

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
GENERAL MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2024

The Board of Ethics met on June 7, 2024 at 9:07 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the first floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Grimley, Lavastida, Roberts, Scott and Speer were present. Board Member Ellis was absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Administrative Coordinator, Lynette Tucker; and Counsel David Bordelon, Mallory Guillot, and Charles Reeves.

Mr. Kevin J. Katner, attorney and committee chairperson for New Orleans Home Builders Association and David Mills, CEO for New Orleans Home Builders Association, a political action committee, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-250 requesting that the Board waive the \$7,000 total campaign finance late fees assessed against New Orleans Home Builders Association, its committee's chairperson, Kevin Katner, and treasurer, Shivers Nellon, whose 2023 May, June, November and December monthly campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 29, 3, 2 and 21 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Katner and Mr. Mills on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 and \$400 late fees for the June and November reports; and, with respect to \$3,000 and \$3,000 late fees for the May and December reports, the Board reduced each to \$2,000 based on Rule 1205C for a total fine of \$5,000.

Mr. Andy Shealy appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-289 regarding an advisory opinion request from Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish regarding a contractual arrangement with a third-party service provider when Iberia Medical Center's CEO and the third-party service provider's CFO are siblings. The Board deferred the matter for later in the

meeting to allow Andy Shealy time to review the advisory opinion draft.

Mr. Henry Whitehorn, Jr. appeared before the Board regarding his request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 24-332 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Henry Whitehorn, Jr. from being re-employed with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office prior to his father, Henry Whitehorn, Sr., taking office on July 1, 2024. After hearing from Mr. Whitehorn, a motion was made to adopt the proposed draft, which concluded that his re-employment was prohibited, however, the motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was made to amend the advisory opinion to add the word immediately in the second paragraph, was seconded, but failed by a vote of 4 yeas by Board Members Grand, Grimley, Roberts and Speer and 6 nays by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Couvillon, Lavastida and Scott. A motion was made to decline to issue an opinion, but motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was made to instruct staff to re-write the advisory opinion, adding Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, which provides a narrow exception that allows the continued employment of immediate family members who has been employed with the agency for at least one year prior to the immediate family member becoming the agency head, was seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida and Scott and 3 nays by Board Members Grimley, Roberts and Speer. The Board deferred adoption of an opinion until later in the meeting.

Mr. Andy Shealy returned and appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-289 in connection with an advisory opinion request from Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish, d/b/a Iberia Medical Center ("IMC") regarding a contractual arrangement with Oceans Healthcare ("Oceans") when IMC's CEO and Oceans' CFO are siblings. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics

does not prohibit the District from entering into a contractual arrangement with Oceans when IMC's CEO and Oceans' CFO are siblings since Oceans' CFO, Mr. Eric Elliot does not have a controlling interest in Oceans.

The Board considered the following item on the General Supplemental Agenda.

Mr. David Rabalais, Executive Director of Terrebonne Port Commission and Ms. Mary "Molly" Bourgoyn, Director of Ports for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Office of Multi Commerce appeared before the Board regarding an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-290 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the Terrebonne Port Commission to purchase land from a company owned by Senator Michael Fesi. After hearing from David Rabalais and Molly Bourgoyn, a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113D of the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Senator Fesi and Pipeline Construction Maintenance, Inc. from entering into any contract with the Terrebonne Port Commission for the sale and lease of property, but deferred adoption of an opinion until the July meeting to allow staff to draft an advisory opinion.

The Board considered the following items on the General Agenda.

Mr. Henry Whitehorn Jr. returned and appeared before the Board requesting an advisory opinion in Docket No. 24-332 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Henry Whitehorn, Jr. from being re-employed with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office prior to his father, Henry Whitehorn, Sr., taking office on July 1, 2024. After the Board and Mr. Henry Whitehorn Jr. read the draft advisory opinion and made suggested changes, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Lavastida and Scott and 3 nays by Board Members Grimley, Roberts and Speer, the

Board concluded that in this limited situation, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Henry Whitehorn, Jr. from being hired by Interim Sheriff Jay Long and his continuing his employment with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, once his father takes office as Caddo Parish Sheriff on July 1, 2024.

Charles Dupuy, Sheriff-Elect of St. Helena Parish and owner of CKS Safety Consultants, appeared before the Board regarding an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-306 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Charles Dupuy to serve as the Chief Deputy of St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office while continuing to own CKS Safety Consultants, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Charles Dupuy from serving as Chief Deputy for the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office while maintaining ownership of CKS Safety Consultants, LLC.

John Adams appeared before the Board regarding an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-304 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits John Adams' daughter to be employed by Arkus Management Services, LLC, a subcontractor of Louisiana Oilfield Restoration Association, Inc. ("LORA"), while LORA has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Conservation, and he serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Conservation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Adams' daughter is permitted to be employed with Arkus Management Services, LLC, provided that she works on projects that do not involve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LORA and the Office of Conservation and files annual disclosures with the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 1114 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board took a break from 11:09 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request to waive the \$540 campaign finance late fee in Docket No. 24-254 assessed against Danil Faust, an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, 93<sup>rd</sup> Representative District on March 24, 2018 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G2-G22 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G2-G22, excluding items G2, G3, G9 and G22, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-048 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Christopher Guilbeaux to serve as the Executive Director of Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association following his retirement from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that for a period of two years following January 20, 2023, Mr. Guilbeaux is prohibited from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction or an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving the Emergency Management Division of GOHSEP or from rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for the Emergency Management Division for GOHSEP.

The Board considered a request to withdraw an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-071 from Donald Bourgeois as to him serving as the agent of record for a deferred

compensation plan. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the withdrawal of the request and closed the file.

The Board considered a disqualification plan request in Docket No. 24-195 from Kristy Flynn, on behalf of Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center (“CLSSC”), to approve a disqualification plan allowing a CLSSC employee to recuse themselves from any matters relating to their child’s employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed disqualification plan since it meets the requirements of the Board pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-264 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Benjamin Allison to serve as a part-time firefighter with the Red River Parish Fire District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that nothing in the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Red River Parish Fire District from hiring Mr. Allison as a part-time firefighter.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-265 from Michael Conroy, on behalf of St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court Melissa Henry, as to the application of the post-employment restrictions in the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Henry from being employed by Software and Services (“the Company”) after she leaves office as Clerk, provided that she does not assist the Company in any matters involving the Clerk’s Office for a period of two years. Further, while Ms. Henry remains the Clerk of Court, she is prohibited from participating in any transaction for the Clerk’s Office involving the Company.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-268 from James Gravois as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits LA Athletics from providing services to students who are members of the Dutchtown High School cheerleading team. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Gravois is not a public servant for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics based on the specific facts presented herein. As such, the prohibitions in Section 1111C(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics do not apply to Mr. Gravois as owner of LA Athletics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-269 from Andrew Price Gay, Jr., Chairman of the Upper Delta Soil and Water Conservation District's ("SWCD") Board of Supervisors, regarding his daughter-in-law being employed by a potential district vendor. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Rostan Solutions, LLC, from entering into a contract or transaction with the Upper Delta SWCD while Mr. Andrew P. Gay serves as an appointed member of the Upper Delta SWCD and Mr. Gay's daughter-in-law is employed with Rostan Solutions, LLC.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-270 from Craig Prosper, a former member of the St. Martinville City Council, regarding the post-employment restrictions. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment restrictions contained in Section 1121A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibit Mr. Prosper and his company, Prosper Contractors, from providing contracted services to the City of St. Martinville until July 1, 2024.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-271 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Danny Myers' business to subcontract on a

project for the Cameron Parish Police Jury. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that since Danny Myers is a member of a governing authority of a parish with a population of ten thousand or less, he and his business are not prohibited from bidding on or enter into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of Cameron Parish.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-305 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits St. Landry Parish Government from hiring the grandchild of Jimmie Edwards, an elected member of the Parish Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the employment of Jimmie Edwards' grandchild with St. Landry Parish while he serves as an elected councilman since a grandchild is not an immediate family member as defined by the Code of Governmental Ethics

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-307 from Anna Frank, a member of the Ville Platte Board of Alderman, regarding her potential employment by the Housing Authority of Ville Platte. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that, since the Authority is a political subdivision of the state rather than the City of Ville Platte, Ms. Frank's potential employment as Executive Director of the Authority presents no issues under Section 1113A(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-323 from Greg Fernandez, on behalf of the St. Bernard Parish Coroner's Office (the "Coroner's Office), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Coroner's Office from employing Raul Vallecillo as an investigator while he also serves as a St. Bernard Parish



firefighter. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit an employee of the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department from also being employed by the Coroner's Office, as long as such person is not providing the services of both of these positions during the same compensated hours.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-333 from Russell Benevage, on behalf of Roadrunner Ability Access, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company ("Roadrunner"), as to whether Roadrunner may contract with the Louisiana Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities ("OCDD") while his spouse is employed by OCDD. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Roadrunner from entering into transactions with OCDD while Mr. Benevage's spouse is an employee of OCDD.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration of an advisory opinion in Docket No. 23-929 from James Carinio, Jr., a former employee of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, as to whether the Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") Final Rule on Non-Competes affects his post-employment restrictions under the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 9 yeas by Board Members Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Couvillon, Grand, Grimley, Lavastida, Roberts, Scott, and one nay by Board member Speer, the Board affirmed the previously issued advisory opinion since the FTC's Final Rule on Non-Competes does not affect the Code of Governmental Ethics post-employment restrictions under La. R.S. 42:1121.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 23-1067 from Patrick Ottinger with Ottinger Hebert LLC regarding his appointment as City-Parish Attorney for Lafayette Consolidated Government and his appointment of Assistant City-Parish Attorneys who

are employed at Ottinger Hebert LLC. Mr. Ottinger has resigned from the firm. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board accepted the request to withdraw the advisory opinion request.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-267 from Eric Duplantis on behalf of the West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, regarding its depositing of funds into an account with First National Bank of Jeanerette. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits First National Bank of Jeanerette from entering into any transactions, including the opening of an account, with the Port District while Mr. Terry has a substantial economic interest in First National Bank of Jeanerette and serves on the Port District Board.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-335 on behalf of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Executive Director from receiving compensation from Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Authority's Executive Director from receiving compensation directly from the Corporation since the Corporation has a management contract with the Authority. However, the Board noted that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the Authority and the Corporation from increasing the compensation paid by the Corporation to the Authority under the terms of the management contract to allow the Authority to increase its Executive Director's compensation, provided that all compensation is properly approved by the Authority's Board of Directors and paid through the Authority.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 2 and May 3, 2024 meetings.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-288 from Dannie Garrett, III, on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as to whether a member of the Council may receive compensation from a company seeking to contract with the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District and whether his employer may contract with the District. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

The Board considered a correspondence in Docket No. 24-383 from the Governor's Office regarding the application of La. R.S. 44:11(A)(3) to the residence address disclosed by filers on the annual personal financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S.42:1124. The Board was also notified that the Governor's Office submitted a request for an advisory opinion on this issue. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that La. R.S. 44:11(A)(3) is not applicable to the residence address required to be disclosed in an annual personal disclosure statement pursuant to Section 1124 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed staff to submit a response to the Attorney General's Office that is consistent with this conclusion.

The Board considered legislation introduced in connection with the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Kathleen Allen prepared a chart for the Board to review regarding all legislation enacted or pending before the Governor for approval, and a column that shows what action will be required.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in item G27, en globo, subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G27, except 23-1092, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-248 from Lawrence Marie Brown, 30-P of a \$40 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-251 from Glenn Scriber, 10-G of a \$840 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-253 from Michael “Cuz” Prosperie, 40-G of a \$440 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-255 from Earnestine “Tina” Horn, 30-P of a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-255 from Earnestine “Tina” Horn, 40-G of a \$440 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-259 from Vincent Milligan, Jr., 30-P of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket No. 24-259 from Vincent Milligan, Jr., 10-G of a \$120 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 24-308 from Elbert Lee Guillory, 180-P of a \$2,500 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$500 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-249 from SJerry L. Red, Jr., 10-G of a \$880 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$432 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-255 from Earnestine “Tina” Horn, 10-P of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$577 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-255 from Earnestine “Tina” Horn, 10-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$400 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-257 from Ralph Singleton, Jr., 40-G of a \$1,000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$600 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-258 from Mary Winchell, 2022 SUPP of a \$2,000 late fee.

Board Member Couvillon recused herself from voting on Docket Nos. 23-797 and 24-252

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-797 submitted by Walter “Wally” Fall, a successful candidate for Member of School Board, District G, Rapides Parish, in the November 8, 2022 election, whose Special campaign finance disclosure report was not filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$440 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-252 submitted by Tess Percy Stromberg, a successful candidate for Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit, 1st Dist., Elec. Sec. 1, Division C in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 90-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 49 days late and was assessed a \$2,500 late fee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced to \$1,000 based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 23-1092 regarding a \$60 campaign finance late fee assessed against Hersy Jones, Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Caddo Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee based on future compliance with the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered a lobbying waiver request in Docket No. 24-247 regarding a \$700 late fee assessed against Ashley Volion for the late filing of the January 2024 Lobbying Expenditure Report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the late fee since this is Ms. Volion's first late filing.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals contained in item G29, en globo, subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in G29, except 24-262 and 24-175, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously declined to waive all of the personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against the following:

Docket 24-146 Stephanie Cargile, 2022 Tier 2.1, 96 days late of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket 24-147 Sharon Moore Bradley, Amended 2021 Tier 3, 65 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 24-147 Sharon Moore Bradley, Amended 2022 Tier 3, 65 days late of a \$500 late fee;

Docket 24-179 Marcel "Two" Belvin, Jr., Amended 2022 Tier 2, 126 days late of a \$2,500 late fee;

Docket 24-200 Matthew "Matt" Lewis Jewell, Amended 2022 Tier 2, 10 days late of a \$1,000 late fee;

Docket 24-226 Thomas L. Scott, Jr., 2021 Tier 2.1, 22 days late of a \$1,100 late fee;

Docket 24-261 Tyronne Edwards, 2022 Tier 3, 41 days late of a \$500 late fee; and,

Docket 24-319 Amy R. Hebert, 2022 Tier 2.1, 2 days late of a \$100 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics for the following:

Docket 24-176 Randi Aleasha Grillette, Amended 2021 Tier 3, not filed of a \$500 late fee; and,

Docket 24-178 Doris Stogner, Amended 2022 Tier 2, 142 days late of a \$2,500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all of the late fees but \$250 based on future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and payable within 20 days against the following:

Docket 24-260 Kimberly Walker McAlister, 2022 Tier 2.1, 18 days late of a \$900 late fee.

Chairwoman Roberts recused herself from voting on Docket No. 24-262.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-262 submitted by Geraldine "Geri" Broussard Baloney, Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 24-175 submitted by Jason Smith, candidate for Sheriff / Washington Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, regarding a \$2500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 95 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee.

The Board considered a school board disclosure waiver request in Docket No. 24-177 submitted by Jerel Bryant, Collegiate Academics Charter School Board, regarding a \$1000 late fee assessed for filing his 2023 School Board Disclosure 20 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the late fee but \$250 based on future compliance with the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered the civil suit in Louisiana Board of Ethics versus River Birch Suit No. 715012 in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board authorized staff to agree to a stipulated judgment for submission to the court.

The Board considered the following items on the General Supplemental Agenda.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 24-415 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Phillip Macaluso, Transportation Operations Manager in Section 45 Traffic Services of the Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”), from accepting employment with TransLine Industries after his retirement from DOTD. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that for a period of two years following Mr. Macaluso’s retirement, his employment with TransLine Industries is not prohibited, provided he does not assist TransLine Industries with any transactions that involve the DOTD, Section 45 Traffic Services.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 23-204 regarding Royce Toney concerning his inappropriate use of campaign funds in violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Mr. Toney has signed a consent opinion for violation of Section 1505.2I(1) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and has paid the civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion. The Board instructed staff to dismiss the pending lawsuit.

On motion made seconded and unanimously passed, the Board moved into Executive Session at 12:38.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairwoman