

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
October 20, 2016

The Board of Ethics met on October 20, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe, Shaddock, Shelton and Smith present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

Chairman Monroe announced the appointment of Mr. Edward B. Dittmer by Governor Edwards as a new member of the Board and welcomed Mr. Dittmer to the meeting.

Ms. Allen administered the Oath of Office to Board Member Edward B. Dittmer.

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 BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general business session.

Ms. Allen advised the Board that writs were denied in the Great Southern Dredging case.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
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The Board of Ethics met on October 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Monroe, Shaddock, Shelton and Smith present. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jennifer Land, Suzanne Mooney, Brett Robinson and Haley Williams.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-080 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Calvin E. Millender, a former member of the Caddo Parish Sewerage District #7, for filing his 2013 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 209 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the November meeting.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-088 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Olga Foster Butler, Richmond Board of Aldermen, Madison Parish, for filing her 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 122 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the November meeting.

Mr. Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., a candidate for Mayor of the City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish in the November 8, 2016 election, and Mr. Charles Elkins, attorney and campaign treasurer, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-877 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Mr. Reeves for filing his 2015 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 32 days

late. After hearing from Mr. Reeves and Mr. Elkins, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 5 nays by Board Members Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, Monroe and Smith, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Ralph Patin, a candidate for St. James Parish Council, District 4 in the October 24, 2015 election, and Mr. Travis Turner, attorney and campaign treasurer, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-372 of a waiver of the \$1,000, \$320 and \$160 late fees assessed against Mr. Patin for filing his 30-P, 10-P and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports 28, 8 and 4 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Patin and Mr. Turner, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 6 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, Michiels and Shelton and 5 nays by Board Members Dittmer, McAnelly, Monroe, Shaddock and Smith, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$1,480 but suspended \$1,280 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to reconsider the previous action taken with respect to Docket No. 16-372.

Mr. Ralph Patin, a candidate for St. James Parish Council, District 4 in the October 24, 2015 election, and Mr. Travis Turner, attorney and campaign treasurer, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-372 of a waiver of the \$1,000, \$320 and \$160 late fees assessed against Mr. Patin for filing his 30-P, 10-P and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports

28, 8 and 4 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Patin and Mr. Turner, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Ingrassia, Lavastida, Leggio, Michiels, Shelton and Smith and 4 nays by Board Members Dittmer, McAnelly, Monroe and Shaddock, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee in connection with the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive the \$320 and \$160 late fees in connection with the 10-P and 40-G campaign finance disclosure reports but suspended the late fees totaling \$480 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Ms. Marianna Lewis, report preparer for TPG, PAC, Inc., appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket No. 16-867 for waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against TPG PAC, Inc.; Tyron D. Picard, its chairman; and, Andre' Fruge, its treasurer, for filing the November 2015 monthly campaign finance disclosure report 7 days late. After hearing from Ms. Lewis, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,400 late fee but suspended \$1000 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.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G5-G19 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G6-G19, excluding Items G9, G11 and G18, taking the following action:

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-770 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Lacombe Recreation Boosters, L.L.C. (Boosters), a non-profit organization, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to continue operating the concessions stand at the facilities of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 4, within two years following former board member Paul Leary's termination of service from the District Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-843 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dusty Cruse, a member of the Tullos Town Council, being sponsored by the Tullos Police Department to attend the Police Academy, since the Tullos Police Department is a separate agency from the agency of Mr. Cruse and he would not be entering into any transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-849 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by IMPCO, Inc. transacting business with St. John the Baptist Parish at a time when its employee, Kurt Becnel, serves as a member of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, since Mr. Becnel is a salaried employee of IMPCO, Inc., and his salary would not be affected by sales made to the Parish. Furthermore, Mr. Becnel is not an owner, officer, director, trustee, or partner of IMPCO, Inc. As such, his employment meets the exception provided in Docket No. 82-02D. The Board further advised that Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Becnel from being listed as the contact person for IMPCO, Inc., on any purchase orders submitted to St. John the Baptist Parish. Additionally, Section 1112B(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Becnel from participating in any transaction involving the Parish in which IMPCO, Inc., has a substantial economic interest. Finally, Mr. Becnel would be required to file annual financial disclosure statements, in accordance with Section 1114 of the Code

of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-885 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dev D. Jani, the appointed Deputy Director/Chief, Planning & Preparedness with the City of New Orleans-Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness, being appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences at Tulane University, since Mr. Jani would be teaching a course regarding matters unrelated to his public job duties, and the Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences or Tulane University does not have a contractual, business or financial relationship with his agency.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-887 concluding that members and employees of the Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging (Council) are required to take annual ethics training as mandated by Section 1170 of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since the Council was organized and chartered by Natchitoches Parish pursuant to La. R.S. 46:1601.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-889 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jerri Phillips, a former employee of the Rapides Parish Library, being appointed to the Rapides Parish Library Board of Control, since Ms. Phillips, as a member of the Library Board, would not be assisting another person in a transaction involving the library nor would she be rendering any service to, for, or on behalf of the library.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-890 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #4 (District) accepting donations from the LaCombe Booster Club and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leary while Mr. Leary, a former District board member, currently serves as the Director of the LaCombe Booster Club.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-891 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Jimmy Cantrelle, the son of Lafourche Parish President James Cantrelle, loaning heavy equipment to a contractor at no charge to use on a project for the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission, a parish board, since Section 1123(3) of the Code of Governmental Ethics provides an exception that allows immediate family members to donate the use of movables.

Approved the disqualification plan in Docket No. 16-892 with respect to the participation of Lloyd and Sybil Ledet in Phase 5 of the Town of Golden Meadow's Community Sewerage System project, since the submitted disqualification plan will eliminate any potential violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-893 with respect to the following:

**1. May US Conference of Mayors reimburse New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu for the travel expenses associated with his travel arising out of his position as Vice President with the US Conference of Mayors?**

The Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mayor Landrieu or his wife from being reimbursed for travel expenses for travel inside the United States and internationally by the US Conference of Mayors for his attendance at meetings, conferences, or seminars in his capacity as the Vice President of the US Conference of Mayors, since the US Conference of Mayors does not have a contractual or business relationship with the City of New Orleans nor is the organization regulated by the City of New Orleans.

**2. If the US Conference of Mayors reimburses Mayor Landrieu for his travel expenses, is he required to file an affidavit in accordance with La. R.S. 42:1123 (41)?**

The Board concluded that neither Mayor Landrieu or his wife are required to disclose through affidavits the travel reimbursements received from the US Conference of Mayors regarding travel related to his position as the Vice President of the US Conference of Mayor pursuant to Section 1123(41) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

**3. Whether the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide travel and lodging for Mayor Landrieu for a conference held internationally?**

The Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Mayor Landrieu from receiving reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Transportation for travel and lodging expenses incurred in connection with attending a professional conference in South Africa, nor would he be required to file a disclosure affidavit.

**4. Whether the Galileo Foundation may book his travel directly; therefore, he would not be receiving any direct reimbursement, or may the Galileo Foundation make an unconditional donation to the City of New Orleans, which the city may in turn use to cover these travel expenses?**

The Board concluded that Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mayor Landrieu from receiving reimbursement from the Galileo Foundation

for travel and lodging expenses incurred in connection with attending a professional conference in Rome, Italy. However, the Board further concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit the Galileo Foundation, a non-profit organization that does not have any contractual, financial, or business relationships with the City of New Orleans and is not regulated by the City of New Orleans, from making an unconditional donation to the City of New Orleans that may be used to cover the costs of the travel and lodging. However, the Galileo Foundation cannot designate that the funds be used for any specific purpose. Further, since the reimbursement would be provided by the City of New Orleans, Mayor Landrieu would not be required to file a disclosure affidavit pursuant to Section 1123(41) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-895 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit William Sellers, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Kentwood, from rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for the Public Works Department within two years following his retirement, since as the Director of Public Works, Mr. Sellers was an agency head.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-882 concluding that Section 1121A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Phillip Macaluso, a Traffic Operations Construction Maintenance Manager with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), for a period of two years following his retirement, from rendering any service to his former agency on a contractual basis and from assisting any person in any transaction involving his former agency and

Section 1121B(1) prohibits him from assisting any person in a transaction involving DOTD in which he participated while employed by the DOTD, since Mr. Macaluso is considered an agency head of the Statewide Signing & Pavement Operations Division within the DOTD.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-886 concluding that Sections 1111C(2)(d) and 1115A(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Aaron "Bo" Melvin, a member of the Lafourche Parish Council, from receiving commissions from AFLAC for certain insurance policies that he writes based on a referral if the referral is made by a company that has a business, financial or contractual relationship with Lafourche Parish, such as his receipt of commissions from AFLAC for insurance policies written based on a referral from Laris Insurance, because he would be receiving compensation indirectly from a company that has a business, financial or contractual relationship with Lafourche Parish.

Instructed the staff to solicit additional information in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-894 regarding members of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board and the Louisiana Rice Research Board participating in discussions and votes arising from a lawsuit filed against both boards in which the two members are plaintiffs.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the September 15-16, 2016 meetings.

The Board considered a proposed consent opinion in Docket No. 15-882 regarding William Bates, d/b/a Bates & Thigpen, bidding on or entering into contracts or subcontracts with Baton Rouge Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to supply uniforms while his daughter, Gina Bates, was

employed by EMS. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) adopted for publication the consent opinion in which William Bates, d/b/a Bates & Thigpen, agrees that a violation of Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by the company entering into contracts to provide jackets, uniforms and other apparel to Baton Rouge EMS at a time when Mr. Bates' daughter, Gina Bates, was employed by Baton Rouge EMS and in which William Bates, d/b/a Bates & Thigpen, agrees to pay a fine of \$2,000; and, (2) dismissed the charges against William Bates, d/b/a Bates & Thigpen.

The Board recessed at 9:54 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 10:05 a.m.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-286 regarding whether Hammond City Fire Chief John Thomas may accept an all-expense paid trip as part of winning the Liberty Mutual Firemark Award. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 8 yeas by Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Michiels, Shaddock and Shelton and 3 nays by Board Members Ingrassia, Monroe and Smith, the Board concluded that, based on the specific facts provided, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Hammond City Fire Chief John Thomas accepting an all expense paid trip to New York City from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, since the Liberty Mutual Firemark Award was awarded to Chief Thomas for his community service performed outside of his normal job duties and responsibilities and does not arise out of his performance of his job duties and responsibilities as the Hammond City Fire Chief.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 16-880 regarding

whether deputies employed with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, who were victims of the recent flooding, may accept financial assistance for their losses being offered by a non-profit organization. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by deputies employed with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office receiving financial assistance from Fourchon Oilman's Association to help offset their loss due to the recent flooding as long as Fourchon Oilman's Association is not a prohibited source as defined in Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided the financial assistance is received from a fund established to provide charitable donations to public employees. The Board further advised that on September 2, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Executive Order No. JBE 2016-64 suspending 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics and thereby allowing public employees to accept charitable donations for documented needs directly related to the state of emergency declared by Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016. The charitable fund established by Fourchon Oilman's Association must use objective criteria to evaluate and administer the funds and include safeguards to ensure fair and equitable disbursements of the funds. Adequate records must also be maintained which document any funds received, raised, and/or distributed pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. JBE 2016-64. Executive Order No. JBE 2016-64 limits the total value of contributions or donations received by a public employee from non-profit organizations to twenty-five thousand dollars. In addition, the Executive Order does not provide an exception to Section 1115 of the Code of Governmental Ethics which restricts the receipt of anything of economic value by a public servant by prohibited sources.

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 16-1027 in connection with

Michael Couvillon serving as Sheriff of Vermilion Parish while his wife, Sonya Couvillon, is employed with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the disqualification plan, since the Chief Deputy will have final authority over the supervision, evaluation, promotion/demotion, discipline, termination, or compensation of Detective Sonya Hudson Couvillon which removes Sheriff Couvillon from the decision making process in matters in which his wife has a substantial economic interest.

The Board considered changes to the form to facilitate the filing of affidavits filed pursuant to R.S. 42:1123(41). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the proposed forms.

The Board considered the proposed 2017 calendar for meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed 2017 meeting schedule.

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 No. 16-867 taking the following action:

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

Docket No. 16-689 from Biaster Hewitt-George of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 16-830 from Vance McAllister of a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 16-840 from Lori Landry of a \$2,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 16-861 from Ken Brass of a \$320 late fee, an \$80 late fee  
and a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 16-868 from W.T. Winfield of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 16-869 from Donald Cravins, Sr. of a \$1,000 late fee and a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 16-870 from Rusty Messer of a \$420 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 16-875 from John “Jay” Batt, Jr. of a \$1,025 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-689 for a waiver of the two (2) \$2,000 late fees assessed against Biaster Hewitt-George, a candidate for East Carroll Parish Assessor in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 279 and 250 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee in connection with the 10-P campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$1,800 and the \$2,000 late fee in connection with the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report but suspended \$1,800 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. 16-831 for a waiver of the \$2,000 late fee assessed against Laura Humble Culpepper, a candidate for Jackson Parish Clerk of Court in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing her 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 195 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,000 late fee but suspended \$1,800 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. 16-841 for a waiver of the \$780 late fee assessed against Edward P. Landry, a candidate for New Iberia City Court Judge in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$780 late fee but suspended \$580 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. 16-864 for a waiver of the \$120 late fee assessed against Matt Romero, a candidate for Youngsville City Council, Lafayette Parish in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 3 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$120 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-871 for a waiver of the \$480 late fee assessed against Charles "Chuck" Nassauer, a candidate for State Representative, District 75 in the March 27, 1999 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 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. 16-872 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Timothy P. Bonura, in his capacity as a person participating in the April 9, 2016 proposition election, for filing his 40-E campaign finance disclosure report 96 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$900 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. 16-874 for a waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against Jack Clampit, a candidate for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, District B in the October 24, 2015 election, for filing his 2015 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 190 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,000 late fee but suspended \$900 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.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-834 for a waiver of the \$750 late fee assessed against Donald Cravins for the late filing of the June 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$750 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-863 for a waiver of the \$50 late fee

assessed against John Kay for the late filing of the June 2016 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$50 late fee, since it was Mr. Kay's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-781 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Lloyd Henry Benson, II, Recreation and Parks Commission, East Baton Rouge Parish, for filing his amended 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 16-801 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Wilmer Joseph "Will" Jacobs, Jr., a former member of the Audubon Commission, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 237 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$1,250 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and with the option of a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 16-600 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Logan Williamson, a member of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority board, for filing his 2014 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 106 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the decision to decline to waive the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 15-141 against Sheriff Michael Couvillon, Vermilion Parish in connection with his participation in transactions in which his spouse, Sonya

Couvillon, had substantial economic interests evidenced by his signature on the job evaluations performed in 2013 and 2015.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman