

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
November 17, 2017

The Board of Ethics met on November 17, 2017 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, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Michiels, and L. Smith. Absent were Board Members Brandon, Dittmer and Mouton-Allen. Also present was 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. Ray Lauga, Jr., a member of the St. Bernard Parish Council, District A, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-006 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 36 days late. After hearing from Mr. Lauga, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 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 for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-721 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against Lisa L. Mills, Hurstville Security District, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 28 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered an Answer in Docket No. 17-774 submitted by Wysinger Cleveland, a member of the Richwood Board of Aldermen in Ouachita Parish, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he amend his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-902 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Alan A. Zaunbrecher, a candidate for District Judge, 22nd Judicial District Court, Division H, in the October 14, 2017 election, his committee's chairperson, Roy K. Burns, and treasurer, Ross Lagarde, for filing the 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 92 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-905 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Marlin N. Gusman, a candidate for Orleans Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 102 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

Ms. Johnese Smith, a candidate for Mayor of the City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1055 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 53 days late. After hearing from Ms. Smith, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Ms. Eugenie Patout LeBoeuf, a member of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1088 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against her for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 105 days late. After hearing from Ms. LeBoeuf, 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.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G9-G24 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted staff recommendations on items G9-G24, excluding Items G16, G19, G21, G22 and G24, taking the following action:

Absent specific requested information, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-979 submitted by Brian Frazier, District Attorney for the 37th Judicial District Court, regarding whether a person may serve as a commissioner on the Caldwell Parish Recreational District (District) and President of the Caldwell Parish Dixie Youth (CPDY) while CPDY has a verbal agreement with the District.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1038 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Lee Hebert running for Acadia Parish Police Juror while he is employed with the City of Rayne. The Board further instructed the staff to suggest that Mr. Hebert contact the Attorney General's Office for advice associated with the Dual Office Holding laws.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1051 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Oakdale Police Department having body work done on its police cars at Lil Ervin's Body Shop, a business owned by the son of an Oakdale City Councilman, since the Oakdale Police Department is considered a separate agency from the City of Oakdale.

In connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1052 submitted by

F.H. Metz, Jr., M.D., St. Mary Parish Coroner, regarding the appointment of Dr. Lianter Albert as Deputy Coroner while Dr. Albert also has two part-time jobs with St. Mary Parish as the Medical Director of the Drug Court and the Medical Director of Fairview Treatment Center, instructed the staff to consolidate the request with the previous request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1155 which involves the same issue.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1054 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, a former member of the St. Tammany Levee Drainage and Conservation District (District), participating in Phase 2 of a competition concerning a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the St. Tammany Parish Coastal Protection Study, since Dr. Fitzpatrick did not participate in the formulation of the Coastal Protection Study while he was serving as a member of the District and he is not receiving compensation for assisting another person in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving his former agency. The Board further advised that Section 1121(A)(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Fitzpatrick from contracting personally, or through a company, back to his former agency for a period of two years following the termination of his service as a member of the St. Tammany Levee Drainage and Conservation District.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1056 concluding that under the facts presented, Darryl Gissel, a member of the Restore Louisiana Task Force, is not required to file a personal financial disclosure statement, since the members of the Restore Louisiana Task Force do not have the authority to expend, disburse or invest \$10,000 or more in funds during a fiscal year.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1073 submitted by Charles L. Adkins, Cameron Parish Schools Superintendent, regarding the employment of Tara Simon as a

Cafeteria Technician at Johnson Bayou High School while her mother, Lori Simon, serves as the Cafeteria Manager for the high school, since the request involved past conduct.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1097 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Allen Irby and Nick Dooley, criminal investigators employed by the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, breeding a former West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Department K-9 currently owned by Mr. Irby and offering to sell the offspring, since in this instance, the K-9 is no longer owned by the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Department and neither Mr. Irby nor Mr. Dooley are performing the duties and responsibilities of their respective office or position by breeding the K-9 and training the offspring which would later be offered for sale.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1098 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Beverly Gariepy, Courtney Bagneris, Lisa Hudson, board members of the New Orleans Employees Retirement System (NOMERS), and Jesse Evans, Jr., Administrative Director of NOMERS, participating in discussion or votes or other matters relating to civil litigation against the City of New Orleans in executive sessions of the NOMERS, since none of the individuals have a personal substantial economic interest and since they are employed by the City of New Orleans, which is not considered a person for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1116 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gabriel Beadle, a member of the St. Mary Parish Council, receiving compensation from Urgent Care of Morgan City while he serves as a St. Mary Parish Councilman, since Urgent Care of Morgan City does not have a business, contractual or financial relationship with St. Mary Parish because payments it receives related to medical services provided

to St. Mary Parish employees are made by the parish employees directly or by the employees' health insurer. The Board further advised that because Mr. Beadle only owns 20% of Morgan City Radiology, it is not prohibited from entering into a contract, subcontract, or other transaction with St. Mary Parish. However, Section 1112B(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Beadle, as a St. Mary Parish Councilman, from participating in any matter which came before the St. Mary Parish Council regarding Morgan City Radiology. If Morgan City Radiology receives payments directly from St. Mary Parish to provide medical services for St. Mary Parish employees in the future, Mr. Beadle would not be prohibited from receiving compensation in the form of profit-sharing from Morgan City Radiology because he does not render services to the company as one of its investors. However, Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would require Gabriel Beadle to annually disclose, annually by May 15th, income that he receives from Morgan City Radiology while he serves as a St. Mary Parish Councilman.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1155 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Lianter Albert and Dr. Natchez Morice, III being appointed as Deputy Coroners for St. Mary Parish. However, Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Albert and Dr. Morice from receiving compensation from any person who received services from them as Deputy Coroners and in which such services involve the responsibilities, operations, or programs of the St. Mary Parish Coroner's Office. Further, Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit them from participating in a transaction involving the governmental entity in which, to his actual knowledge, any of the following persons has a substantial economic interest: any member of his immediate family; any person in which he has a substantial economic interest of which he may be reasonable be expected to know; any person

with whom he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment; and, any person who is a party to an existing contract with such public servant, or who owes any thing of economic value to such public servant.

Due to a lack of standing, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1075 as to whether a licensed used motor vehicle dealer can be appointed to the Board of the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission. The Board further instructed the staff to refer the requestor to the Attorney General's Office for further guidance.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1115 regarding the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics to members of the Civil Service Commission for the City of New Orleans concluding the following: (1) With respect to the voting restrictions imposed on the employee-member of the Commission regarding matters that may impact the employee-member's job classification, the employee-member of the Commission is not prohibited from voting on matters which may affect his job classification as a whole as he would not have a substantial economic interest greater than the general class of employees in the same classification; and, (2) With respect to the voting restrictions imposed on the employee-member regarding matters brought before the Commission by entities for which the employee-member serves as an officer, the employee-member is prohibited from participating in matters in which any person, for whom he serves as an officer, has a substantial economic interest pursuant to 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. For either situation, the appointed employee-member must recuse himself pursuant to Section 1120.4 of the Code of Governmental Ethics when any conflict arises. He must not participate in the discussion, debate, or vote on any such matter.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1132 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Cynthia F. Cockerham continuing her part-time employment as Executive Director of the LaSalle Economic Development District (LEDD) after she retires from her position as a community development educator with the LSU AgCenter in West Carroll Parish. The Board further advised that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Ms. Cockerham from contracting with LEDD to provide these services for a period of two years following her retirement.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1133 concluding that 1115B(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. James Van Scotter, a professor at LSU, from accepting room and board from SAS Corporation, a company which contracts with LSU to provide software for the university, during his three week stay in North Carolina while utilizing the corporation's Advanced Analytical Lab, since while SAS Corporation may contract to provide software to LSU, the fact that Dr. Van Scotter has in the past requested that LSU obtain software and modules from SAS Corporation indicates that the performance or nonperformance of Dr. Van Scotter's official duty as an Associate Professor in the E.J. Ourso College of Business at LSU would substantially affect a substantial economic interest with the SAS Corporation.

Allowed the withdrawal of the request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1231 submitted by John Wayne Jewell, City Attorney for the City of New Roads, regarding the appointment to fill a vacant City Council seat, since the appointment has been made.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1071 by Tanya Doucet, a candidate for the Washington Town Council, St. Landry Parish in the October 14, 2017 election, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting an amendment to a 2016 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Doucet that she

must file the amendment or late fees may be assessed.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1095 by Aubrey Posey, a former member of the Washington Parish Council, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Posey that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement as his final report and failure to file may result in the assessment of late filing fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1110 by Elizabeth Pittman-McDaniel, a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that she file a 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Ms. Pittman-McDaniel she is required to file a 2016 and 2017 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statements and failure to file may result in the assessment of late filing fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1117 by David Kent, a member of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Kent that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement and late fees may be assessed for the failure to file.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the October 19-20, 2017 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 13-1479 regarding Jeff

Edgecombe and Edgecombe Construction receiving prohibited compensation from Deep Delta Houseboats. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which (1) Jeff E. Edgecombe agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his receipt of a thing of economic value for materials and services rendered to Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC and compensated by both Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC and West Delta Development, LLC at a time when Mr. Edgecombe, the sole owner and operator of Edgecombe Construction, LLC, served as a member of the Plaquemines Parish Council and at a time when Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC had a lease with Plaquemines Parish; and, (2) Edgecombe Construction, LLC agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of its receipt of a thing of economic value for materials and services rendered to Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC and compensated by West Delta Development, LLC at a time when Jeff Edgecombe, the sole owner and operator of Edgecombe Construction, LLC, served as a member of the Plaquemines Parish Council and at a time when Deep Delta Houseboats, LLC had a lease with Plaquemines Parish and in which Jeff E. Edgecombe and Edgecombe Construction, LLC agree to pay a joint fine of \$15,000. The Board further dismissed the charges against Mr. Edgecombe and Edgecombe Construction.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 14-880 regarding Kaneasha Goston, a former Department of Children and Family Services employee, using state funds for her personal benefit. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Kaneasha Goston, a former employee of the Department of Children and Family Services, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her receipt of things of economic value, at a time in

which she was not duly entitled to receive such things of economic value, for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of her public position and in which Ms. Goston agrees to pay a fine of \$1,500. The Board further dismissed the charges against Kaneasha Goston.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-697 regarding Fallon Frederick participating in assigning her mother, Cindy Robillard, as a Support Service Provider through Affiliated Blind of Louisiana (ABL) and the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which Fallon Frederick, in her capacity as the Support Service Provider Program Coordinator for Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, agrees that a violation of Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by assigning her mother, Cindy Robillard, to provide contracted Support Service Provider Program services performed on behalf of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf in which Ms. Robillard had a substantial economic interest and in which no fine is to be imposed against Ms. Frederick.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-473 regarding John Richard Barton, former Firearms Instructor for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections at Louisiana State Penitentiary. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion in which John Richard Barton, the former Firearms Instructor for the Louisiana State Penitentiary, agrees that a violation of Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of his receipt of \$1,875.00 in payments from Richwood Correctional Center, LLC for the performance of firearms training at the Department of Corrections rifle range at the Louisiana State Penitentiary and a violation of Section 1111C(1)(a) occurred by virtue of his receipt of \$1,875.00 in payments from Richwood Correctional Center, LLC

for firearms training of Richwood Correctional Center, LLC employees at a time when firearms training and certification was a responsibility, program or operation of the Department of Corrections and while John Richard Barton participated in firearms training sessions as a Department of Corrections Firearms Instructor and in which Mr. Barton agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000 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 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. 17-998 and 17-1000, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-896 from Frank Duson of a \$2,000 late fee; and,
Docket No. 17-1131 from Russell Armstrong of a \$300 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1130 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Lenar L. Whitney, a candidate for Public Service Commission, District 2, Terrebonne Parish, in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing her 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 70 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$2,500 late fee.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 17-998 for a waiver of the \$3,000 late fee assessed against the LA Republican Judiciary PAC, Inc., a political action committee; its committee's chairperson, Scott Wilfong; and, treasurer, Jerry Arbour, for filing the 40-G campaign finance disclosure report 42 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$3,000 late fee but suspended \$2,200 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. 17-1000 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Brandon Dorrington, a candidate for Mayor of the City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 56 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1050 for a waiver of the \$150 late fee assessed against Paul Andrew Tessier for the late filing of the July 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$150 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1085 for a waiver of the \$350 late fee assessed against Scott Stepien for the late filing of the July 2017 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$350 late fee, since this was his first late filing and he had no activity.

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. 17-1087, 17-1089, 17-1091 and 17-1111, taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 17-1070 from Jessica Lambert of a \$1,500 late fee and offer a payment plan;
Docket No. 17-1086 from Edward Patrick, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee;
Docket No. 17-1090 from Alvin Smith of a \$2,500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 17-1093 from Jerome Darby of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1067 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against Travis "T.D." Darnell, Patterson City Council, St. Mary Parish, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,300 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. 17-1069 for a waiver of the \$450 late fee assessed against Sharon Belinda Ikerd, Northshore Charter School, for filing her amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$450 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. 17-1092 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee

assessed against Sandra Thompson Herman, French Market Corporation, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 153 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. 17-1094 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Diane Giuffria Milano, State Board of Pharmacy, for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 50 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. 17-1118 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Sandra Watson Turner, Roseland Board of Aldermen, Tangipahoa Parish, for filing her amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 106 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. 17-1087 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Gerald Max Stell, M.D., the Coroner of Webster Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 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. 17-1089 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Johnnie Shorty, Sr., Constable, District 4, St. James Parish, for failing to file his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. 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. 17-1091 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Kamala Shantrell Baker, with the Morris Jeff Community Charter School, for filing her amended 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 424 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. 17-1111 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Donald Joseph "Phonse" Martin, Delcambre Board of Alderman, District 4, Iberia and Vermilion Parishes, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 140 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-114 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against the Jefferson Chamber PAC, Inc., a political action committee; its committee's chairperson, Michael Palamone; and, treasurer, Philip W. Rebowe, for filing the 40-G monthly report 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed it's prior

decision to decline to waive the \$1,400 late fee but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and provided payment of the \$500 late fee is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-682 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Mark Coghlan, a member of the Zachary City Council, District 3, East Baton Rouge Parish, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 94 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman