

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
General Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2025

The Board of Ethics met on October 3, 2025 at 9:00 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, Bryant, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Nowlin, Roberts, Scott, and Whipple present. Board Members Baños, Colomb, Huval and Speer 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.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 24-964 to reconsider its decision to reduce to \$1,200 and \$600 (\$1,800 total) and decline to waive the two (2) \$2,000 campaign finance late fees (\$4,000 total) assessed against W. Thomas Barrett, III, a successful candidate for District Attorney, 38th Judicial District Court in the November 3, 2020 election, whose 2022 and 2023 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 663 and 304 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, with respect to SUPP2022, the Board reaffirmed its decision to reduce to \$1,200 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive and with respect to Supplemental 2023, the Board reaffirmed its decision to reduce to \$600 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive.

Mr. Michael Marsiglia, representing The Voice of the People, LLC, a political action committee, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-025 to request that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the four (4) \$3,000 for a total of \$12,000 Campaign finance late

fees assessed against The Voice of the People, LLC, its committee's chairperson, Sidney D. Torres, IV, and treasurer, Lisa Schehr, whose 2020ANN and 2022ANN, 10-P and 10-G Campaign finance disclosure reports were filed inaccurately. After hearing from Mr. Marsiglia, and 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, Bryant, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Nowlin, Roberts and Scott and 1 nay by Board Member Whipple, the Board reaffirmed its decision to decline to waive. There was a second motion to reconsider the vote which failed by a vote of 3 yeas by Board Members Amato, Nowlin and Whipple and 8 nays by Board Members Bryant, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Roberts and Scott.

The Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 25-094 that the Board reconsider its decision to decline to waive the \$500 late fee assessed against Angela Ann (Cleveland) Burch, Aldermen / Village of Stanley / Desoto Parish, for filing her 2023 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure 143 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-205 to waive the \$2,400 campaign finance late fee assessed against Louisiana Patients First Political Committee, a political action committee, and its committee's chairperson, Tyrone Hughes, whose 2024 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 17 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board reduced the fee to \$2,000 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and declined to waive.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-278 that the Board waive the \$2,000 and \$60 for a total of \$2,060 Campaign finance late fees assessed against Barbara Norton, an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator, 39th Senatorial District in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 2023 and 2024 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 180 days and 1 day late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

Board Member Colomb arrived to the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Esmond Fredric Carr, III, of the Lakefront Management Authority, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-436 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 passed by a vote of 11 yeas by Board Members Amato, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Roberts, Scott and Whipple, and 1 nay by Board Member Nowlin, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-418 that the Board waive three late fees assessed against Desiree Odell Collins, a successful candidate for Council Member, District 3, City of Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish, in the March 23, 2024 election: 1) a \$1,000 late fee assessed for an inaccurate 30-P report; 2) a \$1,000 late fee assessed for an inaccurate 10-G report; and 3) a \$500 late fee assessed for an unfiled 2024 Supplemental report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive all fees.

The Board considered two untimely waiver requests in Docket 25-533 submitted by Steven Jackson, State Representative / 2nd Representative District, and former

member of the Caddo Parish Commission - District 3/LA Housing Corporation, regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for failing to file his 2022 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure; and regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his amended 2022 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 183 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 on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered an untimely request in Docket No. 25-582 that the Board waive five late fees assessed against Steven Jackson, a successful candidate for State Representative, District 2, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, in the October 14, 2023 election: 1) a \$60 late fee for a 30-P report filed 1 day late; 2) a \$660 fee for a 10-G report which was filed 11 days late; 3) a \$2,000 late fee for a 10-G report which was filed inaccurately; 4) a \$2,000 late fee for a SUPP2023 report which was filed inaccurately; and 5) a \$1,000 late fee for a SUPP2024 report which has not been filed. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

Ms. Shari Champagne, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 25-556 regarding an untimely request that the Board, waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ms. Champagne, an unsuccessful candidate for Parish President in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 30-P Campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. After hearing from Ms. Champagne and in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board considered the request and declined to waive.

Mr. Jake Daniel Lambert, member of School Board / 7B / Ascension Parish, appeared before the Board to request a waiver in Docket No. 25-433 regarding a \$2,500 late fee assessed

for filing his amended 2023 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure 141 days late. After hearing from Mr. Lambert, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the fine since Mr. Lambert never received a notice of delinquency.

The Board considered appearances in General Supplemental.

Mr. Scott Washington appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-034 to request that the Board reconsider its decision to reduce to \$500 and decline to waive the \$800 Campaign finance late fees (\$1,300 total) assessed against Mr. Washington, an unsuccessful candidate for Police Juror, District 8, Calcasieu Parish in the October 14, 2023 election, whose 10-P and 10-G Campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 14 and 20 days late, respectively. After hearing from Mr. Washington and in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on motion made, seconded and passed with a vote of 11 yeas by Board Members Amato, Bryant, Colomb, Crigler, Davis, Fremin, Grand, Grimley, Nowlin, Roberts and Whipple and 1 nay by Board Member Scott, with respect to the 10-P, the Board reaffirmed its prior decision to reduce the 10-P to \$500 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act and decline to waive; and with respect to the 10-G, the Board reaffirmed its prior decision to decline to waive.

Adren O. Wilson, former Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Governor, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 24-820 to request a waiver regarding the \$12,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 2022 Tier 1 Annual personal financial disclosure 37 days late. After listening to Mr. Wilson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded all fines since Mr. Wilson never received a notice of delinquency.

The Board considered 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. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to a future meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G11-G19 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 G9-G15, excluding items G17 and G19, taking the following action:

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-459 whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Guy Faget, a part-time entomologist for East Baton Rouge Parish Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control District No. 1 ("District"), from being hired as a contract pilot within two years of the termination of his employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Faget from becoming a contract pilot within two years of the termination of his public service with the District.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-465 from Cynthia Leger, Special Education Reporting Data Coordinator for Calcasieu Parish School Board ("CPSB"), as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits her from providing services to her agency or other outside agencies during her employment and after her retirement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. Leger contracting with CPSB during her employment and for a period of two years following the termination of her employment with CPSB. The Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Leger, either during or after her employment with CSPB, from providing consulting services to other parishes' school boards.

The Board approved the withdrawal of an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-487 from Allen Parish Administrator and Engineer Jacob Dillehay regarding the Allen Parish Police Jury entering into transactions with an employee's girlfriend. Mr. Dillehay withdrew his request for an advisory opinion after speaking with a staff attorney regarding the definition of an immediate family member.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-488 from Acy Cooper, Jr., member of Louisiana Shrimp Task Force (the "Task Force"), related to receipt of airfare from his agency. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that, to the extent the purchase of airfare is an appropriate use of public funds, the Code of Governmental Ethics permits Mr. Cooper to receive compensation for airfare which has been approved by the Task Force to perform services for the Task Force.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-513 as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Arlene Evans, a former employee of the Office of Motor Vehicles ("OMV"), from being employed by Essential Tag & Title, LLC ("Essential"). On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit Ms. Evans from being hired as a Title Clerk with Essential within two years of the termination of her employment with OMV.

The Board considered a Disqualification Plan approval request in Docket No. 25-514 from Randall McCollum, employee of Shreveport Fire Department relating to his supervision of his son, Austin McCollum. 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 an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-517 from Denise McKinney, on behalf of the Franklin Parish District 4 Fire Board (the "Fire Board") as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics permits the Fire Board to hire a recently resigned member, whose husband also serves as the Fire Chief, as a paid employee. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Ms. McFarland from being hired or appointed to any position by the Fire Board for a period of two years following the termination of her service as a Fire Board member.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-516 from Don Pledger, the Executive Director of Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling ("LACG"), regarding the employment of an immediate family member. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Mr. Pledger is not a public employee and as such the employment of an immediate family member with LACG is not subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-518 from Michael Faulk regarding whether school systems can pay membership dues on behalf of its employees to Louisiana Association of School Superintendents ("LASSA"), a professional organization. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that to the extent the payment of LASSA membership dues is deemed an appropriate use of public funds, the Code of Governmental Ethics does not prohibit public employees from receiving the benefit of their LASSA annual membership dues being paid by the public-school system that employs them, provided the public-school system approves such benefit for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the public employee's position.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

Board Member Roberts recused herself from voting on item G20 Minutes.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the September 5th and September 6th, 2025 meetings.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 23-326 regarding Coby Clavier, a member of the St. Landry Parish Council, receiving a thing of economic value for services provided to Coburn Supply Company while Coburn Supply Company has a business relationship with the Parish. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion and dismissed the charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 23-417 involving Cole Norris' employment with Delta Bank while Delta Bank transacts with the Madison Parish Hospital Service District Board of Commissioners and he serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Norris has executed the consent opinion and paid the civil penalty. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion and dismissed the charges pending before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

The Board considered a consent opinion in Docket No. 24-584 regarding former Chief Deputy of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Rodney Madere, violating Section 1111A of the Code of Governmental Ethics by receiving a thing of economic value he was not duly entitled to receive. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted and published the consent opinion.

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

1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to move the planned Ethics Training to the November 2025 Board Meeting.
2. Staff work anniversaries were announced: Roy Brees, Kristy Gary, Carolyn Landry, Sarah Martin, Sue Mooney, Marcil Seals, Greg Thibodeaux and Ashley Wimberley.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 25-299 that the Board waive a \$1,000 fee and a \$360 fee (\$1,360 total) assessed against Kristopher J. Harrison, a disqualified candidate for State Senator, 23rd Senatorial District in the February 15, 2025 election, whose 30-P and 10-P reports were filed 49 days and 8 days late, respectively. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board with respect to 30-P, reduced to \$600 based on Rule 1205C of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and declined to waive; and with respect to 10-P, the Board declined to waive.

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 G26, 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 G26, excluding Docket No. 25-482, taking the following action:

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

Docket 25-351 Stephen C. Schrempp, 2022 Tier 2.1, 151 days late of a \$1500 late fee;
Docket 25-483 Shannon Keith Sampson, 2023 Tier 3, 201 days late of a \$500 late fee;
and,
Docket 25-500 Willie Matthew Robinson, Amend 2023 Tier 2, 31 days late of a \$2500 late fee.

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

Docket 25-420 Joseph "Joey" Piazza, II, Amend 2022 Tier 2, 3 days late of a \$300 late fee;
Docket 25-460 Kortlan William Pittman, 2022 Tier 3, 580 days late of a \$500 late fee;
Docket 25-501 Daniel E. Weaver, Amend 2023 Tier 2, 129 days late of a \$2500 late fee;
Docket 25-502 Bonita A. Robertson-Hardy, 2022 Tier 2.1, 12 days late of a \$600 late fee;
and,
Docket 25-503 Kim Miller, Amend 2023 Tier 3, 363 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board considered a waiver request in Docket 25-482 submitted by Cynthia Marie Stafford, former member of the Ascension - St. James Airport and Transportation Authority, regarding a \$1,500 late fee assessed for filing her 2023 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure 137 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” untimely waivers of personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against individuals 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, taking the following action:

The Board unanimously considered the untimely waiver request and suspended all of the personal financial disclosure late fees, based on future compliance, assessed against the following:

Docket 25-461 Johnathan Author Landor, 2022 Tier 3, 131 days late of a \$500 late fee.

The Board unanimously considered the untimely waiver request and declined to waive the personal financial disclosure late fees assessed against the following:

Docket 25-505 Michael Jude Matte, 2022 Tier 2.1, 292 days late of a \$1500 late fee.

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

The Board considered an advisory opinion request in Docket No. 25-458 regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits William Wilson, a former Assistant Director for the Office of Facility Planning and Control (“FPC”), from accepting employment as a Senior Architect II with BECI within two years of the termination of his public employment. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Wilson, until January 6, 2027, from assisting another

individual or legal entity, including BECI or its clients for compensation in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, in which he participated at any time during his public employment with FPC and involving the State of Louisiana. However, Mr. Wilson is not prohibited from assisting BECI or its clients for compensation on any matter involving the State of Louisiana in which he did not previously participate during his employment with FPC. The Board also advised that, should a specific project or situation arise that may present a potential violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics' post-employment restrictions, Mr. Wilson should seek an updated advisory opinion.

The Board considered in Docket 3125-013 the 2026 proposed Calendar for Meetings of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the 2026 meeting dates.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against Mr. Dadrius Lanus in Docket No. 24-083.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges against NoLaToya (Recall) and Eileen Carter in Docket No. 24-455.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Chairman