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VIA SHAREPOINT

The Division of Administrative Law
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RE: *In the Matter of Vanna Tabb Acker*
Agency Tracking No.: 2019-1167

Ms. Duhon:

On behalf of the Louisiana Board of Ethics, please filed the attached *Charges* in 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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LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS	*	**DOCKET NO.**
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IN THE MATTER OF	*	
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VANNA TABB ACKER	*	**AGENCY TRACKING NO. 2019-1167**

CHARGES

The Louisiana Board of Ethics voted on September 4, 2020, to and does hereby file the following charges:

1.

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "SWBNO") was created by Act 6 of the Extra Session of 1899 by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

2.

Vanna Tabb Acker was employed with the SWBNO as an Administrative Support Supervisor II in the Risks Management Department in the Claims Division from March 2007 until October 2019.

3.

Vanna Tabb Acker's job duties with the SWBNO included identifying liability, responding timely to property and casualty claims, investigating and resolving claims.

4.

Vanna Tabb Acker is the mother of Davanya Tabb.

5.

Davanya Tabb filed a complaint with the SWBNO on February 21, 2018, alleging that her vehicle was damaged due to a defect in a city street caused by improper maintenance by the SWBNO.

6.

On March 29, 2018, Vanna Tabb Acker investigated, processed and paid the claim to her daughter in the amount of $2,473.54.

7.

La. R.S. 42:1112B provides:

> No public servant, except as provided in R.s. 42:1120, shall participate in a transaction involving the governmental entity in which, to his actual knowledge, any of the following persons has a substantial economic interest:
>
> (1) Any member of his immediate family.

8.

La. R.S. 42:1102(13) provides:

> "Immediate family" as the term relates to a public servant means his 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.

9.

Based on the foregoing facts, Vanna Tabb Acker, while employed with the SWBNO violated La. R.S. 42:1112B by investigating, processing and paying a claim initiated by her daughter, Davanya Tabb, knowing that Davanya Tabb had a substantial economic interest in the claim.

10.

La. R.S. 42:1153B provides with respect to penalties:

> Upon finding that any public employee or other person has violated any provision of any law within the jurisdiction of the board . . ., the Ethics Adjudicatory Board, may remove, suspend, or order a reduction in pay, or demotion of the public employee or other person, or impose a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

11.

La. R.S. 42:1155A provides with respect to penalties:

If an investigation pursuant to R.S. 42:1141 reveals that any public servant or other person has violated any law within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics to his economic advantage, and after an adjudicatory hearing on the matter, the Ethics Adjudicatory Board may order the payment of penalties. Recovery may include, in addition to an amount equal to such economic advantage, penalties not to exceed one half of the amount of the economic advantage.

12.

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:1141C(3)(b)(iv), the Board designates Gregory L. Thibodeaux and Tracy Barker as the Board's trial attorneys in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Board of Ethics requests that the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (a) conduct a hearing on the foregoing charges; (b) determine that Vanna Tabb Acker violated La. R.S. 42:1112B(1); and (c) assess appropriate penalties in accordance with the recommendation of the Louisiana Board of Ethics to be submitted at the hearing.

Robert V. McAnelly
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CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been forwarded to the Respondent via registered/certified mail, and to the attorney of record via electronic mail, on this 9th day of December, 2020.

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