

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
March 3, 2023

The Board of Ethics met on March 3, 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 Bryant, Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Grimley, Lavastida, Roberts, Scott and Speer present. Board Members Baños and Colomb 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, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Judge Raymond Childress and his wife Gayle appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-625 regarding an untimely request that the Board reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$500 of a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Raymond S. Childress, a successful candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division A, St. Tammany Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely request in Docket No. 21-625. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Judge Childress, a motion was made to reaffirm prior decision, seconded and failed by a vote of 6 nays by Board Members Bryant, Couvillon, Ellis, Grand, Grimley and Scott and 3 yeas by Board Members Lavastida, Roberts and Speer. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its prior decision to suspend all but \$500 of a \$1,000 late fee and to reduce the past fines totaling \$2,600 to \$1,000.

Harold L. Stewart Jr. appeared before the Board in Docket No. 21-694 requesting reconsideration of the Board's decision to suspend all but \$1,250 of a \$2,500 late fee, based on

future compliance, issued to him as a successful candidate for Gonzales Council Member, in the November 3, 2020 election, for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure 308 days late and the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 308 days late. After hearing from Mr. Stewart, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fees based on future compliance.

Judge Stephen J. "Steve" Windhorst appeared before the Board in Docket No. 22-934 requesting that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against him regarding his candidacy for Judge, Court of Appeal, 5th Circuit, 1st Dist., Sec. 1, Division E, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 92 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Judge Windhorst, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$500 of the \$2,500 late fee based on future compliance.

Norbert Chabert appeared before the Board representing Judge Tanner Magee in Docket No. 22-935 requesting that the Board waive the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tanner Magee, an unsuccessful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 1st Dist., Division D, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 103 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and after hearing from Mr. Chabert, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board deferred Docket No. 20-035 until next month.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 21-683 submitted by Sam DiVittorio, Hammond City Council, District 4, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his

2018 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 587 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.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G6-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 items G6-G28, excluding items G6, G7 and G24 taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-985 regarding whether Tracy Hilburn, a former employee of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP"), can start a company offering emergency planning consulting. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that for a period of two years following termination of Ms. Hilburn's public employment, she is prohibited from assisting another person, including her company, in a transaction in which she participated during her employment with the State or from rendering any service to the Regional Support Section of GOHSEP which she rendered while employed as an Area Manager.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-986 regarding whether the post-employment provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit the appointment of former Calcasieu Parish School Board member Mack Dellafosse to the Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 22-986. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion since the request involves past conduct.

The Board considered a request for approval of a Disqualification Plan in Docket No. 22-993 submitted by Matthew R. Lee of the LSU AgCenter, concerning spouses Hilton Waits and Shannan Waits. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the Disqualification Plan submitted. The Board has concluded that the Disqualification Plan is sufficient to prevent a violation of Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and is in compliance with Chapter 14 of the Rules for the Board. Additionally, given that Ms. Waits was employed for a year prior to Mr. Waits becoming an agency head, Ms. Waits' continued employment would not violate the nepotism laws.

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-995 submitted by R. DeMale Bowden, Jr., CFSP, CCSP.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-996 from Melissa Davis, Town Clerk for the Town of Rosepine in Vernon Parish, regarding her future marriage to Public Works Director Mike Numbers. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Davis or her future husband's continued employment with the Town of Rosepine following their marriage. However, after they are married, Ms. Davis is prohibited by Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from participating in any matter in which her husband has a substantial economic interest. Accordingly, the Board concluded that the proposed disqualification plan meets the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Title 52 of the Louisiana Administrative Code - Rules of the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-997 from Morgan City Police Department regarding the potential hire of the Mayor's son-in-law. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the

Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Hudson from being employed by Morgan City Police Department while Mayor Dragna serves as Mayor of the City.

The Board considered a request for approval of a Disqualification Plan in Docket No. 22-1003 involving the Superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Natchitoches Parish School Board can employ Lauren Eloi as a classroom teacher, since she is certified to teach, and that the proposed Disqualification Plan meets the requirements of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-1004 from Jon Guice on behalf of Franklin Parish School Board Superintendent John Gullatt regarding his son's company bidding on transactions with the Franklin Parish School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Snaps Textile Service LLC is prohibited by Section 1113(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Franklin Parish School Board, while J.B Gullatt owns greater than 25% of Snaps Textile Service LLC and his father, John Gullatt, is employed as Superintendent for Franklin Parish School Board.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 22-1005 submitted by Donald A. Daigle, the Wastewater Supervisor for the City of Alexandria, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Daigle from providing drafting services to residential developers, commercial developers, and engineers both in and outside of Alexandria, while he continues to serve as the Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Alexandria. Board Member Couvillon recused herself from voting on Docket No. 22-1005. On motion made,

seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Daigle from providing drafting services to residential developers, commercial developers, and engineers who he has reviewed for compliance. Otherwise, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Daigle from providing drafting services to those who are not regulated by his agency.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-1006 regarding the wife of the Town of Glenmora Fire Chief being elected Alderwoman for the Town. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Chief Jeff Botson has been employed by the Town for more than 1 year prior to Tina Johnson's elected service, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Chief Botson from continuing to serve as fire chief. The Code of Governmental Ethics does prohibit Ms. Johnson from participating in any matters in which Chief Botson has a substantial economic interest.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-1007 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Center for Literacy and Learning ("CLL") from contracting with the Washington Parish School System while Dr. John Wyble serves as the President of the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Dr. Wyble from receiving his compensation for services rendered as CEO of CLL if the Washington Parish School System enters into a contract with CLL for professional services to be rendered while Dr. Wyble serves as both CEO of CLL and a Washington Parish School Board member.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-002 regarding the Chairwoman of Lafayette City Council proposing an ordinance that is the subject of litigation involving the law firm that employs her son. On motion made, seconded and unanimously

passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Lafayette City Council Chairwoman, Nanette Cook, from introducing and voting on the proposed ordinance since her son has no ownership in the law firm and is not involved in the litigation.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-005 submitted by Rob McCorquodale, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit him from providing legal services to the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office ("CPSO") through a law firm after retiring as the in-house counsel for the CPSO. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 23-005. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. McCorquodale from providing legal services to the CPSO while employed at Stutes & Lavergne, for two years after his retirement from the CPSO.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-022 submitted by Captain Chad Guidry of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the supervisor of the Crime Scene Investigation Unity ("CSIU") Michele Smith from providing outside forensic consulting services while a civilian employee of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Smith from providing outside forensic consulting services to the Lynn Peavey Company, since that company supplies products to CSIU. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Smith from providing outside forensic consulting services to Tri-Tech Forensics, which has no relationship with CSIU.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-023 from Robin Wagner, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Aging and Adult Services

("OAAS") for the Louisiana Department of Health, related to post-employment restrictions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Robin Wagner from providing services to Advancing States, Inc. that it will use to fulfill its contract with OAAS, since Ms. Wagner did not participate in or provide those services while employed with OAAS.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-024 regarding Ronnie Dees, a former member of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Springhill, rendering towing services to the Springhill Police Department, which is under the supervision of an elected police chief. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ronnie Dees from rendering services to the Springhill Police Department within two years of his retirement as a member of the Springhill Board of Alderman.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-056 from Jacques Roy, Mayor for the City of Alexandria, regarding the continued lease of office space for his private law firm. Board Member Couvillon recused herself from voting on Docket No. 23-056. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mayor Roy's continued lease of office space from Richard Rozanski, through RICROZ Properties, LLC, presents no issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics. Further, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mayor Roy from signing the Professional Services Agreement in his capacity as Mayor for the City of Alexandria, since the contract is approved by the city council.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-057 submitted by Robert L. Allain, III, concerning whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits his company, Integrity Marine LLC, from entering into contracts with various political subdivisions.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Integrity Marine LLC from entering into a contract with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1, the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District, and the Terrebonne Port Commission.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-059 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Plaquemines Parish Councilman Patricia L. McCarthy from hiring Dale Adams while he serves as an appointed member of the Board of Commissioners of the Plaquemines Medical Center. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Adams' employment on the staff of Plaquemines Parish Council, District 5 is not prohibited. However, once he is employed, Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Adams as a public servant of Plaquemines Parish Council, District 5, from entering into any transaction such as his re-appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Plaquemines Medical Center.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-067 from Marshall Hevron on behalf of Sharon Clark, Charter Director of Sophie B. Wright High School in New Orleans, regarding her possible election as a member of the La. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1112(B)(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Clark from participating in any matter in which Sophie B. Wright High School has a substantial economic interest. Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics requires Ms. Clark to recuse herself from voting on any such matter. Ms. Clark would not be prohibited from participating in the discussion and debate of the matter, provided she discloses her relationship with Sophie B. Wright High School on the record prior to participating in the discussion or debate. Further, Ms.

Clark would not be prohibited from participating in matters involving charter schools, as long as the matters affect a general class of charter schools and not specifically Sophie B. Wright High School. The Board further cautioned that in the event Sophie B. Wright High School desires to enter into a charter agreement with BESE, Ms. Clark should seek a new advisory opinion as to the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-895 regarding whether Stephanie Cormane's family business, Cormane's Sewer Systems LLC, may transact business with Northwestern State University while she is employed in the Accounting and Reporting Department at Northwestern State University. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until staff receives the disqualification plan.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 22-982 regarding whether Patsy Jarreau can contract with the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners (“LSBME”) after retiring from the LSU Health Sciences Center. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Patsy Jarreau from contracting with LSBME.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-054 regarding members of the Church Point Housing Authority Board of Commissioners also serving as elected members of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Church Point in Acadia Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Joy Daigle and Dale Wimberly from continuing to serve as members of the Housing Authority Board now that they are elected members of the Church Point Board of Aldermen. However, they are prohibited from being reappointed to the Housing

Authority Board by the Mayor of Church Point while serving as elected members of the Church Point Board of Aldermen.

The Board considered a personal financial disclosure answer in Docket No. 22-763 filed by an attorney on behalf of Janet K. Jones, a former member of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District, regarding her receipt of a NOD requesting she file a 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to advise Janet Jones that she is not required to file her 2020 Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure given her medical condition and the fact that she is no longer a member of the board.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G30-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 items G30-G36, excluding items G30 and G36 taking the following action:

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 18-400 regarding Kemic Smothers entering into a contract with Smothers Academy, a Louisiana charter school, while his brother, Damon Smothers, served as Chief Executive Officer of Smothers Academy. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion for Mr. Smothers and dismissed the charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 19-473 regarding Nina Burance, a former 19th Judicial District Court Drug Court employee, regarding her receipt of money from a drug court participant. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted

for publication the consent opinion for Ms. Burance and dismissed the charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 21-230 for David Wallace, Sarah Wallace and Mary Jean Wallace related to violations of Sections 1119A and 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion for David Wallace, Sarah Wallace and Mary Jean Wallace.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an order issued by the Ethics Adjudicatory Board concerning in Docket No. 22-467 for Kenneth C. Payne, a candidate for Chief of Police, City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, in the October 24, 2015 election, failing to file a 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000 for failure to file 2020 supplemental campaign finance report against Kenneth C. Payne pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b).

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-018 from the St. Tammany Recreation District #4 (“District”) regarding whether it is prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into transactions with board member Jimmy Laurent’s daughter. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that, in response to the first question, Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Chairman Laurent's daughter from entering into transactions with the District. In response to question two, the Board concluded that Section 1123(44) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would allow Chairman Jimmy Laurent's daughter to rent the gym provided it is without

preference and in the same manner and subject to the same fees and conditions applicable to the general public.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the February 2nd and February 3rd, 2023 meetings.

The Board considered a memorandum concerning the dollar amount for the food and drink limit that can be provided to a public servant per event. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to promulgate a rule that increases the current value of the food and drink limit to \$77 per event beginning July 1, 2023.

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 G37, 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 G37, excluding Docket Nos. 22-902, 22-907, 22-936, 22-937 and 22-938 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. 22-901 from Chad Monceaux, Annual 2021 of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-903 from Richard J. “Rick” Smith, Jr., 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-904 from William E. “Bill” Willson, 30-P of a \$520 late fee;
Docket No. 22-905 from Billy Joe Williams, 40-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-906 from Derrick “Digger” Earles, SUPP 2021 of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-909 from Paula D. Spikes Piper, 10-G of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 22-910 from Dadrius “D20” Lanus, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-910 from Dadrius “D20” Lanus, 10-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-910 from Dadrius “D20” Lanus, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 22-911 from Garland Brossette, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 22-911 from Garland Brossette, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Campaign Finance Act against the following:

Docket No. 22-903 from Richard J. “Rick” Smith, Jr., SUPP 2021 of a \$280 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-902 regarding the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ronald Gaspard, unsuccessful candidate for Chief of Police, City of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 84 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of 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. 22-907 regarding the \$1,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dalton Honore, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 63rd Representative District in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 2020 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 30 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance.

Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from consideration of Docket No. 22-936 and vacated the Chair. Board Member Lavastida assumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-936 regarding the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Guy E. Bradberry, a successful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 3rd Circuit, 2nd Dist., Sec. 2B in the November 8, 2022 election, and his committee's chairperson, Russell J. Stutes, Jr., whose 180-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 82 days late.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the campaign finance late fee.

Board Member Lavastida vacated the Chair and Chairwoman Roberts resumed the Chair.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-937 regarding the \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jules R. Green, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman at Large, City of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the campaign finance late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 22-938 regarding the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Dorothy Ann Watkins, a successful candidate for Zachary Community School Board, District 8, in the November 4, 2014 election, whose 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure has not been filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the campaign finance late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-042 regarding the \$650 late fee assessed against Jacob Thomas for the late filing of his November 2022 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$300 of the \$650 late fee based on future compliance and payment within 20 days.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G39, 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 G39 taking the following action:

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

Docket 22-604 Archie Lee Turner, Jr., Amend 2018 Tier 3, 403 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-604 Archie Lee Turner, Jr., Amend 2019 Tier 3, 298 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-655 Thomas A. "Red" Tiffée, Sr., 2019 Tier 3, 377 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-655 Thomas A. "Red" Tiffée, Sr., 2020 Tier 3, 25 days late of a \$500 late fee;
and,
Docket 22-961 Claude "Clyde" Wiggins, 2019 Tier 3, 75 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

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

Docket 22-868 Elvadás Fields, Jr., 2020 Tier 3, 135 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 22-869 Ned Anthony Pitre, 2020 Tier 2.1, 48 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-871 Ralph Keith Broussard, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 22 days late of a \$1,100 late fee;
Docket 22-872 Amy Leigh Williams Brewer, Amend 2019 Tier 2, 21 days late of a \$2,100 late fee;
Docket 22-873 Susan M. Saunders, 2019 Tier 2.1, 169 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-874 Joseph S. Difatta, Jr., 2019 Tier 2.1, 252 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-875 Wanda Yevette Brock, 2020 Tier 2.1, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 22-876 Alton Oliver Sartor, 2019 Tier 2.1, 319 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-877 Claudia Shabetai, 2020 Tier 2.1, 6 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 22-939 Kyle C. Boss, 2020 Tier 2, 34 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 22-941 Darlene Lirette Cheramie, 2020 Tier 2, 183 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 22-942 Wanda S. Bennett, 2019 Tier 2, 618 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 22-942 Wanda S. Bennett, 2020 Tier 2, 163 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;
Docket 22-943 Donald Paul Schwab, Sr., 2020 Tier 2.1, 47 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-946 Kristi Miller Copeland, 2020 Tier 2.1, 253 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-947 Jennifer Moody Manning, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 92 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-950 David D. Daly, Jr. M.D., 2020 Tier 2.1, 94 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-951 Stanley Paul Brien, 2020 Tier 2.1, 22 days late of a \$1,100 late fee;
Docket 22-952 Afranie Adomako, 2020 Tier 2.1, 75 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 22-953 Cory Willis Dawsey, 2020 Tier 2.1, 1 day late of a \$50 late fee;
Docket 22-957 Sharon Watts Browning, 2020 Tier 3, 147 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 22-959 Emily Jackson-Osagie, Amend 2020 Tier 3, 136 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 22-960 Kanisha "Pumpie" Potier, 2020 Tier 3, 49 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 22-1008 Angela Reynaud, 2020 Tier 2.1, 294 days late of a \$1,500 late fee; and,

Docket 22-1009 Alejandra Guzman-Barraza, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee.

The Board considered a hospital disclosure waiver request in Docket No. 22-870 submitted by Malcom Lee Wascom, Washington Parish Hospital Service District, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Hospital Service District / Public Trust Authority Disclosure 47 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the untimely requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G41, 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 G41, excluding Docket Nos. 22-879, 22-949 and 22-962 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously considered the untimely waiver and declined to waive the personal financial disclosure late fee with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket No. 22-624 Bryan Keith “Keko” Whittle, Sr., Amend 2017 Tier 2, of a \$2,500 late fee.

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

Docket 22-880 Matthew Joseph Ford, Amend 2018 Tier 2, 725 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;

Docket 22-954 Carla Shorty, Amend 2019 Tier 2.1, 4 days late of a \$200 late fee;
Docket 22-956 Larry James Doyle, 2020 Tier 3, 176 days late of a \$500 late fee; and,
Docket 22-998 Brent Ballard, 2021 Tier 3, 63 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously considered the untimely waiver and suspended all but \$250 of the personal financial disclosure late fee based on future compliance and the \$250 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 for the following:

Docket 22-880 Matthew Joseph Ford, Amend 2019 Tier 2, 82 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously declined to consider the following untimely waiver request:

Docket 22-955 LaShaunda Pickett-Rene, 2018 Tier 3, 288 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-879 submitted by Henry Charles Cotton, a candidate for Mayor of Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, regarding the \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2020 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 103 days late. Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 22-879. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board unanimously considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-949 submitted by Michael Louis Guinn, a member of the Auctioneers Licensing Board, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 85 days late and a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 58 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive both late fees.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 22-962 submitted by Christopher S. "Washington" Thomas, candidate for Alderman City of Mansfield, Desoto Parish, in the March 26, 2022 election, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure 40 days late and a timely waiver request regarding a \$75 late assessed for filing his amended 2021 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely 2021 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure waiver request; declined to waive the 2017 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure late fee; and, rescinded the reassessment.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on reconsideration requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G42, 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 G42, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 21-631 regarding the Board’s decision to reduce to \$2,000 of a \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Common Sense Fund, a political committee, and its committee's chairperson and treasurer, Steve Verzwylt, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to reduce to \$2,000 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Act and decline to waive.

The Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 21-735 regarding the Board’s decision to suspend all but \$1,000 of a \$2,500 late fee assessed against John Campbell, an unsuccessful candidate for Terrebonne Parish Council, District 2 in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his amended 2018 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 585 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 22-536 regarding the Board’s decision to decline to waive a \$1,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Desoto Parish Republican Executive Committee, a political committee, its committee's chairperson, Layne Huckabay, and

treasurer, Hannah G. Touchton, whose 2020 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration request in Docket No. 22-827 regarding the Board's decision to decline to waive a \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Christopher Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff in Orleans Parish in the November 13, 2021 election, whose 2021 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive.

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

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-055 regarding whether Tiffany Marshall can continue her employment as a staff pharmacist at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center while also serving full-time as the Pharmacy Director for Humana Louisiana Medicaid. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded 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 request in Docket No. 23-143 regarding whether a public employee may honor a retiree of the Orleans Levee District with a plaque purchased with personal funds. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that neither Section 1111(A)(1)(a) nor Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the retiring employee from receiving a plaque subsequent to his retirement date, provided that any gifts, including the plaque, are given after the retirement date.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 21-844 for Steve Nosacka related to violations of Sections 1112B(1) and 1113.1B of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered the assessment of an enhanced penalty in Docket No. 22-330 regarding Bobby Holmes, a candidate for District Judge, 14th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Div. H, Calcasieu Parish, in the November 3, 2020 election, failing to file a 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to assess penalties in accordance with Section 1505.4A(4)(b) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in connection with the 2020 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report in the amount of a \$10,000 civil penalty.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session at 11:27 a.m. to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session at 11:33 a.m.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairwoman