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July 17, 2020

VIA SHAREPOINT

The Division of Administrative Law
1020 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: *In the Matter of Cathy Kendrick*
Agency Tracking No.:2019-689

Dear Ms. Duhon:

On behalf of the Louisiana Board of Ethics, please file the attached *Charges* into the record of the referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-219-5619, and thank you.

Kindest regards,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Elizabeth W. Barrouquere

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Staff Paralegal

Enclosure
cc: Ms. Cathy Kendrick (via certified mail no. 70191120000179772835)

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THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

IN THE MATTER OF	*	**DOCKET NO. 2020-_____-ETHICS__**
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CATHY KENDRICK	*	**AGENCY TRACKING NO. 2019-689**

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CHARGES

The Louisiana Board of Ethics ("BOE") voted on July 2, 2020 to and **DOES HEREBY** file the following charge:

1.

Cathy Kendrick ("Ms. Kendrick") was appointed to the Better Choice Foundation Board ("Board") on June 27, 2017 and remains a member of the Board to date.

2.

The Better Choice Foundation registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State as a nonprofit corporation on May 25, 2011. On December 5, 2012, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education ("BESE") approved the Better Choice Foundation's application for a Type 5 charter school. The Board is in charge of operating the Mary D. Coghill Charter School ("School").

3.

Alexis Kendrick was employed by the School as a Resource Specialist from March 13, 2019 until January 8, 2020. Alexis Kendrick is Ms. Kendrick's daughter.

4.

La. R.S. 42:1102(3) defines "agency head" as the chief executive or administrative officer of an agency or any member of a board or commission who exercises supervision over the agency.

5.

La. R.S. 42:1119(A) states that no member of the immediate family of an agency head shall be employed in his agency.

6.

Based on the foregoing facts, Ms. Kendrick may have violated La. R.S. 42:1119(A) by virtue of her membership on the Board while her daughter, Alexis Kendrick, was employed as a Resource Specialist by the School.

7.

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:1141(C)(3)(b)(iv), the BOE designates LaToya D. Jordan and Tracy M. Barker as the BOE's trial attorneys in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Board of Ethics respectfully requests that the Ethics Adjudicatory Board: (1) conduct a hearing on the foregoing charge; (2) determine that Cathy Kendrick violated La. R.S. 42:1119(A):and, (3) assess the appropriate penalties in accordance with the recommendation of the Louisiana Board of Ethics to be submitted during the public hearing on this matter or at another time deemed appropriated by the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Charges* have been served on the Respondent by U.S. Registered or Certified Mail this 17th day of July 2020.

RESPONDENT:	Cathy Kendrick 1705 Chimneywood Lane. New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
ATTORNEY:	None at this time.

LATOYA D. JORDAN
Trial Attorney