

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
May 8, 2020

The Board of Ethics resumed into general business session on May 8, 2020 at 12:47 p.m. in the Heidelberg Ballroom on the 10th floor of the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center located at 201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Dittmer, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Meinert, and Smith present. Board Member Leggio and Roberts were not present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry. Counsel Tracy Barker, Brandi Barze, Latoya Jordan, Charles Reeves, and Greg Thibodeaux were working remotely in the conference room on the 10th floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G1-G13 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 G1-G13, excluding items G1, G5, and G9 taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-207 concluding that no provision of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Robbie LeBlanc from being appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the Port of South Louisiana by the St. James Parish President, when Mr. LeBlanc's father-in-law, Mr. Hymel, serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the Port since Mr. Hymel has been employed by the Port for more than a year prior to his son-in-law's appointment to the Port's Board of Commissioners.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-209 concluding a vote by the Jefferson Parish Director of Transit during meetings of the Regional Planning Commission and/or the

Transportation Policy Committee on matters related to Jefferson Parish does not violate the Code of Governmental Ethics since matters before the Regional Planning Commission and/or the Transportation Policy Committee do not involve matters benefiting persons, but rather, concern matters involving the public.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-210 concluding that Mr. Jim Wendell's minor children are not prohibited from being employed part-time with the Terrebonne Parish Parks and Recreation Department since Mr. Wendell does not appear to be the chief administrative officer of the Terrebonne Parish Parks and Recreation Department. The Board further approved the disqualification plan that complies with the Board's Rules and Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-213 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Stephanie L. Bordelon's continued employment at Pinecrest Supports & Services Center after her marriage to Mr. Thorn, Administrator, since Ms. Bordelon has been employed by Pinecrest for nearly seven years providing for the exception in Section 1119(C)(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. However, Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Thorn from participating in a transaction involving Pinecrest, in which Ms. Bordelon has a substantial economic interest. As a result of the prohibition, prior to any potential participation on Mr. Thorn's part, a disqualification plan should be submitted to and approved by the Board, pursuant to Section 1112(C) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-214 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the employment of Michael Sparks, Jr. with the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District since it appears that his father, Michael Sparks, Sr., is the agency head.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-215 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit a board member from showing support for a particular candidate. However, Section 1116B of the Code of Governmental Ethics does prohibit Mr. Sexton from using his position to compel or coerce a person to support or oppose a candidate. The Board also advised that since Mr. Sexton is required to take the annual ethics training as a member of the public board, his using the board's technology to take a training would not be receiving a benefit he is not duly entitled to receive for the performance of his job duties.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-217 concluding that there are no provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics that would prohibit Lisa Paine from continuing to serve as a member of the Independence Housing Authority Board of Commissioners after her husband was elected and begins serving as the Mayor of the Town of Independence. However, Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Lisa Paine from being reappointed to this position during the time that her husband serves as the Mayor of the Town of Independence because her reappointment would be considered a transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of her husband's agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-218 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mr. Loughney from accepting employment with a third party entity even if that entity enters into a transaction with the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District after he terminated his employment with the District. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Mr. Loughney from working for any entity on any transaction that came into existence while he was employed with the District or transactions on which he assisted.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-219 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Kenneth J. Dupaty from continuing his employment with

the 23rd Judicial District Attorney's Office while he serves as a member of the District. However, he should contact the Attorney General's Office concerning the application of the Dual Office Holding laws regarding this matter.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-220 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Councilman Deano Bonano from serving as a volunteer firefighter while he also serves as a Jefferson Parish Councilman for District 2. Ordinarily, Section 1112(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a public servant from participating in a governmental transaction in which he has a personal substantial economic interest. However, Section 1123(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides an exemption from participation in the affairs of a bona fide organized public volunteer fire department when no compensation is received. In light of the fact that he wishes to continue to serve as a volunteer firefighter (uncompensated) in Jefferson Parish while serving as a Parish Councilman, the Code would not prohibit him from doing so. He should be advised to seek guidance on dual office holding from the Attorney General.

Adopted an amended advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-115 concluding that since Dr. Everson is receiving a thing of economic value from Robinson's Rescue, and is financially interested in a transaction with Mr. Everson's agency, the parish commission, she is required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1114A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The first disclosure is due by May, 15, 2020 and annually thereafter.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-212 concluding that Section 1111(C)(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the continued employment of Holly Cope-Lynn as the City of Broussard's Director of Tourism and Communications if the City of Broussard awarded a financial advising contract to the financial services firm that employs her husband, Jerry

Lynn since she is the sole employee in the Office of Tourism and Communications and the statute prohibits Mrs. Cope-Lynn from receiving any thing of economic value for or in consideration of services rendered to or for any person that has or is seeking to have a business, financial or contractual relationship with their agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-216 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Felicia Ann Hendi, West Feliciana Clerk of Court, from purchasing the computer from the Clerk of Court's office upon her retirement provided that the computer is purchased in compliance with laws and policy regarding the appropriate disposal of public property.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the March 5-6, 2020 meetings.

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

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 20-173, 20-174, 20-176, 20-179, 20-194, 20-197 taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-094 from Joel J. Dugas, 30-P Report of a \$720 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all late fees based on future compliance against the following:

Docket No. 20-095 from Dennis LaRavia, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-192 from Precious N. Barber, 10-P of a \$360 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-201 from Beau Brock, 30-P of a \$300 late fee.

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

Docket No. 20-175 from Thomas Jones, Jr., 10-P of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 20-183 from Patrick R. Young, 30-P of a \$760 late fee;
Docket No. 20-186 from Jason P. Amato, 10-G of a \$240 late fee;
Docket No. 20-196 from Diogo Tavares, 10-P of a \$320 late fee;
Docket No. 20-198 from Roger Marcantel, 10-P of a \$80 late fee;
Docket No. 20-200 from Charles “I Spy” Donald Ketchens, Special Report of a \$80 late fee; and,
Docket No. 20-200 from Charles “I Spy” Donald Ketchens, 10-P of a \$80 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$760, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-178 from Richard A. Faul, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$100, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-180 from Mark A. Duhon, 10-P of a \$280 late fee;
Docket No. 20-183 from Patrick R. Young, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee;
Docket No. 20-188 from Kimberly Landry Coates, Special Report of a \$320 late fee; and,
Docket No. 20-198 from Roger Marcantel, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-181 from Cliff Brister, 10-G of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-182 from Todd Dugas, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-191 from Chaillie Daniel, 30-P of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-193 from Christopher C. Breaux, Special Report of a \$420 late fee; and,
Docket No. 20-195 from Eddie “Gene” Hanson, 10-P of a \$420 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-173 for a waiver of the \$720 late fee assessed against Michael Ryan Beissinger, candidate for State Representative, 88th District, Ascension Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his Special campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-174 for a waiver of the \$900 and \$240 late fees assessed against Clayton J. Voisin, candidate for State Representative, 51st District, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his Special campaign finance disclosure reports 15 and 4 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive both \$900 and \$240 late fees.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-176 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Shondrell Perrilloux, candidate for State Representative, 57th District, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing her 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 118 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee but \$200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and payment within 30 days.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-179 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Thompson PAC, Richland Parish, for filing the September Monthly campaign finance disclosure report 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$200 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-194 for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against Kyle “Hoot” Parker, candidate for Councilman, District 2, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 20-197 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Michael Brister, candidate for Police Juror, District 4, Calcasieu Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 26 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyists contained in the Lobbying Waiver Request 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 Lobbying waiver chart taking the following action:

The Board unanimously waived the \$1,400 late fee in Docket No. 20-117 assessed against Justin Richards for filing his lobbying registration 28 days late since this is Mr. Richards’ first late filing.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$500 of the late fee conditioned upon future compliance in Docket No. 20-223 assessed against Lleana Ledet for failure to timely file her lobbying registration 31 days late since this is Ms. Ledet’s first time not to timely renew her registration as a lobbyist. Payment must be made within 30 days; if the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

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

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 20-204 and 20-206 taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-202 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Harris, former Chief of Police of Melville, St. Landry Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 180 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$200 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to offer a payment plan.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-203 for a waiver of a \$50 late fee assessed against Preston Brumely, member of the Louisiana School of Math, Science and the Arts School Board, for filing his 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements one day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the fee based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics since this was Mr. Brumely's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-205 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Lealon Johnson, Constable for Vernon Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$400 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$400 is payable within 30 days and if payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-204 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against William Mertz, candidate for Plaquemines Parish School Board, in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing his 2018 Tier Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 499 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred until the June meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-206 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Glenn Schurr, candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council District 2, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing his 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred until the June meeting.

After adoption of the general summary agenda, the Board considered the following general supplemental business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items GS2-GS17 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 GS2-GS17, excluding items GS3, GS4, GS10, GS11, GS14, and GS17 taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 19-760 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would generally not prohibit Mr. Tobias Mroch from either contracting directly or indirectly via subcontract to provide electrical construction project services to LSU, provided that the projects do not involve matters in which he participated or services he rendered to the agency during his employment. In the event that a potential project does involve such matters

or services, he would be prohibited from rendering the services on a contractual basis or assisting another person, for compensation, with such a transaction for a period of two years following his June 28, 2019, termination date.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-222 concluding Mary Irvin, a member of the North Caddo Medical Center Board of Directors, is prohibited from receiving any thing of economic value for services rendered to the Northwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) while AHEC has a business and/or contractual relationship with the North Caddo Medical Center for North Caddo Medical Center to be the host facility for the AHEC Summer Program.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-243 concluding that the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Theophilus Oil, Gas, and Land Services, LLC from entering into a contract with the Monroe Section of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) while Ms. Stacie Massey is employed in the Shreveport Section of the DNR.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-244 concluding that no provision within the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (LBEDN) from creating a scholarship fund for dietitians and nutritionists who are licensed by LBEDN since the dietitians and nutritionists who are employed by public entities would not be prohibited from accepting the described scholarship funding since the scholarship is not related to the performance of his or her duties as a dietitian or nutritionist. The Board further advised that LBEDN should seek guidance from the Attorney General's Office regarding the creation and disbursement of scholarship funds collected.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-245 concluding that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a public servant from entering into a contract or other transactions with his agency. However, Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental Ethics

provides a narrow exception that allows a Mayor of a municipality with a population of less than 5,000 to enter into transactions with his agency. Prior to entering into any transactions, the municipality would be required to submit a plan to the Board to ascertain that it is in accordance with Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Since the Town of Clarks has a population of less than 5,000, Mr. Coates is not prohibited from entering into a lease agreement with the Town for the commercial building as long as a plan is submitted to the Board in compliance with Section 1123(22) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and quarterly reports are filed timely pursuant to such plan. Mr. Coates shall also recuse himself from any participation in the transactions in his position as Mayor.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-246 concluding that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit William Kimball from entering into a contract to cut grass for the Iberville Parish Recreation District, since the Iberville Parish Recreation District is a separate agency from that of the Iberville Parish Department of Public Works.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-251 concluding that there is no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics when the owner of a lawn care business is being compensated for mowing the lawn of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 when he is a volunteer fireman, however it would be a violation if he were the fire chief or board member since either position would be an agency head.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-337 concluding that the Code would not prohibit Artovia, LLC from continuing its contractual relationship with St. Tammany Parish while Mr. Paul Barcelona serves on the St. Tammany Parish Planning and Zoning Commission. Based on the facts presented, Mr. Barcelona- as a member of the Commission - will not participate in any transaction between St. Tammany Parish and Artovia, LLC. Accordingly, Artovia, LLC's

continued contractual relationship does not constitute a violation of Section 1112(A) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Furthermore, because Artovia, LLC has not and is not entering into a contract with Mr. Barcelona's agency - the Commission, there exists no violation of Section 1113(B) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-339 concluding that Bruce Danner, attorney for the Town of Madisonville, would be prohibited from entering into a contract or other transaction with the Town of Madisonville for the rental of office space for his private law practice since the rental contract would be under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant.

Approved the Disqualification Plan in Docket No. 20-342 submitted by Rodney L. Warren, the Secretary/Treasurer for the Bienville Parish Police Jury, that removes himself from signing any checks or travel reimbursements for his wife. Either a member of the Police Jury or the Bienville Parish Road Superintendent, a position that is not under the supervision or authority of Mr. Warren, will sign any checks or travel reimbursements for Ms. Warren who serves as the Bienville Parish Registrar of Voters. The Disqualification Plan is compliant with Section 1112C of the Code of Governmental Ethics and the Board's rules.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-150 concluding there is no violation for JEI Solutions, Inc. to contract with the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans since the agency of Dexter Joseph is the Planning and Budget Department where Mr. Joseph serves as the Director, and Policy Memorandum No. 95 of the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans sets forth the procedure necessary to entertain bids for service contracts and the policy does not include review by the Planning and Budget Department. Therefore, JEI would not be bidding on or entering into any contract or other transaction under the supervision of Dexter Joseph's agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-211 concluding Dexter Callahan, Vermilion Parish Police Juror, would not be prohibited under Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from receiving compensation from Bonaventure Company Fire Fighting provided that Bonaventure does not have a contract with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. However, should they contract for the sale of a fire truck or other equipment, Dexter Callahan would be prohibited from receiving compensation from Bonaventure because they would then be a prohibited source.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-249 concluding that Mr. Blake Cooper, Executive Director of the Central Louisiana Regional Port Commission, may also serve as an elected member of either the City of Alexandria, City of Pineville, Rapides Parish Police Jury or the Town of Boyce, the appointing authorities of the Port Commission. However, Mr. Cooper may want to seek guidance from the Attorney General on the application of the Dual Office Holding laws.

In connection with an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-250 regarding post-employment restrictions that would apply to Sharon L. Barthelemy, former City of New Orleans employee, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred to the June meeting in order to get more information and allow Ms. Barthelemy to make an appearance.

Adopted an advisory opinion with added language in Docket No. 20-338 concluding K&L is not prohibited from entering into contracts, subcontracts, or other transactions under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Tangipahoa Parish Department of Public Works while Mr. Husser's mother is employed with the Department of Public Works since Mr. Husser holds no ownership interest in K&L Environmental Solutions, LLC. However, Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics will prohibit Mr. Husser from representing K&L or working on behalf of

K&L on any projects involving the Department of Public Works while his mother is employed there. Mr. Husser will also be required to file disclosures pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Husser from participating in transaction in which her son has a substantial economic interest.

In connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 346 regarding disclaimer language approval for AECOM, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render approval since any disclaimer or the language therein to be used by AECOM is not within the jurisdiction of the Board.

In connection with a disclosure report in Docket No. 20-271 regarding a response filed by Richard Starling, Jr., member of the Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, to a NOD he received requesting that he files a 2018 Tier 2.1 personal finance disclosure statement, Judge Starling asserts that the disclosure form required for judges by the Supreme Court mirrors the Tier 2.1 form and the Board should not require judges to file both if a judge happens to be a member of a board that requires such filing under Tier 2.1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board requires Tier 2.1 form to be used since Section 1134A(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics requires filers to file on forms proscribed by the Board.

In connection with a disclosure report in Docket No. 20-300 regarding a response filed by Joseph Piconne, III, a member of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fireman's Survivor Benefits Review Board; on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the June meeting.

The Board considered the following general supplemental business agenda items:

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-984 regarding Terri Courville, board member of the St. Landry Parish Fire District 3. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Terri Courvelle, agrees to a violation of Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics with a fine of \$1,500. The Board further dismissed the charges against Terri Courvelle pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent order in Docket No. 19-146 regarding the Assumption Parish Clerk of Court, Darlene Landry, hiring her daughter, Jamie Delaughter, to make deliveries for the Clerk's office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent order for Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics violation for Ms. Landry and Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics violation for Ms. Delaughter with no civil penalty.

The Board considered an advisory opinion in Docket No. 20-340 regarding Darren Guidry's recent appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Housing Corporation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the proposed advisory opinion stating that Darren Guidry's receipt of compensation through his employment with Home Bank would present a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics while Home Bank has the described relationship with Louisiana Housing Corporation and Mr. Guidry serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Louisiana Housing Corporation.

The Board considered bills introduced for the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that affect the laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. Following the legislative overview provided by Ms. Allen, the Board reviewed additional proposed legislation filed in connection with the 2020 Regular Legislative Session and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, took the following actions:

HB755 – On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of eight yeas by Board

Members Bruneau, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida, McAnelly, Meinert, and Smith and one nay by Board Member Dittmer, the Board voted to oppose Bill HB755.

HB784 - On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board took no position.

HB866- On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board took no position.

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On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 20-255, 20-260, 20-268, 20-301, 20-318, and 20-330 taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board rescinded the \$720 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in Docket No. 20-254 assessed against Glenn Lazard, a candidate for City Council Member, District 5, City of Lafayette in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 18 days late since this was Mr. Lazard’s first election with no other late filings and he had submitted medical documentation.

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

Docket No. 20-256 from Joseph “Joe” Bishop, Special Report of a \$200 late fee;
Docket No. 20-257 from Corey J. Orgeron, 10-G of a \$440 late fee;
Docket No. 20-259 from Sandra LeBlanc Holloway, Special Report of a \$800 late fee;
Docket No. 20-267 from Tunica Biloxi Indians PAC, 180-P, 90-P & 30-P of (3) \$3,000 late fees and 40-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 20-306 from Henry Ford, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fees;
Docket No. 20-309 from Rodney B. Nicholas, Special Report of a \$480 late fee;
Docket No. 20-314 from Deven W. Cavalier, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 20-315 from Eliana Olivier DeFrancesch, Special Report of a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 20-321 from William Scott Dykes, 10-P and 10-G of a \$100 & \$600 late fees;
Docket No. 20-324 from Stephen Beard, Special Report of a \$900 late fee;
Docket No. 20-327 from Rene Williams, 10-G of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 20-328 from Lucille “Luci” Sposito, Special Reports of \$720 & \$480 late fees;
Docket No. 20-331 from Charles Wesley “Wes” Shepherd, 10-G of a \$640 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-336 from Gregory W. Carroll, 10-G of a \$120 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-258 from Stefan Suazo, 10-G of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 20-262 from Clinton Sweeney, 10-G of a \$360 late fee;
Docket No. 20-304 from Mark Aaron Mitchell, 10-G of a \$360 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-316 from Robert Joseph Boudreaux, 10-G of a \$280 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$200, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-261 from Lisa Holt, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee;
Docket No. 20-306 from Henry Ford, 30-P, and 10-P, of a (2) \$2,000 late fees;
Docket No. 20-307 from Sherri LaGrone, 10-G of a \$600 late fee;
Docket No. 20-323 from James D. Rash, 10-G of a \$420 late fee;
Docket No. 20-324 from Stephen Beard, Special Report of a \$300 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-335 from George Michael Chatellier, 10-G of a \$360 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$100, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-264 from Frank Homer Scheufens, 10-G of a \$487 late fee;
Docket No. 20-308 from Patrick “Pat” Lewis, Special Report of a \$200 late fee;
Docket No. 20-320 from Russell Myers, 30-P, 10-P, & 10-G of a \$200, \$320, and \$280 late fees;
Docket No. 20-326 from Paul Till, 10-G of a \$320 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-334 from Perry J. Naquin, 10-P & 10-G of a \$1,000 and \$320 late fees.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-302 from John Giroir, 30-P of a \$2,000 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-322 from Saudia Marcha Brovard, 30-P, 10-P, & 10-G of (2) \$2,000 late fees and a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$500, based on future compliance and payment within 30 days, the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 20-311 from Citizens for Clean Water & Land PAC, 10-G of a \$3,000 late fee;

Docket No. 20-313 from Policy over Politics PAC, 2019 Annual Report of a \$1,600 late fee; and
Docket No. 20-329 from Yam 4 You PAC, EDE-G of a \$3,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-255 regarding the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against John Ford, a candidate for City Council Member, District 1, City of Lafayette, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 77 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$100 based on future compliance where the late fee must be paid within 30 days or the suspended portion becomes due and owing.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board Considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-260 regarding the \$200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Bob Fisher, a candidate for Councilman, District 6, St.Charles Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the request until the June meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board Considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-268 regarding the \$420 and \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Shalon Latour, a candidate for State Representative, 37th Representative District, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-P & 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 & 40 days late, respectively and whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the request until the June meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board Considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-301 regarding the \$2,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Eric Melancon, a candidate for Coroner, St. Mary Parish, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 133 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board Considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-318 regarding the \$1,400 campaign finance late fees assessed against Riser PAC, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Hartwell Neil Riser, and treasurer, Annette McGuffee, in the October 12, 2019, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board Considered a waiver request in Docket No. 20-330 regarding the \$3,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Central Louisiana Action Committee in Rapides Parish, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Kevin M. Cavell, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was not filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred request to the June meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against lobbyist contained in the Lobbying Waiver Request 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 Lobbying waiver chart taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-224 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against Alexis Schlatre for filing her 2020 lobbying registration 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee since Ms. Schlatre amended the registration.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-299, for a waiver of the \$200 late fee assessed against MaryBeth Wilkerson for the late filing her 2019 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended the late fee based on future compliance.

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

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 20-279 and 20-280, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 19-1129 Aundra Harris, 2018 Tier 2.1, of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics against the following:

Docket 20-272 Kristi McKinney, 2018 Tier 2, 3 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 20-273 Janie Luster, 2018 Tier 2.1, 5 days late of a \$250 late fee;
Docket 20-276 Jesse Regan, 2017 Tier 2.1, 93 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket 20-277 Peggy Millet Joseph, 2017 Tier 2.1, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee;
Docket 20-277 Peggy Millet Joseph, 2018 Tier 2, 12 days late of a \$1,200 late fee;
Docket 20-282 Robert Gardner, Jr., 2017 Tier 3, 5 days late of a \$250 late fee;
Docket 20-285 Preston Brumley, 2018 Tier 2.1, 1 day late of a \$50 late fee;
Docket 20-287 David Patterson, 2017 Tier 2.1, 11 days late of a \$550 late fee; and
Docket 20-288 Reggie Carroll, Jr., 2017 Tier 3, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees against the following:

Docket No. 20-274 Marlon Lewis, 2018 Tier 2, 15 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 20-283 Nicole Veillon, 2018 Tier 2.1, 11 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

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

Docket No. 20-275 Richard Polk, 2018 Tier 3, 154 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$250 is payable within 30 days and if payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing against the following:

Docket 20-284 Denise Rollette, 2017 Tier 2.1, 47 days late of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously waived the late fees and did not reassess the suspension against the following:

Docket No. 20-289 Phillip Bourgeois, Sr., Tier 3, 4 days late of a \$200 late fee;

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-279 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Marsha Lindsey, West Feliciana Parish Tourist Commission, for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 289 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$500 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The \$500 is payable within 30 days and if payment is not received within 30 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 20-280 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Gary Rivers, II, Tensas Noble Board of Alderman, Sabine Parish, for filing his 2018 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 178 days late. 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 considered an untimely request in Docket No. 20-270 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Alicia Calvin, candidate for State Representative, District 16, in the October 12, 2019 election, for filing her amended 2018 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late; on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to consider the untimely waiver request.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board added discussion regarding a recent lobbyist reporting issue that took place this past December. The staff failed to send out reminder emails to lobbyist for the December, 2019 expenditure reports which in turn resulted in 70 lobbyist failing to file timely. Staff did not assess late fees based on these unique circumstances.

Staff brought to the Board's attention the fact that Mr. Jacob Johnson, doctoral candidate at Louisiana State University, requesting participation from board members on a survey regarding ethical leadership. Copies of Mr. Johnson's email was provided to Board members.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board unanimously adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Secretary

Chairman