

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
November 16, 2018

The Board of Ethics met on November 16, 2018 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, Couvillon, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Roberts and Smith present. Absent was Board Member Dittmer. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson, and Greg Thibodeaux.

Ms. Morgan Lamandre, a candidate for State Representative in the 2019 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1210 as to the propriety of the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses that she would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities. After hearing from Ms. Lamandre, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Lavastida, McAnelly, Roberts and Smith and 2 nays by Board Members Couvillon and Meinert, the Board concluded that Ms. Lamandre is prohibited her from using her campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses she would incur as a result of her participation in campaign events and activities, since it is not an allowable expenditure as contemplated in Section 1505.21 of the Louisiana Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Board Member Leggio recused himself.

Mr. William J. "Billy" Wilson, with the Office Facilities Corporation; Mr. Rick McGimsey, Executive Counsel for the Division of Administration; and, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Administration, appeared before the Board in connection with

a request in Docket No. 18-1222 for a waiver of the \$4,500.00 (\$1,500 each) in late fees assessed against Mr. Wilson for filing his 2013, 2014, and 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statements 76 days late. After hearing from Mr. Wilson, Mr. McGimsey and Ms. Goodson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) waived the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement; (2) declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics; and, (3) declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee in connection with the 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement but suspended \$1,000 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment 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 for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1283 from CSRS, Inc. in connection with a subcontract for the Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) and a contract between The Compass Group Affordable Housing, LLC (Compass Group) and OCD. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the following:

- (1) Whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit CSRS from subcontracting to provide services to OCD, in connection with a contract between Compass Group and OCD? Based on the law and the previous advisory opinions, CSRS is a public employee performing a governmental function based on the contract between Pan American and CSRS to administer the disaster recovery

programs on behalf of OCD and to provide executive staffing services to OCD. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit CSRS from serving as a subcontractor to OCD through a contract with Compass Group, since the services for the affordable housing programs are not within the scope of the current subcontract with Pan American for disaster recovery services. Additionally, CSRS, as a public employee, is not participating in a transaction in which it has a substantial economic interest since it is not currently providing contractor services for the affordable housing programs and did not participate in the creation of the Request for Proposal that led to the contract between OCD and Compass Group; and,

(2) Whether Stacy Bonnaffons is prohibited from assisting CSRS? Stacy Bonnaffons was a public servant while she served in the capacity of interim Chief of Staff for OCD. As such, Ms. Bonnaffons would be prohibited by Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics from assisting CSRS on any transaction or project involving OCD in which she participated while employed as interim Chief of Staff for OCD. Since Ms. Bonnaffons, in her capacity as interim Chief of Staff, did not participate in the affordable housing programs in connection with the contract between OCD and Compass Group, therefore, she is not prohibited by Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics from assisting CSRS with the affordable housing programs. CSRS is not prohibited by Section 1121C of the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into a subcontract with Compass Group to assist them with the multifamily rental housing programs, since Stacy Bonnaffons did not participate in the affordable housing programs in connection with the contract between OCD and Compass

Group.

Ms. Myra Annette Kleinpeter, with Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A, appeared before the Board in connection with a request in Docket No. 18-1220 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against her for filing her amended 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 16 days late. After hearing from Ms. Kleinpeter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session 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.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G5-G26 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G5-G26, excluding Items G5, G13 and G16, taking the following action:

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-545 from Rod Sias, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Opelousas, regarding the employment of his brother, Damian Sias, by the City of Opelousas Department of Public Works.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-736 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a catering company owned by Jason Hammack, a board member of the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau, from contracting to provide catering services to a patron using the West Baton Rouge Conference Center owned by the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-749 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Athletic Director of Captain Shreve High School paying a faculty member and a non-faculty person to maintain the baseball facilities at the school in the fall when it is not baseball season, as long as that faculty member does not already provide services similar to the services of baseball field maintenance, is not employed in the athletic department, is not employed in the maintenance department and the faculty member performs maintenance work on the baseball facility when he is not "on the clock" for the school.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-790 from Beth Courtney, Executive Director of Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), as to whether a golf tournament fundraiser at The Bluffs golf course would be possible when a board member of a company that holds the TV licenses for LPB has a spouse who is a principal in The Bluffs, since Ms. Courtney had advised that the golf tournament had been cancelled and the matter is moot.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-981 from Peter Barbee, Parish Attorney for Plaquemines Parish Government, relative to a possible conflict between a parish councilman who appears to be employed for a company which intends to do business with the parish.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-983 from

David Morgan, City Attorney for Lake Charles, regarding the spouse of a city councilman working for a non-profit corporation which receives funding from the City of Lake Charles.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1058 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the North Caddo Hospital Service District Board of Commissioners (Hospital District) offering free meals to all police officers, since the hospital is not a person as defined in Section 1102(16) of the Code of Governmental Ethics as it is a governmental entity. However, the hospital should be advised that this opinion may present an issue regarding the appropriate use of public funds, which is under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1177 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Carolyn Eagan providing realtor services to Luis Rodriquez, the individual who supervises her in her position as a part-time clerk with the City of Kenner Clerk of Court, since Ms. Eagan does not have a substantial economic interest in the performance of Mr. Rodriguez's position as the Director of the City of Kenner Clerk of Court. The term substantial economic interest does not include the interest that the public servant has in his position, office, rank, salary, per diem, or other matter arising solely from his public employment or office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1205 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Assist Agency, Inc. contracting to manage James A. Herod Apartments, Inc., since Assist Agency, Inc. is not a public agency and the employees are not performing a governmental function.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1209 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kaneshia Thomas-Cheatham, an employee with the Department of Children and Family Services in the East Feliciana Economic Stability Office (DCFS-

EF), working as a bail bond agent provided that Ms. Thomas-Cheatham's employment as a bail bond agent would be conducted outside of her working hours with DCFS-EF.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1243 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kim Hogan, a bookkeeper at Red River Parish School Board (Central Office), being compensated for providing monogramming services to schools within the Red River Parish school district, since Ms. Hogan's agency is the Red River Parish School Board's Central Office where she is a bookkeeper and providing monogram services for compensation for schools within the Red River School District would not be performing a transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of her agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1247 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Christopher B. Allen, a former employee of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) working for Atkins Global in connection with the "Mid Breton Sediment Diversion - Applicant Environmental Impact Statement Support", since he did not participate in the project while employed with CPRA. Mr. Allen would also not be prohibited from assisting Atkins Global on any other projects in which he did not participate while employed with CPRA.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1256 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Murray Dufrene being employed as operations manager over the St. Charles Parish Wastewater Department while his brother-in-law, Jacob Dufrene, is employed by the department, since Jacob Dufrene is the brother of Murray Dufrene's wife and is not considered an immediate family member of Murray Dufrene.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1263 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Maris Madere, an employee of the Jefferson Parish Finance Department, receiving payments from the parish's Department of Community Development, since the tenant's application and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) disbursements are not under the supervision or jurisdiction of Ms. Madere's agency, the Jefferson Parish Finance Department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1266 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Kinshasha Medina, the 22nd JDC District Attorney's Office Victims Assistance Coordinator, from seeking part-time employment as a Deputy Coroner for Washington Parish. However, the Board further advised that the opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1276 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by an uncompensated volunteer fireman serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD), since the BVFD is a bona fide organized public volunteer fire department and its members are uncompensated.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1278 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Kumar Amaraneni's appointment as a member of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board. However, the Board further advised that in the event he is appointed, Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Dr. Amaraneni, while he serves on the District Board, from receiving lease payments from Ochsner while Ochsner has a contractual, business, or financial relationship with the District. The exceptions contained in La. R.S. 42:1123(18)(a), (b), and (d) are inapplicable as the District was not created pursuant to the authority of Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Additionally, La. R.S. 42:1123(18)(c) is inapplicable as Dr. Amaraneni is not leasing space for the provision of health care services from the hospital over which the District exercises jurisdiction.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1280 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gary O'Neal, a former employee of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), accepting employment with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC (QES) which has contracts with state and local government entities involving Hazard Mitigation Assistance projects, since Mr. O'Neal will not be providing the same services under contract to state and local governmental entities that he provided as a GOHSEP employee, and he will not be assisting another person for compensation in transactions in which he participated while employed with GOHSEP.

Allowed the withdrawal of a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1330 regarding Al Herrera, a former commissioner of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, selling supplies to customers who may have contracts with the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), since Mr. Herrera no longer serves on the RTA and this issue is now moot.

Absent specific information and due to a lack of standing, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-022 from Glenn Hartline, a supervisor for a public agency, regarding discounts being given to employees by vendors. The Board further instructed the staff to provide the general Ethics flyer to Mr. Hartline regarding the gifts prohibition.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1069 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by a Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) board member being involved in vetting future candidates to serve as a board member of the LSBN through their position as a board member of the Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) or the Louisiana

Association of Nurse Anesthetists (LANA), Ltd., since LSNA and LANA are not governmental entities and a board member of LSBN participating in the vetting process for future board members through LSNA and LANA is not considered participating in a transaction involving the governmental entity.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1206 concluding that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit full-time employees of Ascension Counseling Center from entering into independent contracts with the Ascension Counseling Center to provide evening treatment meetings.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the October 18-19, 2018 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-885 regarding the receipt of funds by Leora Thomas from Project Celebration while being employed by Northwestern State University (NSU). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the consent opinion in which in which Leora Thomas agrees that a violation of Section 1111A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her receipt of a \$4,000 check from the Project Celebration account at Mid-South Bank operated by Project Celebration, Inc. for services she performed as a public employee of Northwestern State University's Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations and in which Ms. Thomas agrees to pay a fine of \$2,000 in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$166.67, with the final payment being \$166.63, pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Confession of Judgment and that in the event of a failure to pay, the Board may file suit to compel immediate payment of any balance due. The Board unanimously

dismissed the charges against Leora Thomas.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-512 regarding Gulf Coast Wrestling providing compensation to Michael Beadle, Manager of the Amelia Community Center, while Gulf Coast Wrestling had a contract with the Community Center. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the consent opinion in which Gulf Coast Wrestling, Inc. agrees that a violation of Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of the company paying \$400 to Michael Beadle for services rendered to Gulf Coast Wrestling, Inc. for his participation in wrestling events while Gulf Coast Wrestling, Inc. had a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the Amelia Community Center Recreational and Park in derogation of Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and in which Gulf Coast Wrestling, Inc. agrees to pay a fine of \$250.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 17-652 regarding Lynette Kenyon, volunteer director of the Color Guard at Northshore High School, receiving supplemental payments from Northshore High School Band Boosters, Inc. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the consent opinion in which Lynette Kenyon agrees that a violation of Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by virtue of her receipt of monthly payments from Northshore High School Band Boosters, Inc. in connection with her services, the subject matter of which were substantially related to the Color Guard Program, and while she serves as the Color Guard Director for Northshore High School and in which no fine is to be imposed. The Board unanimously dismissed the charges against Lynette Kenyon.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 18-264 regarding John Fortunato, a candidate

for Jefferson Parish Sheriff in the March 24, 2018 election, paying a company owned by his son for campaign signs. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the consent opinion in which John Fortunato agrees that a violation of Section 1505.2I(5)(a) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act occurred by making numerous expenditures totaling \$66,449 from his campaign fund to his son's business, WrapStars, and in which Mr. Fortunato agrees to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1070 from Meladie Munch, President of Dawn Busters Kiwanis of Metairie, regarding her local Kiwanis Club providing public school employees gifts for meritorious service. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dawn Busters Kiwanis of Metairie awarding teachers, librarians and principals in the Jefferson Parish School System for their meritorious public contributions. Generally, a gift to a public school employee would possibly violate Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics, unless an exception would apply as it does here. However, an award for meritorious public contributions by a service organization is an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics. Dawn Busters Kiwanis of Metairie is a service organization and the gifts contemplated are based on merit determined by the schools' performance.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1246 submitted by Isaac Funderburk, City Attorney for the City of Abbeville, on behalf of Mayor Mark Piazza, City of Abbeville, and Councilwoman Roslyn White regarding potential conflicts of interest by members of Councilwoman Roslyn White's immediate family and companies they own engaging in business relationships with the City of Abbeville. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the

Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Broussard Brothers, Inc. or Acadian Contractors bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction with the City of Abbeville while Roslyn White serves as a City Councilwoman, since neither she nor her immediate family members own an interest in excess of twenty-five percent, individually or combined, in either company. However Section 1112B(1) and (3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Councilwoman White from voting on any matter involving Broussard Brothers, Inc. or Acadian Contractors but would not prohibit her from debating and discussing such matters before the Abbeville City Council contingent on her disclosure of her conflict of interest into the record as per Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Councilwoman White from being employed by Broussard Brothers, Inc. and Acadian Contractors if either bid on or enter into any contract with the City of Abbeville.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1282 submitted by Chauna Banks, Baton Rouge Metropolitan Councilwoman, regarding whether she, her immediate family members, or non-profit organizations of which she is associated can purchase adjudicated properties in East Baton Rouge Parish through CivicSource/Archon. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Councilwoman Banks, her immediate family members, Rouge Stick Properties, and other entities in which she or her immediate family members own, individually or combined, more than a twenty-five percent interest, from bidding on or purchasing adjudicated properties in East Baton Rouge Parish through Archon Information Systems, LLC. However, since Councilwoman Banks does not have an ownership interest in the non-profit entities, these entities would not be

prohibited from bidding on or purchasing properties through Archon Information Systems, LLC. The Board further concluded that Section 1111E of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Councilwoman Banks from receiving any thing of economic value for assisting the non-profits in which she serves as an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee from receiving any thing of economic value for assisting it in bidding or purchasing the adjudicated properties of East Baton Rouge Parish. In addition, Councilwoman Banks would also be prohibited from receiving any thing of economic value for assisting Rouge Stick Sports, LLC in the bidding or purchasing of adjudicated properties of East Baton Rouge Parish unless she files a written sworn statement with the Board prior to or within ten days after initial assistance is rendered.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1284 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Monroe City Councilman Michael Echols' business, Michael Echols Enterprises, LLC, from submitting an application to the City Council for approval of tax credits from the Tax Abatement Restoration Program. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Couvillon, Lavastida, Leggio and Roberts and 3 nays by Board Members McAnelly, Meinert and Smith, the Board concluded that based on the narrow facts presented, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) submitting the application of Michael Echols Enterprises, LLC to the Monroe City Council for approval of its participation in the Restoration Tax Abatement Program, since the Restoration Tax Abatement Program is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the LED and the application was submitted by the LED as required by statute. The Board further advised that Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Councilman Echols from participating in any vote in which he or his business has a

substantial economic interest. Councilman Echols may recuse himself from voting on the matter pursuant to Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 18-261 and 18-1281, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-473 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Lavern Allen, a candidate for Mayor, City of Winnsboro, Franklin Parish, in the March 24, 2018 election, for filing the Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee, since Ms. Allen failed to submit requested documentation regarding her financial hardship.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-730 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Jackie Brown-Cockerham, a candidate for Councilman, District 1, City of Kenner, in the March 24, 2018 election, for filing the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

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

considered a request in Docket No. 18-1158 for a waiver of the \$300 late fee assessed against Marty Bankston-Johnson, a candidate for Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1262 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Thomas J. Kennedy, a candidate for Secretary of State in the November 6, 2018 election, for filing the 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$700 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. 18-261 for a waiver of the \$900 late fee assessed against Byron Stephan Cole, a candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended \$600 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. 18-1281 for a waiver of the \$60 and \$480 late fees assessed against Kenneth Charles "Kenny" Bordes, a candidate for State Representative, District 93 in the

March 24, 2018 election, and his committee's chairperson, Michael A. Foley, and treasurer, Fernando Goitia, for filing the Special (48 Hour) campaign finance disclosure reports 1 and 8 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$60 and \$480 late fees.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1204 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against lobbyist Joe Hernandez for failure to timely file a Supplemental Registration Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the entire late fee, since it was Mr. Hernandez's first late filing.

Board Member Meinert was excused from the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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 No. 18-1220, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-996 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Donnie White, St. Charles Parish Constable/District 4, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 258 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee, since Mr. White has two other late filings with outstanding late fees.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1221 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Cheryl Ann H. Demery, a member of the Winnfield City Council, District 01, Winn Parish, for filing her amended 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 160 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. 18-1258 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mary R. Doucet, a member of the St. Landry Parish Tourism Commission, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 178 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee, since Ms. Doucet attempted to respond to the Notice of Delinquency timely; however, her fax came through blank.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 18-1259 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Paula K. C. Nelson, a member of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority, for filing her 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 147 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. 18-1260 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Tyrone Casby, a former member of the Algiers Development District, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 436 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. 18-1261 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Tommy L. Thompson, Mayor, Village of Lucky, Bienville Parish, for filing his 2016 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 88 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,300

conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment 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. 17-1241 for a waiver of the \$1,100 late fee assessed against Christopher Dupuis, a former member of the Evangeline Parish School Board, for filing his 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 22 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,100 late fee, since it was Mr. Dupuis first late filing and he is no longer on the school board.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to consider the item on the General Supplemental agenda.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 18-1356 submitted by Charolette Thorpe regarding post-employment restrictions following her retirement from the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Ms. Thorpe assisting Altuiiq, LLC, a sub-contractor of the National Guard Bureau, in conducting resource management compliance and financial performance inspections for the Youth Challenge Programs (YCP) in the State of Louisiana, provided that she did not work on those specific matters while she was employed with the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs. The Board further concluded that Ms. Thorpe could assist Alutiiq, LLC by conducting resource management compliance and financial performance inspections for the YCPs in other states in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman