LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes
August 7, 2026

The Board of Ethics met on August 7, 2026 at 9:01 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the first floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Members Amato, Bryant, Colomb, Danos, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Nowlin, Roberts, Scott and Whipple present. Board Member Crigler was absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; the Administrative Coordinator, Kristin Krolak; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Jessica Meiners, Charles Reeves and Kelsey Simmons.

Mr. Caleb Atwell, candidate for Mayor / Town of Killian / Livingston Parish in the March 29, 2025 election, appeared before the Board for a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 25-693 regarding the Board's decision to decline to waive a $500 late fee assessed against Mr. Atwell for filing his 2024 Tier 3 Candidate personal financial disclosure 218 days late. After hearing from Mr. Atwell, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the fine to $250 based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a reconsideration waiver request in Docket No. 25-756 from Mr. J.D. Dantzler, Jr., East Feliciana Parish School Board, that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a $1,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2025 School Board Disclosure 31 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

Board Member Huval recused himself from voting on Docket No. 26-124.

Steven E. "Steve" Pylant, an unsuccessful candidate for Franklin Parish Sheriff in the October 11, 2025 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 26-124 requesting that the

Board waive two (2) $1,000 campaign finance late fees (total $2,000) assessed against him for filing his 30-P and 10-P Campaign finance disclosure reports 35 and 42 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Pylant, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the September meeting to give Mr. Pylant time to receive a letter from his physician for documentation.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-206 regarding two (2) $3,000 campaign finance late fees ($6,000 total) assessed against Revitalize Northeast Louisiana PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, MaryCruz Berzoza, whose 10-G and 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure reports have not been filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the late fees as to Ms. Berzoza only and voted to keep the PAC fines in place since Ms. Berzoza was no longer affiliated with the political action committee when the charges were assessed.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-298 regarding two (2) $1,000 campaign finance late fee (total $2,000) assessed against Gloria Tanner, a successful district level candidate for Assessor for St. Helena Parish, in the October 11, 2025 election, whose 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 285 and 250 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the fees since the filer failed to state good cause which is outside the control of the filer as required under LA. R.S. 42:1157(A)(1)(b).

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-435 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Morgan Johnson, a former Assistant District Attorney for the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office, from continuing the investigation and prosecution of criminal matters in which she participated as an Assistant District Attorney as an attorney of Taylor Porter within two years of her resignation from the District Attorney's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Morgan, for two years following the termination if her employment from the District Attorney's Office, from rendering any services in connection with the investigation and prosecution of the five individuals indicted for the death of Caleb Wilson pursuant to a contract between Taylor Porter and the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

Attorney Bryce Autin and Mr. Chad Callais appeared before the Board requesting a waiver in Docket No. 26-414 regarding the $3,000 late fee assessed against Mr. Callais for filing his 2025 Personal financial disclosure 12 days late. After hearing from Attorney Autin and Mr. Callais, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance since this is Mr. Callais' first late filing.

Ms. Gretchen Ferguson appeared before the Board in Docket No. 26-327 regarding an advisory opinion request as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits post-employment services by Ms. Ferguson, former employee of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD") with Ms. Ferguson's new employer, Benesch, LLC. After hearing form Ms. Ferguson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the post-employment prohibitions contained in La. R.S. 42:1121B(1), apply to

Ms. Ferguson for two years from February 15, 2026, the date she terminated her public employment with DOTD. The Board also advised that should a specific situation arise that may present a violation of the Code's post-employment restrictions, Ms. Ferguson should seek an updated advisory opinion.

Mr. Bruce Gallassero, form preparer for New Orleans East Leadership, and Dwight Jarrett, PAC chairman, appeared before the Board to request a reconsideration for waiver request in Docket No. 25-338 regarding the Board's decision to decline to waive seven (7) late fees of $2,800, $2,000, $3,000, $3,000, $3,000, $885, and $3,000 (total $17,685) assessed against the New Orleans East Leadership, a political action committee, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose special reports were 14, 10 and 33 days late; EDE-P, 10-G, EDE-G and 40-G reports were filed 35, 23, 115 and 84 days late**.** After hearing from Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Gallassero, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived all but $2,800 of the late fees and suspended the remaining $2,800 fees based on future compliance since the committee had taken measures to correct the issues and had been in compliance for the last seven years.

Robb Sharper, a candidate for State Representative, 61st Representative District, in the October 14, 2023 election, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 26-325 regarding the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(a) for his failure to file a 30-P Campaign finance disclosure report. After hearing from Mr. Sharper, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to assess an enhanced civil penalty of $10,000 and rescinded the 30-P late fee since Mr. Sharper filed his 30-P Campaign finance disclosure report on July 30, 2026.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on Consent Agenda and Consent Opinion items G8-G30 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 G8-G30**,** excluding items G20 and G27, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-535 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Danielle Kiff providing services to clients doing business with her spouse's agency, Jefferson Parish's Department of Code Compliance and Enforcement (the "Department"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Danielle Kiff. and the Prospective Company from providing services to third parties on matters relating to the Department.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-249 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Southern University System (the "System"), to enter into contracts and make payments to a company owned by a System employee, Ms. Thomas's, brother, Dalton Honore. Mr. Honore owns Honore Companies, LLC (the "Company"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Company from entering into contracts with a System member institution that fall under the supervision or jurisdiction of Ms. Thomas' agency.

The Board considered the withdrawal of a disqualification plan approval request in Docket No. 26-259 from LSU Agricultural Center regarding the employment of Alyson Tarifa as a part-time graduate assistant in the Office of Youth Development ("OYD") while her father, Dr. Todd Tarifa, serves as the academic department head for the OYD. On motion made, seconded

and unanimously passed, the Board withdrew the disqualification plan approval request since Ms. Tarifa is no longer employed by the OYD.

The Board considered the request to withdraw an advisory opinion in Docket No. 26-310 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an employee of the Office of Juvenile Justice from having outside employment with HDG Academy ("HDG"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board allowed for the withdrawal of the advisory opinion request since Ms. Robinson has decided not to accept employment with HDG and has accepted a different position.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-321 regarding Candy Bertrand, employee of the City of St. Martinville (the "City") relating to purchase of adjudicated properties. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Bertrand and her company, J&C Properties of Acadiana, LLC, from purchasing adjudicated property from the City.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-341 regarding the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics post-employment provisions to Melissa Lantz, a former employee with the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Lantz from providing project management services to DEQ following termination of her employment in the Air Permits Division of DEQ.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-343 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Two Kings Creations, LLC ("TKC"), a business in which Bryan King, an officer employed with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office who is a school resource officer, holds a controlling interest, from selling school uniforms to the

families of students at the school to which he is assigned. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits TKC from selling items to the school and to the families of the students at the school at which Mr. King is the assigned school resource officer. TKC is not prohibited from selling to schools or parents of the students at schools at which Mr. King is not the assigned school resource officer.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-345 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office from remitting payment on an invoice associated with a publication commissioned during the final days of former Sheriff Susan Hutson's administration. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office from paying a vendor for producing the publication commissioned by the former Sheriff of Orleans Parish. However, they should be advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the proper use of public funds, which is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's office. The Board suggests that Mr. Lampkin contact that office regarding the application of those laws. A copy of the request and this opinion has been forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

The Board declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 26-352 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Balbariella Livings, a teacher in one parish to run for school board in another parish, since the question presented is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. Questions concerning Dual Office Holding and Dual Employment are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Louisiana Attorney General.

The Board granted the withdrawal of a disqualification plan in Docket No. 26-356 at the petition of requester Nichols State University ("NSU") regarding the employment of Tevon

Gaulden-Saddler the head basketball coach and his brother, Jayden Gaulden-Saddler, the assistant Basketball Coach, within the Athletics Department since Tevon Gaulden-Saddler is no longer employed by NSU.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-357 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office from contracting with a company owned by Terry Thomas, a part-time employee's son. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Terry Thomas and K&M Project Services, LLC from contracting with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office to work on capital outlay projects while his father Randy Thomas is employed part-time by the Sheriff's Office.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-358 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Kevin Pope, the Chief Deputy of the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court's Office, from running for the Livingston Parish School Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Mr. Pope from qualifying to become a candidate to run for the Livingston Parish School board while he is employed with the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court's Office. Further, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit him from performing his public duties while a candidate for public office. Mr. Pope may want to seek guidance from the Secretary of State's Election Division as to any prohibitions from running for public office while employed with the Clerk of Court's Office.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-363 from Robert Barton, on behalf of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLC ("Taylor Porter") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics allows Taylor Porter to represent the University of New Orleans

Foundation (the "UNO Foundation") while providing legal services to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ("LSU"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Taylor Porter from receiving compensation from the UNO Foundation while it seeks to have a contractual relationship with LSU.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-364 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the continued employment of Kelby Wuertz, the son-in-law of Tommy Williams, the Slidell City Police Chief, and a request to approve a disqualification plan. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the continued employment of Kelby Wuertz since he has been employed for more than one year prior to the Chief taking office. Further, the proposed disqualification plan submitted pursuant to Section 1112C of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics is approved, as it is sufficient to prevent violations under La. R.S. 42:1112B(1), and it meets the Board's requirements pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-371 from Nicholas Monier, on behalf of Ward Five Fire Protection District (the "District") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics allows the District to sell surplus property to the spouse of a member of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury (the "EPPJ"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the District from selling surplus property to members of the EPPJ and their spouses.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-397 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits K&D Lawncare and Demolition, LLC

("KDLD") from contracting with the City of Jennings while its owner, Dillon Fontenot, is employed with the City of Jennings Fire Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Fontenot and/or KDLD from bidding on or entering into contracts, subcontracts or transactions under the supervision or jurisdiction of the City of Jennings Fire Department. Dillon Fontenot and/or KDLD are not prohibited from bidding on or entering into contracts, subcontracts or transactions under the supervision or jurisdiction of any other city department.

The Board declined to render an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-398 from Despo Wells, regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Wade Evans, Mayor of Central, from hiring and increasing compensation for Jennifer Kimble since the request appears to deal with past conduct. The Board instructed staff to notify Ms. Wells, as a council member, of her obligation to report potential violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics under La. R.S. 42:1161A.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-400 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Lafourche Parish Government from soliciting and receiving gifts to use in an employee safety incentive program. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit a Lafourche Parish Government employee incentive program. However, Lafourche Parish should contact the Attorney General's Office on the appropriate use of public funds and/or property if funding, gift cards, merchandise, or other non-cash incentives are received by Lafourche Parish Government for the employee incentive program. Further, employees of Lafourche Parish Government are prohibited from soliciting any funding, gift cards,

merchandise, or other non-cash incentives from prohibited sources as defined by La. R.S. 42:1115.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-407 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Andrea Bryant, an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS") to render compensated services to Unlimited Alternatives to Change ("UAC"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Bryant's continued outside employment with UAC while employed with UAC as along as the services are not the same or substantially similar to those provided to, for, through, or on behalf of DCFS and UAC continues to not have any contractual, financial or business relationships with DCFS.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-408 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the employment of Catherine Touchet, a teacher with the Vermilion Charter Academy ("VCF") if she marries the brother of Riley Meaux, a member of the Vermilion Charter Foundation Board of Directors. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the continued employment of Catherine Touchet if she marries the brother of VCF Board member Riley Meaux. After the marriage, Riley Meaux will be required to file school board disclosure statements each year by September 15th. Ms. Meaux will also be required to recuse herself from any matter involving VCF/CSUSA in which Catherine Touchet has a personal substantial economic interest.

The Board declined to render an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-422 from Representative Danny McCormick regarding potential conflicts of interest since Mr. McCormick

is asking questions about past conduct by others and lacks standing, therefore, the Board cannot use this request as the basis for an investigation.

Board Member Colomb left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-360 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the post-employment of Steven LaChute, the former Chief Operating Officer for Jefferson Parish Government. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. LaChute from assisting current or prospective vendors in transactions involving his former agency, the Executive Branch of Jefferson Parish Government, for a period of two years following the termination of his employment. Mr. LaChute is not prohibited from assisting current or prospective vendors in transactions involving his former agency, the Legislative Branch of Jefferson Parish Government.

Board Member Colomb returned to the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-403 regarding as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Jefferson Parish Council from participating in transactions that are permitted by La. R.S. 42:1113A(1)(c). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits members of the Jefferson Parish Council from participating in matters involving the approval or denial of permits and permit renewals, such as alcoholic beverage permits, for businesses in which a council member or a council member's immediate family has a substantial economic interest, even though such a transaction may be allowed by La. R.S. 42:1113A(1)(c)(i). However, a council member who recuses themselves from voting is allowed to participate in the discussion and debate concerning the matter provided that the council member makes the

disclosure of their conflict or potential conflict a part of the Jefferson Parish Council's record prior to their participation in the discussion and debate and prior to the vote that is the subject of discussion or debate.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

Board Member Bryant left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Board Member Whipple recused herself from voting on the July Board meeting minutes.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the July 1st and July 2nd, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

The Board discussed Act 777 from the 2026 Legislative Session in relation to Docket No. 25-533 and the Board's decision to suspend all but $1,000 of the $2,500 late fee assessed against Steven Jackson, State Representative - District 2, for filing his 2022 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure 855 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered Docket No. 26-355 regarding the assessment of the enhanced penalty pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(4)(b) for Christopher George, an unsuccessful candidate for Alderman, City of Crowley, in the November 8, 2022 election, for his failure to file a 10-G Campaign finance disclosure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board assessed a civil penalty of $10,000 against Mr. George for failure to file a 10-P Campaign finance disclosure report.

Board Member Grand left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-365 regarding whether the Campaign

Finance Disclosure Act prohibits Reese "Skip" Broussard, State Representative, 37th Representative District, Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis Parishes, from using campaign funds for expenditures to a company owned by him and his spouse. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act prohibits Mr. Broussard from making expenditures to the company, Reese J. Broussard Rentals, LLC.

Board Member Grand returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-501 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority to pay a per diem to its board members. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion for lack of jurisdiction. The Board authorized the Ethics Administrator, General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel to advise requestors in the future of the Board's lack of jurisdiction without presentation to the Board.

The Board considered Administrator's Notes in Docket No. 3126-01:

1. Number of Subpoenas issued by the Staff in previous month to be provided at meeting pursuant to R.S. 42:1141(C)(1)(b)(ii) (Act 301 of 2025 Regular Session): 12
2. Sexual Harassment Training for the Board will be scheduled during the General Meeting on October 2, 2026 at 9 a.m. Appearances will follow starting at 10 a.m.
3.Ethics Training for the Board will be scheduled during the Executive Meeting on November 5, 2026.
4. The Ethics Administration is required by statute to provide campaign packets to candidates at the time of qualifying. Staff created and shipped the following packets in connection with the qualifying period of Aug. 5 - 7, 2026:
PFD Tier 2 - 1,794, PFD Tier 3 - 5,177, CFDA Major – 254, CFDA District - 1,096 CFDA Any Other - 6,088, **TOTAL: 14,409**
5. Judge Vanessa Whipple was congratulated by Board Member Danos and the Board for being honored by the Terrebonne Parish Bar Association with the "Elton Darcey Lifetime Achievement Award" for her many accomplishments.
6. The Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame inducted Board Member Brandon J. Fremin, former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, as part of its 2026 Class of Inductees, recognizing his distinguished career in public service, federal law enforcement and leadership.

Board Member Bryant returned to the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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 campaign finance disclosure late fees assessed against individuals included in item G38, 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 G38, excluding items 26-299, 26-335, 26-368, 26-369 and 26-412, 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. 26-312 from Dele Adebamiji, 30-P of a $360 late fee;
Docket No. 26-312 from Dele Adebamiji, 2025 SUPP of a $300 late fee;
Docket No. 26-350 from Trey Brownfield, 2025 Annual of a $280 late fee; and,
Docket No. 26-413 from Stephen Swiber, 2024 SUPP of a $1000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to $400 based on Rule 1205C and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 26-511 from Kacie Stewart, 2024 SUPP, of a $500 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-299 regarding the $200 campaign finance late fee assessed against Walter Pilie', a successful candidate for Councilman, District 3, St. Charles Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2025 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the campaign finance late fees based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-335 regarding the $100 campaign finance late fee

assessed against Ryan "Badd Biddness" Carter, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor-President, Metro Council, City of Baton Rouge in the November 5, 2024 election, whose 10-G campaign finance report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the campaign finance late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-368 regarding the $120 campaign finance late fee assessed against Rene Williams, a successful candidate for Clerk of Court for East Carroll Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2025 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 2 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the $120 campaign finance late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-369 regarding the $240 campaign finance late fee assessed Patrick "Pat" Burke, III, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 8, St. Tammany Parish, in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2025 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the campaign finance late fee based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-412 regarding the $120 campaign finance late fee assessed Jason Zuckerman, a successful candidate for Council Member at Large, City of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, in the March 23, 2024 election, whose 2025 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all of the campaign finance late fee based on future compliance.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for "good cause" waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals included in item G39, 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 G39, excluding Docket No. 26-282, taking the following action:

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

Docket 26-332 Donald W. Smith, Amend 2024 Tier 2, 6 days late of a $600 late fee;
Docket 26-333 Belinda Parker Brown, 2025 Tier 3, 25 days late of a $500 late fee;
Docket 26-366 Ciera Murphy Bailey, Amend 2023 Tier 3, 41 days late of a $500 late fee;
Docket 26-409 Charles T. McCauley, Amend 2023 Tier 2.1, 264 days late of a $1500 late fee;
Docket 26-410 Amy Fields Woodfin, 2023 Tier 2.1, 77 days late of a $1500 late fee; and
Docket 26-411 Anna Grace Grimmett, Amend 2023 Tier 3, 13 days late of a $325 late.

The Board unanimously suspended all but $750 of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance for the following:

Docket 26-367 Joseph "Joe" Bikulege, Jr., 2024 Tier 2, 59 days late of a $2500 late fee.

Board Member Nowlin recused himself from voting in Docket No. 26-282.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 26-282 submitted by Mark Edwin Kerry, Natchitoches Parish Communications-911/Council Member /District 5/Natchitoches Parish, regarding a $2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2024 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 71 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but $1,000 of the $2,500 late fee based on future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics. The $1,000 is payable within 20 days and if payment is not received within 20 days, the full amount of the late fee becomes due and owing, unless Mr. Kerry enters into a payment plan.

Board Member Huval recused himself from voting in Docket No. 26-300.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 26-300.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket No. 26-300 submitted by Frederic Stelly, Jr., St. Martin Parish School Board, regarding a $500 late fee assessed for filing his 2025 School Board Disclosure 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee since Mr. Stelly is still serving on the school board and filing disclosures.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance the Board unanimously agreed to take action on reconsiderations of waiver requests for both campaign finance disclosure late fees and personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals included in item G42, 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 G42, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to $400 based on Rule 1205C and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 24-256 from Kacie Stewart, 2022 SUPP, of a $1000 late fee.;
Docket No. 25-626 from Jamey McIntyre, 30-P. of a $500 late fee; and,
Docket No. 25-626 from Jamey McIntyre, 10-P. of a $500 late fee

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

Docket 25-767 Andrea Manuel, Amend 2024 Tier 2, 94 days late of a $2500 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee for Campaign Finance, the Board unanimously suspended all but $200 of the campaign finance late fees based on future compliance for the following:

Docket 26-138 Eric J. Jones, 40-G, of a $1000 late fee.

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. 26-297 from Derrick Shepherd, 2025 SUPP of a $60 late fee.

The Board considered the Supplemental Agenda

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-526 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the continued employment of Lisa Thevenot with Career Compass ("CC") if she is elected to the Avoyelles Parish School Board (the "APSB") and CC has a contract with the APSB. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit Ms. Thevenot from continuing her employment with CC while it has a contractual or business relationship with the APSB if she is elected to the APSB, provided she does not provide any services to any schools within the Avoyelles Parish School District, and complies with applicable recusal and disclosure laws.

Board Member Whipple recused herself from voting in Docket No. 26-467.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 26-467 regarding a potential contract for legal services with the Louisiana Workforce Commission. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Representative Edward Murray from entering into any contract with the State of Louisiana, including the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges filed against Mary Trichell in Docket No. 2023-417 and Ethics Adjudicatory Board Docket No. 2024-10662-Ethics-A.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board added Docket No. 24-324 to the Agenda.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges filed against BSN Sports in Docket 24-324.

Board Member Colomb wished Board Member Scott a Happy Birthday on behalf of the members and staff of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chairman