for St. Mary Parish Sheriff, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-084 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Corey Orgeron, a candidate for Ascension Parish School Board, District 4, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 22 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$400 late fee but suspended \$300 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes

due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-114 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Cheryl Knott, a candidate for St. Martin Parish School Board, District 9, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$200 late fee but suspended \$100 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-115 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Alvin Bagby, a candidate for Madison Parish School Board, District 7, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-142 for a waiver of the \$360 late fee assessed against Sharetha "Reda" Houston, a candidate for Mayor, Town of Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes

due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-166 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Sheila Crosby Wimberly, a candidate for Caddo Parish School Board, District 12, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee but suspended \$220 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-191 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Amos J. Cormier, III, a candidate for Plaquemines Parish President, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-118 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee assessed against Sarah Omojola for the late filing of a November 2018 Expenditure Report and an untimely request for reconsideration of the Board's decision to suspend a \$1,500 late fee based on future compliance for the late filing of a Supplemental Registration report. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Colomb, Couvillon, Lavastida and Leggio and 3 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer and McAnelly, the Board (1) declined to waive the \$50 late fee in connection with the November 2018 Expenditure Report; and, (2) declined to reconsider its decision to suspend the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the Supplemental

Registration report and declined to reassess the late fee based on the November 2018 late filing.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure waiver chart taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-162 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Marshall Kent Deen, candidate for Chief of Police, Town of Ball, Rapides Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 79 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-177 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Stephen Glenn Taylor, a member of the Ward II Industrial Board, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-178 for a waiver of the \$1,350 late fee assessed against Tommie Norwood Gipson, Jr., a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority, for filing his 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 27 days late.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,350 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-179 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Claiborne Brass, a candidate for the Lutchet Board of Alderman, District 1, Division A, St. James Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 106 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-180 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Shalandra L. Allen, candidate for Mayor, Town of White Castle, Iberville Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 103 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-181 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Richard T. Hilliard, a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 37 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-183 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against Wendy O'Quin-Perrette, Mayor of Bogalusa, Washington Parish, for filing her

amended 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,300 late fee, since it was Ms. O'Quin-Perrette's first late filing and it involved the failure to disclose public income by exact dollar figure which she did disclose by category.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-184 for a waiver of the \$100 late fee assessed against Pamela McCann, a candidate for the Lafourche Parish School Board in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$100 late fee, since it was Ms. McCann's first late filing and involved an amendment for the failure to disclose public income by exact dollar figure which was disclosed by category.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 19-186 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Kelly P. Stalsby, a candidate for the Elizabeth Board of Aldermen, Allen Parish, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing her amended 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 18-1332 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Kenneth P. Garrett, Sr., a candidate for State Representative, District 102 in the October 24, 2015 election, who amended the 2017 Supplemental campaign finance report to accurately disclose the required information after the late fee was assessed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the request.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 13-712 against LaShawn Colligan, a former employee of the Louisiana Department of Insurance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 14-1337 against Broderick Fobbs, Head Football Coach for Grambling State University, and his father, Lee Fobbs.

The Board discussed the procedure used by the staff to process requests for advisory opinions and the manner in which the drafted opinions are prepared. Board Member Bruneau commented that he thought the drafted advisory opinion was work product and objected to releasing the drafted advisory opinion for public view before the Board has reviewed it.

Board Member Leggio was excused from the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Board Member Dittmer suggested that the process remain as it is but that a stronger disclaimer could be added to the drafted advisory opinion.

Board Member Bruneau instructed the staff to use the current procedure for the April agenda and to provide proposed stronger disclaimer language for the Board's review at the April meeting.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Secretary

Chairman

