

Date

Catherine Papillion
9059 Highway 90
Opelousas, LA 70570

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-381

Dear Ms. Papillion:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its May 20, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether you may be employed as a secretary with the St. Landry Council on Aging. You stated that Mary Chapman, your husband's second cousin, is the Director for the St. Landry Council on Aging.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics will not prohibit you from being employed by the St. Landry Council on Aging. La. R.S. 42:1119A prohibits an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed by his agency. La. R.S. 42:1102(13) defines "immediate family" to include a public servant's children, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse. Your husband's second cousin does not fall within the definition of an immediate family member. Therefore, you are not prohibited from being employed by the St. Landry Council on Aging.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Jennifer T. Land
For the Board