

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
General Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2025

The Board of Ethics met on November 7, 2025 at 9:01 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1st floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Scott, Speer and Whipple present. Board Members Davis, Nowlin and Roberts were absent. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, David Bordelon; the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Abadie Landry; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Kathryn Calmes, Jessica Meiners, Suzanne Mooney and Charles Reeves.

Attorney Alesia Ardoin representing Sheriff Jason Ard, appeared before the Board regarding a waiver request in Docket No. 25-373 submitted by Jason Gerald Ard, Sheriff of Livingston Parish, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 512 days late. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin, a substitute motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of 7 yeas by Board Members Amato, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grimley, Huval, Whipple and 5 nays by Board members Baños, Bryant, Grand, Scott and Speer, the Board closed the file, waiving the fine and instructed staff to send a letter a caution.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket No. 25-436 submitted by Mr. Esmond Fredric Carr, III, of the Lakefront Management Authority, regarding a \$1,450 late fee assessed for filing his 2021 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 29 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

Board Member Fremin recused himself from voting in Docket No. 25-447.

Jamie E. Fontenot, committee chairperson of District Judge, Tonya S. Lurry, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-447 requesting that the Board in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, waive the \$1,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tonya S. Lurry, a successful candidate for District Judge, 18th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Division B for a future election, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 41 days late. After hearing from Ms. Fontenot, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 10 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Grand, Grimley, Huval, Scott and Speer and 1 nay by Board Member Whipple, the Board declined to waive the fee.

The Board deferred G5 Docket No. 25-476 until G6 Docket No. 25-477 was considered.

Attorney Alesia Ardoin representing Acadiana Republican Women PAC, Marian Laughlin and Helen Granger appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-477 requesting that the Board waive the three (3) \$3,000 for a total of \$9,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Acadiana Republican Women, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Marian Laughlin, in the October 14, 2023 election whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G reports have not been filed. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin, Ms. Laughlin, and Ms. Granger, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 9 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grand, Grimley and Speer and 3 nays by Board Members Huval, Scott and Whipple, the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, declined to waive the fees since the filer is ineligible for a waiver as the reports have not been filed.

Attorney Alesia Ardoin representing Fleur de Lis Republican Women PAC and Amy Reed appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-476 requesting that the Board waive the three

(3) \$3,000 for a total of \$9,000 campaign finance late fees assessed against Fleur de Lis Republican Women, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Amy Reed, in the October 14, 2023 election whose, 30-P, 10-P and 10-G reports have not been filed. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin and Ms. Reed, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 10 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Scott and Speer and 2 nays by Board Members Huval and Whipple, the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, declined to waive the fees since the filer is ineligible for a waiver as the reports have not been filed.

Attorney Alesia Ardoin representing Orleans Jedi Guardians PAC and Susan Hutson appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-486 with an untimely request that the Board waive the \$2,800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Orleans Jedi Guardians PAC, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Susan Hutson, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 21 days late. After hearing from Ms. Ardoin and Ms. Hutson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, voted to consider the untimely request and on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all but \$500 of the fee based on future compliance.

Ms. Tanya Carroll appeared before the Board in Docket 25-562 regarding an untimely waiver request submitted by Ms. Carroll, former member of the Audubon Regional Library, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2020 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 967 days late; an untimely waiver request regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2021 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 967 days late; and, a timely waiver request regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2022 Tier 2.1 Annual personal

financial disclosure 147 days late. After hearing from Ms. Carroll, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to consider the untimely waiver with respect to 2020 Tier 2.1 and 2021 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosures. A motion was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2 yeas by Board Members Baños and Grimley and 10 nays by Board Members Amato, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grand, Huval Scott, Speer and Whipple. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board suspended all late fees based on future compliance.

Mr. Ashton Jackson appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-526 requesting that the Board waive a \$2,500 and \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Leon Roche, a successful candidate for Judge, Criminal District Court, Section A in the March 25, 2023 election, whose 2023 and 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 519 and 8 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Jackson, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board with respect to SUPP 2023, reduced to \$1,000 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and declined to waive. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board with respect to SUPP 2024, the Board declined to waive.

Jamie Freeman appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-485 requesting that the Board waive the \$3,000 campaign finance late fee assessed against, Create Film Jobs PAC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Jason Wasggenspack, and treasurer, Trey Burvant, whose April 2025 Monthly campaign finance disclosure report was filed 23 days late. After hearing from Mr. Freeman, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 10 yeas by Board Members Amato, Baños, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Huval and Whipple

and 2 days by Board Members Scott and Speer, the Board reduced the fine to \$500 based on future compliance.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-338 regarding to reconsider its 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, and its committee's chairperson, Dwight Jarrett 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. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive the fee.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G8-G36 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-G36, excluding items G27, G28 and G36, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion and disqualification plan request in Docket No. 25-348 regarding the employment of Gage Tervalon with the Bogalusa Police Department while his father, Troy Tervalon, serves as the Assistant Chief of the Bogalusa Police Department. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Gage Tervalon's employment with the Bogalusa Police Department while his father Troy Tervalon serves as the Assistant Chief of Police does not violate Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Furthermore, the Board approved the proposed disqualification plan as it is sufficient to prevent

violations under Section 1112B 1 of the Code of Governmental Ethics and meets the Board's requirements pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402.

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 25-475 submitted by Jay Clune on behalf of Nicholls State University involving Lindsay Spencer, Administrative Coordinator 4 within the Master of Business Administration ("MBA") Department, and her daughter-in-law, Amber Brady-Billiot. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the proposed disqualification plan and concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Lindsay Spencer's employment with the MBA Department within the Al Danos College of Business, while Lindsay Spencer's daughter-in-law serves as the Assistant MBA Director.

The Board considered an advisory opinion and request for approval of a purchasing plan in Docket No. 25-478 regarding Sureway Supermarket, owned by the mother of Harley Stelly, which seeks to transact business with the Town of Grand Isle while Harley Stelly serves as a member of the Town of Grand Isle Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the proposed purchasing plan regarding Sureway Supermarket meets the requirements of the Board and is hereby approved. The Board further concluded that Shelly Maples shall file public disclosures with the Board annually by May 15th while the purchasing plan is in effect. Form 405 is available at ethics.la.gov/disclosures. A copy of this opinion will be forwarded to Ms. Maples.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request and disqualification plan in Docket No. 25-479 submitted by Jay Clune on behalf of Nicholls State University for Dr. Quenton Fontenot, the Director of Office Research and Sponsored Programs, and his spouse Dr. Allyse Ferrara. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Dr.

Allyse Ferrara's employment as a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences, while her husband Dr. Quenton Fontenot currently serves as Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs within the Department of Biological Sciences presents no issues under the Code of Governmental Ethics; and the proposed disqualification plan has been approved.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-515 submitted by Joseph Delcambre, on behalf of SAFEbuilt Colorado, LLC (the "Company"), as to how the post-employment restrictions contained in the Code of Governmental Ethics applies to the Company and the Subject Employees ability to perform permitting activities in the City of New Orleans. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Company and the Subject Employees, for a period of two years, from assisting anyone in a transaction involving New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits ("DSP") in which they participated while they were employed by DSP.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-524 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Firehouse Concessions, LLC and TJBR Enterprises, LLC, companies owned by Julie Romero, from entering contracts with the City of Crowley while she is employed with the City of Crowley. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the businesses owned by Julie Romero, Firehouse Concessions, LLC and TJBR Enterprises, LLC, from entering into contracts, subcontracts or transactions under the jurisdiction or supervision of the City going forward. Additionally, the Board advises that advisory opinions are not rendered on past conduct and the Mayor has a duty under Section 1161 of the Code of Governmental Ethics to file a confidential agency head report if she has reason to believe that a violation of the Code of Ethics may have occurred.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-536 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Matt Green's company, Green Light Safety Services, LLC, from providing services to the West Monroe Louisiana Delta Community College as an approved vendor for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWPT) grant while he serves as a member of Louisiana Workforce Boards 81 and 83. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Green Light Safety Services, LLC from providing compensated services as a vendor of IWPT to train ETA apprentices at the West Monroe Louisiana Delta Community College as part of an IWPT grant.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-549 submitted by Tye Fitzgerald, former employee of Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority ("CPRA"), related to post-employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Fitzgerald for a period of two years, from assisting All South Consulting Engineers, LLC ("the Company") in matters in which he participated while at CPRA. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit him from assisting the Company in matters relating to CPRA in which he had no involvement while at CPRA.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-550 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the Avoyelles Public Charter School from appointing Hope Gagnard, its CPA, as a Board member. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Gagnard from rendering compensated services to Ducote and Company while it has a contractual

relationship with the Avoyelles Public Charter School if Hope Gagnard is promoted to the Avoyelles Public Charter School Board.

The Board considered a disqualification plan in Docket No. 25-553 submitted on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health regarding Richard Courtney and his wife, Melissa Courtney, who are employed with Central Louisiana State Hospital. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the employment of Mrs. Courtney since she is not employed in Human Resources, Richard Courtney's agency. The proposed disqualification plan is approved, as it is sufficient to prevent violations under Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and 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. 25-555 regarding whether Rhonda Butler's company, Butler & Co. Tree Service, is prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics from contracting with Central Louisiana Electric Cooperative (Cleco) while she serves as the Representative for District 38 of the Louisiana House of Representatives. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Butler & Co. Tree Service from contracting with Cleco while Ms. Butler serves as an elected member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-558 submitted by William Coco, on behalf of Central Louisiana State Hospital, to approve a disqualification plan allowing Cynthia Banks to recuse herself from any matters relating to her sister's employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the disqualification

plan as proposed as it complies with the criteria set forth in La. R.S. 42:1112C and Chapter 14 of the Rules for the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered a request for approval of a proposed disqualification plan in Docket No. 25-559 from the Louisiana Department of Health's Central Louisiana State Hospital, ("CLSH") regarding the employment of Dariale Augustine, his father, Johnny Augustine, and his brother, Damarkus Augustine. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the disqualification plan as proposed, as it is sufficient to prevent violations under Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and meets the Board's requirements pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Damarkus Augustine's continued employment with the CLSH Security Department does not violate the nepotism prohibition under Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since he has been employed with the CLSH Security Department for a period of at least one year prior to his brother, Dariale Augustine, becoming the Police Chief and the Security Department's agency head.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-560 submitted by Mooringsport Mayor Tyler Gordon regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the Village of Mooringsport to compensate an employee of the Town of Blanchard under a proposed contract for services. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an opinion since the matter is moot; Mayor Gordon has a copy of Ethics Opinion 2025-145 which answered all of his questions.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-561 submitted by John Mangus regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits him from accepting

a part-time position with Keep Louisiana Beautiful while serving as a Livingston Parish Councilman. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that acceptance of a part-time State employment position with Keep Louisiana Beautiful during Mr. Mangus' service as an elected member of the Livingston Parish Council does not pose an issue under the Code of Governmental Ethics. However, he should be advised that this opinion request may present an issue associated with the Louisiana Dual Office-Holding/Dual Employment laws, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General. It is suggested that Mr. Mangus contact that office regarding the application of those laws. A copy of his request and this opinion has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-575 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Joy Johnson, an employee of the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, from accepting a scholarship from the American Traffic Safety Services Association to attend their 2026 Conference. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board that the Code of Governmental Ethics allows Ms. Johnson to accept complimentary admission, lodging, and reasonable transportation, or reimbursement for such expenses, provided that the requirements in La. R.S. 42:1115.2 are met and Form 413 is filled out in accordance La. R.S. 42:1115.2. However, such disclosure is not required if she intends to attend the conference in her personal capacity, use annual leave to attend the conference, and the complimentary admission, travel and/or lodging is given by a person not listed as a prohibited source in La. R.S. 42:1115A or B.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-581 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council ("Metro Council") to simultaneously serve on the Board of Commissioners

for Lane Regional Medical Center ("Lane"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit the appointment by the Metro Council of a member of the Metro Council to the Board of Commissioners for Lane since it is the appointing authority for Lane.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-602 submitted by John Cook, on behalf of the Greater Louisiana Charter Foundation ("GLCF"), regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Lainey Gamble, the daughter of a member of the GLCF Charter School Board, from working for a vendor of GLCF. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Gamble from remaining employed with Charter Schools USA, ("CSUSA") as long as she does not provide any services to GLCF or its charter schools on behalf of CSUSA. Ms. Gamble will be required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1114 by May 15th each year.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request and disqualification plan approval request in Docket No. 25-603 regarding the employment of Tara Carter as a certified teacher while her husband, William Carter, serves as the Superintendent of the Jackson Parish School System. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the proposed disqualification plan is approved, as it is sufficient to prevent violations under Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and meets the Board's requirements pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code Title 52, Chapter 14, Section 1402. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Carter's eligibility for normal promotional advancements. Furthermore, pursuant to Sections 1119B(2)(a)(i) and 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, Ms. Carter's continued employment with the Jackson Parish School System does not

violate the nepotism prohibition under Section 1119B of the Code of Governmental Ethics, since she has been employed with the Jackson Parish School System for a period of at least one year prior to Mr. Carter becoming the Superintendent and she is employed as a certified classroom teacher.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-606 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits an employee of the Housing Authority of New Orleans from appearing in a campaign video endorsing a candidate. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion since restrictions on political activities of employees is not regulated under the Board of Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-607 submitted by Allen Childress, employee of Louisiana Division of Administration, related to political activities by classified employees. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to render an advisory opinion since the Board of Ethics does not have jurisdiction over the interpretation or enforcement regarding restrictions on political activities of employees.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-617 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics and/or the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act prohibits a public employee from wearing a campaign t-shirt while doing volunteer work at a private school. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that there is no provision in the Code of Governmental Ethics or the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act that would prohibit Mr. Smith from wearing a campaign t-shirt to a private school.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-629 submitted by Reginald Billiot, member of Terrebonne Parish Republican Executive Committee, relating to the application of the Code of Governmental Ethics to members of parish executive committees. On

motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that members of parish executive committees are not considered public employees, elected officials, or public servants under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-630 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the continued employment of Emily Fontenot an employee with the Town of Mamou if Michael Fontenot, their spouse is elected to the Town Council. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that if Mr. Fontenot is elected to the Town Council, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Fontenot's continued employment with the Town of Mamou. However, her husband will be prohibited by Section 1112(B)(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from participating in any transaction in which she has a substantial economic interest. Therefore, he will have to recuse himself from participation as provided for in Section 1120 of the Code of Governmental.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-631 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the St. Bernard Parish Council from appointing a former member of the Council to the Tourist Commission Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Alcon from being appointed to the St. Bernard Parish Tourist Commission for two years following the termination of her term of office on January 8, 2024.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-632 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits a former employee with the City of New Orleans, who served as the Administrative and Programs Supervisor in the Chief Administrative Office, from contracting with special districts in New Orleans. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not

prohibit Mr. LeBlanc or his company, SDMS, from assisting or contracting with special districts of the City of New Orleans within two years of the termination of his employment with the City of New Orleans.

Board Member Baños left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-604 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Brothers in Blue Motorcycle Club, Dirty South Chapter, (“BBMC”) a nonprofit sponsoring scholarships for graduating cadets with the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy ("Training Academy"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits BBMC from awarding scholarships directly to the cadets of the Training Academy. However, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit BBMC from donating the funds for the scholarships to the Training Academy or the individual law enforcement offices, provided those donations are unconditional.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-605 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Karla Wesley Jack, an employee of the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, from providing grant writing and consulting services to other school districts. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Jack or her company, SES, while employed with the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board or following her retirement, from assisting other Louisiana School Districts or consulting with other Louisiana School Districts regarding their federal programs or assisting their federal programs with monitoring, budgeting, and application support.

Board Member Baños returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-633 submitted by Jeffrey Barbin, on behalf of American Wagering, Inc. ("AWI"), as to whether AWI and its officers and directors are prohibited from making contributions in Louisiana while it is subject to the licensing requirements under the Sports Wagering Law. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that based on the facts presented, AWI, and officers, directors and senior management level employees of AWI, provided they are not otherwise prohibited as officers, directors and senior management level employees of Caesars Entertainment, Inc or the Louisiana Licensees, are not prohibited by La. R.S. 1505.2L from making contributions to candidates and/or political committees in the State of Louisiana.

The Board considered a Personal financial disclosure answer in Docket 25-618 submitted by Kimberly Burbank, candidate for Orleans Parish Council Member, District E, in the October 11, 2025 election in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting she amend her 2024 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed staff to advise Ms. Burbank she is required to disclose all employment and all income from her employment on the 2024 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure.

The Board recessed from 10:39 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the October 2nd and October 3rd, 2025 meetings.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 23-1093 for Dakota McKinney, officer of Mangham Police Department, relating to violations of Section 1111C(1)(a) and Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion.

Board Member Whipple recused herself from voting in Docket No. 25-523.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-523 submitted by Elizabeth Sconzert, on behalf of Clay Madden, Mayor of Mandeville, as to whether the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act permits Mr. Madden to use campaign funds to pay for expenses related to Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act would permit Mr. Madden to use campaign funds for expenses associated with his personal travel, lodging, meals and other charges related to Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-552 from Kerri Capello, former employee of Louisiana Department of Health ("LDH") related to post-employment matters. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Capello, for a period of two years beginning in August 2025, from assisting the Gainwell Technologies, (the "Company"), in matters in which she participated at any time during her employment with LDH. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit her from providing services to the Company related to matters in which she did not participate as an LDH employee.

The Board considered Mr. Bordelon's Administrator's Notes in Docket No. 3125-01:

1. Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training must be completed by December 31st for calendar year 2025.
2. On October 16th, Mr. Bordelon met with a group of graduate students from Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs to discuss ethics and regulatory issues in Louisiana. They expressed their appreciation to the Board and staff for meeting with them.

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 G43, 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 G43, excluding Docket No. 25-480, 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. 25-119 from Timothy “Tim” Riley, 40-G of a \$40 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-168 from Joel Robert, 2019 SUPP of a \$1000 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-168 from Joel Robert, 2023 SUPP of a \$1000 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-435 from New Southern Majority IE PAC, 10-G of a \$1400 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-484 from Anthony “Tony” O’Banion, 30-P of a \$1000 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-484 from Anthony “Tony” O’Banion, 10-P of a \$1000 late fee;
- Docket No. 25-529 from Lakeisha Jefferson, 2024 SUPP of a \$2500 late fee: and,
- Docket No. 25-534 from Reginald Cedric Prealow, 30-P of a \$500 late fee.

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

- Docket No. 25-322 from Scott Leehy, 2024 SUPP of a \$1000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously reduced to \$2,000 the following late fee based on Section 1205C of the Rules for the Board of Ethics and declined to waive the campaign finance late fees assessed against the following:

- Docket No. 25-349 from Committee to Recall Dal Waguespack, 2023 Annual of a \$2400 late fee.

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

Docket No. 25-484 from Anthony “Tony” O’Banion, 10-G of a \$1000 late fee;
Docket No. 25-534 from Reginald Cedric Prealow, 10-P of a \$1000 late fee.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-480 that the Board waive the \$500 campaign finance late fee assessed against Kathy Seiden, a candidate for Council Member, District 4, St. Tammany Parish for a future election, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was 34 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

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 G44, 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 G44, taking the following action:

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

Docket 25-275 Stacey Smith Melerine, 2023 Tier 2, 23 days late of a \$2300 late fee;
Docket 25-530 Robert Jackson Little, 2023 Tier 2.1, 7 days late of a \$350 late fee;
Docket 25-554 Taylor Jamison, Amend 2021 Tier 2.1, 44 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-554 Taylor Jamison, Amend 2022 Tier 2.1, 44 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-579 Juan M. Joseph, Amend 2024 Tier 2.1, 9 days late of a \$450 late fee;
Docket 25-601 Kenneth Raymond Royston, 2022 Tier 2.1, 390 days late of a \$1500 late fee; and,
Docket 25-601 Kenneth Raymond Royston, 2023 Tier 2.1, 297 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$150 of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance, payable within 20 days for the following:

Docket 25-528 Donna “Rivers” Doyle, Amend 2023 Tier 3, 27 days late of a \$500 late fee.

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

Docket 25-531 Mary Lee Winfield, 2022 Tier 2.1, 601 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-532 Joshua C. Lewis, Amend 2022 Tier 2, 505 days late of a \$2500 late fee;
and,
Docket 25-608 Brent Arville Zachery, Amend 2022 Tier 3, 89 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously suspended all but \$650 of the personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance, payable within 20 days for the following:

Docket 25-568 Henry F. Simons, Amend 2023 Tier 2.1, 60 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

The Board considered an untimely waiver request in Docket 21-872 submitted by Neil Justin Bernard, former member of the Encore Academy Charter School Board / Louisiana Premiere Charter School Board /St. John the Baptist Parish, regarding a \$400 late fee assessed for filing his 2019 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 8 days late and, an untimely request the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$125 late fee assessed against Mr. Bernard, for filing his amended 2019 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the untimely request and suspended all Personal financial disclosure late fees based on future compliance since the notice of delinquencies were signed for by the mail carrier due to COVID and the amendment required for the report was a signature.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” reconsiderations of waiver requests for late fees assessed against individuals included in item G46, 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 G46, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 22-018 that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce to \$600 each (\$1,800 total) the three (3) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees for a total of \$6,000 assessed against Markeda Cottonham, an unsuccessful candidate for Councilman, Metro District 10, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the November 3, 2020, whose 30-P, 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 163, 142 and 112 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced all to \$200 each (\$600 total) based on financial hardship.

The Board considered a request in Docket 24-551 to reconsider its decision to decline to waive a \$1,500 late fee assessed against Anna Perry, a member of the Virgil Browne Glencoe Charter School Board/St. Mary Parish, for filing her 2023-2024 School Board Disclosure Statement 137 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive since no new information was submitted.

The Board considered a request in Docket 25-298 to reconsider its decision to suspend all but \$500 based on future compliance of a \$2500 late fee assessed against Michael Rheams, Jr., unsuccessful candidate for Councilman / District 2, City of Walker / Livingston Parish in the November 5, 2024 election, for filing his amended 2023 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure 182 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to suspend all but \$500 based on future compliance since no new information was submitted.

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

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 24-051 regarding Kenneth Pickett, Sr., the Mayor of Mansura, attempting to use his position as Mayor to have his son

released from police custody. Mr. Pickett has signed a consent opinion admitting to a violation of Section 1116 of the Code of Governmental Ethics with a \$1,000 civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion and instructed staff to dismiss charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board took no action after it considered legislation filed for the 2025 Special Session as to the laws administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman