

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
October 6, 2023

The Board of Ethics met on October 6, 2023 at 9:08 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 Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Grand, Grimley, Lavastida and Roberts present. Board Members Couvillon, Ellis, Scott and Speer were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Mallory Guillot and Charles Reeves.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 23-192 submitted by Alton Joseph Broussard, a former member of the State of Louisiana Board of Barber Examiner, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 637 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 336 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until a future meeting.

The Board considered a waiver request to reconsider the Board's denial of a waiver request in Docket No. 23-318 submitted by Jocelyn Renea Austin Duffin, a member of the Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2017 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 202 days late and regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her amended 2019 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 202 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred its decision until a future meeting.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-596 submitted by Douglas K. Williams, a former member of the Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council,

regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 384 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred its decision until a future meeting.

The Board considered the following waiver requests in Docket No. 23-697 regarding three (3) \$3,000 for a total of \$9,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Capitol Tiger PAC, a political action committee and its committee's chairperson, Tanner Magee, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 1,352, 1,332 and 1,297 days late, respectively. The Board also considered a request to waive three (3) \$3,000 for an additional \$9,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Capitol Tiger PAC, a political action committee and its committee's chairperson, Tanner Magee, in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 30-P, 10-P & 10-G were 963, 942 and 912 days late, respectively. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the following pursuant to Rule 1205C: 2019 10-P, reduced to \$2,750; 2020 10-P, reduced to \$2,000; 2020 10-G, reduced to \$2,500; and, declined to waive all.

Jarred M. Jupiter, Arise Academy Charter School, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 23-650 regarding his request to waive the \$1500 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 720 days late and regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2020 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 123 days late. After hearing from Mr. Jupiter, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the two late fees.

Dorothy Watkins, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 8, Zachary Community in the November 4, 2014 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No.

22-938 to request the Board to reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against her for filing her 2017 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure 1,839 days late. After hearing from Ms. Watkins, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$100 based on future compliance.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G5-G30 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-G30, excluding items G15, G19 and G27, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-218 from Lafayette Center Development District d/b/a Downtown Development Authority ("DDA"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit DDA board members from participating in certain transactions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion due to the lack of specific information in the request.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 23-261 to clarify an advisory opinion issued by the Board at its June 2023 meeting as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Leah Hood to obtain outside employment with the Louisiana Mental Health Association. Ms. Hood works as a peer support specialist for the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority's Terrebonne Behavioral Health Center ("TBHC"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Leah Hood from being employed by the Association for providing services as a Certified

Target Health Facilitator, provided the clients she sees through the Association are not eligible for counseling services at TBHC and she does not refer clients to the Association.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-505 from Walt Wilson regarding a member of the Concordia Parish Hospital Service District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion since the Board does not render advisory opinions on past conduct.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-523 regarding whether there are any issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics if Roderick Clark MD, past president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, accepts a position as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion without additional information.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-600 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board from entering into transactions with the New Wine Development Corporation, Inc. and New Wine Christian Fellowship Church, other immediate family members of newly elected school board member, Samuel Mamou are affiliated with the entities. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the Corporation or the Church from entering into agreements with the School Board, provided that neither Samuel Mamou's wife, Kristen Mamou, nor his father-in-law, Neil J. Bernard, provide the services associated with the agreements with the School Board. The Board further concluded, that if such agreements exist, both Samuel Mamou and Kristen Mamou are prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from receiving compensation from the Corporation or the Church for services rendered by Kristen Mamou as an employee. Finally, the

Code of Governmental Ethics will require Neil J. Bernard to file an annual report by May 15th disclosing the amount of income he received from the Corporation or the Church in the prior calendar year.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket 23-664 from Brian Spillman, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff, regarding a member of the West Feliciana Parish Council contracting with the Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that elected members of the West Feliciana Parish Council are not prohibited by Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from entering into a contractual agreement with the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office to provide services as an ordained minister, as the contract is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of West Feliciana Parish, which is a separate governmental entity and agency from the West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-665 from Annick Mauroner, a former employee of the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development ("OCD"), regarding the post-employment restrictions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Annick Mauroner is prohibited by Section 1121B of the Code of Governmental Ethics, for a period of two years from her resignation from assisting a person for compensation in connection with a transaction involving the State of Louisiana, if she participated in that transaction during her public employment. Since she did not participate in the 2020-2021 Restore LA Program in her capacity as an employee of OCD, she is not prohibited from assisting Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC ("HGA") in transactions involving the 2020-2021 Restore LA Program and the State of Louisiana, including OCD. Additionally, she is prohibited, for the same two-year period, from

rendering the same services back to OCD that she provided as an employee of OCD. Since she did not render consulting services for the 2020-2021 Restore LA Program, she is not prohibited from rendering such services back to OCD, through a contract between HGA and OCD.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-668 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the advancement of a substitute employee to a full-time paraprofessional position with the Beauregard Parish School Board while the employee's husband serves as a member of the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Jennifer Sandifer from becoming a permanent full-time paraprofessional for the Beauregard Parish School Board while her husband serves as an elected member of the Beauregard Parish School Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-669 from Ben Vliet regarding the prohibited transaction and post-employment restrictions that apply to him as a member of the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District 10. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Evergreen Tractor and Equipment Inc. from doing business with the District during Mr. Vliet's service as a District board member, and for two years following his resignation from such board.

The Board considered a request to withdraw an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-670 on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, regarding the employment of Keira White at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed the withdrawal of the advisory opinion request.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-690 from Quincy Richard, an employee of St. Landry Parish, related to his ability to serve on a parish hospital

board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion since the request does not contain sufficient information.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-691 regarding Damon Mitchell, a reserve officer for the Bogalusa Police Department, performing camera repair services on the Police Department's camera system. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Damon Mitchell, or any legal entity in which he has a controlling interest, from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision of jurisdiction of the Bogalusa Police Department.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-692 from Samuel C. D'Aquilla, on behalf of the West Feliciana Parish Tourist Commission (the "Commission"), as to whether the Commission may pay social media influencers to promote businesses owned by members of the Commission. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Commissioners' businesses from being promoted by the social media influencers hired by the Commission.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-694 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Codi Neyland's participation as a member of the State Civil Board in transactions involving the Department of Transportation and Development, Engineering Division while she is employed with the Engineering Division. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded the following: Issue 1: The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Codi Neyland, as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, from discussing, debating or voting to approve market adjustments that will affect Ms. Neyland no more or less than any other state classified employees. Issue 2:

The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Codi Neyland, as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, from discussing, debating or voting to approve items that will affect state classified employees in DOTD Divisions other than the Engineering Division, as Codi Neyland would not have a substantial economic interest in those matters. Issue 3: The Board was unable to render an opinion as to Ms. Neyland's participation in matters involving the Engineering Division, since additional information is needed to determine whether Codi Neyland would have a substantial economic interest in such matters.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-695 from Robert Billiot, Sr., Mayor for the City of Westwego, regarding the City contracting with Terracon, an engineering firm, while his son, Robert Billiot Jr., is an employee of Terracon. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Terracon from entering into a contract with the City of Westwego, provided Robert Billiot Jr., does not perform any of the services. Further, in the event Terracon contracts with the City of Westwego, Robert Billiot, Jr., is required to file an annual financial disclosure with the Board by May 15th of each year that the contract is in effect.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-717 from Rubby Douglas, an employee of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, related to outside employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Douglas from performing consulting work related to disaster planning for Stacy Koch LLC.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-723 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jamie Marlborough's daughter, JuliAnne Naquin AKA JuliAnne David, from being rehired as a dance coach or a substitute

teacher with the Lafourche Parish School Board, while she serves as a member of the School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Jamie Marlborough's daughter, JuliAnne Naquin, AKA JuliAnne David, from being re-employed as a dance coach while Jamie Marlborough serves as a member of the Lafourche Parish School Board. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the employment of JuiAnne David as a certified classroom teacher while Ms. Marlborough serves as a member of the Lafourche Parish School Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-724 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits BAK Collaborative, LLC, which is owned by Bobby Collins, who is a former employee of the Office of Technology Services, to contract with the Louisiana Department of Education ("LDOE"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Bobby Collins or BAK Collaborative LLC from providing contractual services to or for Louisiana Department of Education, provided Mr. Collins did not participate in those matters while he was employed by the State of Louisiana. If a specific matter involves Office of Technology Services, LDOE, or any transaction Mr. Collins participated in during his public employment, the Board advised Mr. Collins to seek an additional advisory opinion to determine if Mr. Collins or BAK Collaborative, LLC can enter such transaction or render such service.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-731 from Professor Chris Surprenant, on behalf of the University of New Orleans ("UNO"), as to whether a department at UNO may contract with a consulting firm owned by Wayne Encalarde, who is an adjunct professor teaching in the Department of Management and Marketing in the College of Business. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the

Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Encalarde Consultants, LLC from entering into contracts with the Department of Management and Marketing; and the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Encalarde Consultants, LLC from entering into contracts with the Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute, which is in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-747 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the St. Mary Parish Library from employing the daughter of the St. Mary Parish President. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Allison Jones' continued employment with the St. Mary Parish Library if her father, Sam Jones, is elected as the St. Mary Parish President.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-749 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Amanda Mones' participation in transactions involving the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department while her husband is employed with the fire department and she serves as a member of the St. Bernard Parish Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Amanda Mones, as an elected member of the St. Bernard Parish Council, from participating in the discussion, debate or vote to approve the operating budget, budget amendments for capital improvements and maintenance for the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department while her husband is employed with the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-773 regarding whether a violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would occur if a television network pays for a public servant's travel and hotel expenses to a marketing conference. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics

allows Chad Governale, who is employed by LUS Fiber, to accept complimentary admission, lodging and reasonable transportation, or reimbursement for such expenses, provided that the requirements in Section 1115.2 of the Code of Governmental Ethics are met and Form 413 is filled out in accordance to Section 1115.2 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does prohibit Mr. Governale from accepting complimentary admission to the NFL football game.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-774 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Tommy Budde, a member of the City of Harahan Council, from participating as an evaluator on an Evaluation Committee for a Request for Proposal involving a garbage collection contract. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Tommy Budde from being named by the Mayor as a member of an Evaluation Committee for the City of Harahan while serving as a member of the Harahan City Council.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-671 from The Gober Group, on behalf of Fanatics Betting and Gaming ("Fanatics"), as to whether persons holding a sports wagering license may make political contributions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Fanatics is not prohibited by La. R.S. 1505.2L from making contributions to candidates and/or political committees in the State of Louisiana.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-693 from Wesley Bishop, a former Legislator and current employee of the New Orleans City Council, regarding the post-employment restrictions involving his former service in the Legislature. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Wesley Bishop from lobbying before the Louisiana Legislature or state

agencies on behalf of the City of New Orleans. The Board cautioned that the various provisions governing Executive Branch lobbying and Legislative Lobbying may require Mr. Bishop to register as a lobbyist and file monthly disclosure reports with the Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-748 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Louisiana Key Academy ("LKA") from serving on the board of the Dyslexia Resource Center ("DRC") while DRC has a contractual and/or business relationship with LKA. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since DRC is a nonprofit educational organization, and the board members of DRC receive no compensation from DRC, the exception in Section 1123(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allows the LKA board members to participate in matters involving LKA in which DRC has a substantial economic interest. However, Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the members of DRC from representing DRC in any transactions with LKA.

The Board considered a personal financial disclosure answer in Docket No. 23-708 regarding whether members of the Louisiana Manufactured Housing Commission are required to file personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to Section 1124.2.1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board advised that members of the Louisiana Manufactured Housing Commission are not required to file annual personal financial disclosures.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the September 7th and September 8th, 2023 meetings.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on

items G33-G38 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 G33-G38, excluding items G35 and G37, taking the following action:

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 19-862 regarding former St. James Parish Transit mechanic, Klay Becnel, purchasing automobile and boat parts and using parish funds for his personal use. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and authorized staff to dismiss the charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 19-1317 regarding charges against Patrick C. Morrow, Sr., Patrick Morrow, A Professional Law Corporation, and Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, and Bassett, A Louisiana Partnership, involving the representation of Opelousas General Hospital Authority. All respondents have executed the consent opinion, and the civil penalty of \$7,500 has been paid in full. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion and authorized staff to dismiss the charges before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 22-638 regarding Rose Jackson, a former member of the Shady Grove Recreation District, which is a part of the Bienville Parish Police Jury. Ms. Jackson has signed the consent opinion for a violation of La. R.S. 42:1121A(2) with a civil penalty of \$600 and has made her first payment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted for publication the consent opinion.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-733 concerning the property of the Port Barre Police Department receiving donated items from Amazon. On motion

made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the Port Barre Police Department's contractual arrangement with Amazon to receive donated items. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does prohibit Chief Deon R. Boudreaux, Port Barre Police Department and employees of the Port Barre Police Department from soliciting and accepting donated items for their personal use. The Code also prohibits the public servant's immediate family members from receiving donated items from the Port Barre Police Department. Finally, as to the disbursement of donated items to the Port Barre Police Department to non-profit organizations and the disposal of donated items, the Board concluded that these issues are not addressed by the provisions in the Code of Governmental Ethics. With respect to this question, the Board suggested that Chief Boudreaux contact the local district attorney or the Attorney General's Office.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board reconsidered a request in Docket No. 21-924 regarding the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Frank Scurlock, candidate for Mayor, City of New Orleans, in the October 14, 2017 election, for his failure to file a 2019 supplemental campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$10,000 late fee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board gave staff the authority to rescind these in the future and assess late fees for the inaccurate filing of the amended report.

The Board took no action on Docket 23-435 regarding the Application for Declaratory Opinion, submitted on behalf of the Jefferson Parish Fire Fighters Association - Local 1374 - International Association of Fire Fighters ("Union"), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Union from paying for legal services in connection with the

representation of its members in matters before the Civil Service Board while one of its Officers or Trustees serves as an elected member of the Civil Service Board. The Board accepted the briefs filed by the attorney for the Board and the Union.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in item G39, en globo, subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G39, excluding Docket No. 23-705, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

- Docket No. 23-360 from Renita Jackson Graber, 30-P of a \$40 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-360 from Renita Jackson Graber, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-360 from Renita Jackson Graber, 10-G of a \$680 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-619 from Tamiko Francis Garrison, 2022 SUPP of a \$80 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-696 from American Federation of Teachers-Solidarity, 40-G of a \$760 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-698 from Magnolia PAC, 30-P of a \$1,600 late fee.
- Docket No. 23-699 from LA Associated General Contractors' Construction Industry PAC, February 2023 Monthly of a \$600 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-704 from Melissa R. Henry, 2021 Annual of a \$1,100 late fee;
- Docket No. 23-706 from Donald E. Richard, 2022 Annual of a \$1,000 late fee; and,
- Docket No. 23-714 from LA Pest Control PAC, 2023 Monthly of a \$200 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$2,000 based Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

- Docket No. 23-647 from Ascension Parish Republican Executive Committee, 2022 Annual of a \$3,000 late fee; and,
- Docket No. 23-698 from Magnolia PAC, 10-P of a \$3,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously suspended all but \$300 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements in the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act against the following:

Docket No. 23-713 from New Solutions PAC, 2022 Annual of a \$3,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-705 regarding the \$2,500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Jean Paul “J.P.” Morrell, a candidate for Council Member at Large, Orleans Parish, and his chairperson, Alex Glaser, for future election, whose 2022 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 73 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 23-667 regarding \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mary-Patricia Wray for the late filing of the May 2023 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-625 submitted by Carolyn A. Carter, a former member of the Northwest Louisiana Human Service District, regarding a \$300 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-709 submitted by Calvin Batiste, a former member of the Independence Board of Alderman/Tangipahoa Parish, regarding a \$500 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 94 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$350 of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 20 days.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 20-035 submitted by Rana Ismail Ottallah, a former member of the

Commission for the Deaf, regarding a \$1500 late fee assessed for filing her 2017 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 148 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 23-648 submitted by Bayou Mama Bear PAC, LLC, its committee's chairperson, Laura Rodrigue, and treasurer, Blake J. Arcuri, regarding a \$1600 campaign finance late fee assessed for filing the 2022 Annual campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 22-304 regarding its decision to decline to waive a \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kirk PAC, in the October 12, 2019 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 33 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed the prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 23-097 regarding its decision to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee assessed against James Benedict, a former member of the Young Audiences Charter School, for filing his 2019 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 401 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fee order.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 23-140 regarding its decision to suspend all but \$450 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Stone "Chip"

Coulter, a former member of the Workers Compensation Second Injury Board, for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 121 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its decision to suspend all but \$450 of the late fee.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 23-194 regarding its decision to suspend all but \$350 of a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Joseph Merritt, Jr., Claiborne Parish Police Jury/District 7, for filing his amended 2020 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure 229 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based of future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 23-251 regarding its decision to decline to waive the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Betty Washington, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District 7, Calcasieu Parish in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was filed 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive the late fee.

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

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-581 submitted by Alesia Ardoin, on behalf of Ricardo Mekdessie, as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Thecla, LLC from submitting a proposal to design, implement, manage, maintain, and supervise a single remittance system for the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board (“LULSTB”). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter until next month.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-732 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Wesley Gillen, a former employee of the City of Gretna, from being employed by Dewberry LLC after the termination of his public employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions provided in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Mr. Gillen until October 2024 from assisting Dewberry LLC in transactions in which he participated while employed with the City of Gretna.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted on the 2024 Calendar for meetings with the addition of July 2, 2024 to have a two-day meeting rather than one-day in July, 2024.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairwoman