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

DATE: 10/30/2020

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

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FILER INFORMATION

Name: Derrick Edwards
Address: P. O. Box 2827, Harvey, LA 70059
Alt. Address: 82 Natchez Trace Dr, Harvey, LA 70058
Office/Position: Louisiana Housing Corporation Board
Dates of Service: 2016-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 5

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Report ID: PFD20007688
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 1/25/2020 - M. Edwards
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 2/4/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 5/29/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 115
Total days late from initial due date: 380
Late Fee Order Received: 8/25/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/14/2020
Waiver Request Received: 9/9/2020

COMMENTS:

Derrick Edwards is asking for a waiver for failing to file his 2018 Amendment timely. Mr. Edwards is a Baton Rouge, Louisiana Housing Corporation Board Member, with a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Accounting from Tulane University and a Law Degree from Loyola University School of Law.

He stated he filed the PFD Statement for the election on August 8, 2019, but was unaware the information was "not sufficient". He said this was a misunderstanding that has been rectified and will not happen again. Therefore, he is requesting the Ethics Board to waive the late fees associated with his late filing.

Mr. Edwards stated he is paralyzed from the neck down due to a high school football injury. As a result of his "disability that is a pre-existing condition", he will not attend the board meeting. However, despite his condition, he will appear before Ethics Board if necessary.

Mr. Edwards has amended his disclosure and it has been deemed complaint. This is Mr. Edwards first PFD 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: 2017 2 Suspended - 1 Waived

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September 4, 2020

P.O. Box 2827
Harvey, LA 70059

RE: Late Fee Assessment – Report PFD20007688/Waiver Requests

To the Louisiana Board of Ethics:


My name is Derrick Edwards and I was a candidate for the 2017 and 2019 Louisiana State Treasurer election. I am also a Board Member on Louisiana Housing Corporation in Baton Rouge. Also, I have a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Accounting from Tulane University and a Law Degree from Loyola University School of Law.

I am requesting a waiver of any and all late fees associated with the Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2018 Louisiana Housing Corporation. As a candidate in 2017 and 2019 for Louisiana State Treasurer, I filed the 2018 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for the election on August 8, 2019. Since this was a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, I had no reason not to believe that the 2018 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for the election was not sufficient for the Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for the calendar year 2018. This was a reasonable misunderstanding that has been rectified and will not happen again.

As a result of my physical disability, I am paralyzed from the neck down due to a high school football injury. As a result of my disability that is a pre-existing condition, I am requesting a waiver of any and all late fees without me having to physically appear at the ethics board hearing. Therefore, I am requesting that the Louisiana Board of Ethics waive any and all late fees associated with my late filing due to a reasonable misunderstanding. Also, if necessary, despite my pre-existing condition I will appear in front of the Board of Ethics in connection with this matter.

Along with this letter, I am also submitting a letter from the former president of Tulane University in support of the facts regarding my physical disability. I look forward to hearing of the Louisiana Board of Ethics and having any and all late fees and fines waived.

Sincerely,



Derrick Edwards
Cell: (504) 905-8193

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

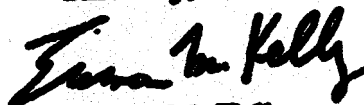
I am writing this letter in support of the application of Derrick Edwards for an internship during his Masters of Accountancy program at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University.

A serious, hard-working student, Derrick graduated from Tulane University in May, 1997, with a Bachelor of Science in Management degree. He is a bright, articulate young man whose intellectual maturity and clear thinking are reflected in a solid academic record.

During Derrick's high school career, he was injured during a football game and as a result is a quadriplegic. Being confined to a wheelchair has not proven to deter his enthusiasm for life or his determination to meet his lifelong goals. He has exhibited an incredible ability to persevere through an arduous physical recovery and did not, at any time, lose focus of his academic quest and his future career goals. He has set high standards and has been able to accomplish insurmountable feats. His professors and fellow students remain amazed at his personal fortitude and his persistence.

I believe that Derrick Edwards would be an excellent candidate for employment as an intern, and I am pleased to recommend him for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Ramon M. Kelly
President

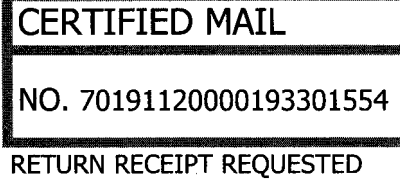
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January 10, 2020

Derrick Edwards
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RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE
Statement covering 2018

Dear Derrick Edwards:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file your Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2018, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

The form for the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 417) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Blair Perkins
Compliance Officer

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Derrick Edwards
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X *M. Edwards*
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D. Edwards

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