

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 10/15/2020

DOCKET #: 2020-754

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

[Signature]

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Charles G. Blaize, Jr.
Address: 2841 Calanne Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70820
Office/Position: Emerge Center Charter School/ East Baton Rouge
Dates of Service: 2016-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Report ID: PFD20009623
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 7/9/2019 - Marci Blaize (Wife)
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/18/2019
PFD/Answer Filed: 8/31/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 410
Total days late from initial due date: 474
Late Fee Order Received: 8/21/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/10/2020
Waiver Request Received: 8/31/2020

COMMENTS:

Charles Blaize is asking for a waiver for filing his 2018 PFD late. Mr. Blaize stated migrating circumstances preventing him for filing timely and until he received the Late Fee Order, he was unaware he was delinquent. Mr. Blaize said he does not recall receiving the notice issued on 7/8/2019 and received on 7/9/2019. However, he cannot dispute or contest whether he received the letter. Mr. Blaize stated that he has no personal financially contracts with the Emerge School, the Louisiana School Board or the School System. His position is a non-compensation capacity. He has since filed a complaint PFD and would greatly appreciate if the Ethics Board would waiver or reduce his fine. Mr. Blaize wishes to resolve this matter without being transferred to the AG for collections.

This is Mr. Blaize first late filing and first late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No



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Sent via Facsimile
Louisiana Board of Ethics
State of Louisiana
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Attn: Ashley Wimberly
Director
225-381-7271

Re: **Late Fee Assessment
Request of Waiver**

Dear Ms. Wimberly,

I am in receipt of your August 20, 2020 certified letter noting that I failed to file a Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Statement for the calendar year of 2018. Please accept this letter as a request of a waiver of the penalty amount. In the event the waiver is not granted, please accept this letter as a request for an appearance before the Board of Ethics.

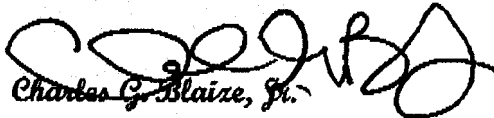
As a mitigating circumstance, I did not know until receipt of the referenced August 20, 2020 letter that I had failed to file same. I did not knowingly receive the July 9th, 2020 Notice of Delinquency; however, I cannot dispute or contest that notice was properly mailed. I do not know if lack of notice is sufficient *good cause* to be considered, but please know that I have no personal financial dealings with the Emerge School (excepting annual donations) nor to I have any financial contracts with any Louisiana School Board or School system. I serve on the Emerge School Board without compensation, so at a minimum, I would appreciate a reduction in the fine if the waiver is not granted.

Today, I have filed my Disclosure Statement, and I hope that such matter will not be further referred to the Attorney General's Office for collection. To avoid future issues, could

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you also check to determine if I properly filed the 2019 and/or 2020 Disclosure Statements as I do not want to incur this possible fine again. Since I missed 2018, I may not have properly filed the subsequent disclosures as well.

At this time, my only reason for filing such Disclosure is my status as a board member on the Emerge School Board. It is not an elected position and I do not have any present intention to run for any Louisiana elected office.


Charles G. Blaize, Jr.

cc: Donna Bourgeois