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Diane Gonzales, a former member of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, was hired by the board as a testing team member in apparent violation of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Background

La. R.S. 37:493 created the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology and domiciled the board in East Baton Rouge Parish. The board is currently allotted 8 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Employment Violation

Diane Gonzales, a former board member, was employed by the board in apparent violation of the Ethics Code.

Ms. Gonzales was hired by the board as a member of the testing team effective April 6, 1998. Ms. Gonzales served on the board from 1988-1990 and again from 1992-1997.

The Ethics Code generally prohibits former members of a board or commission from contracting with, being employed in any capacity, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission for a period of two years following the termination of his or her public service on such board or commission.

On June 1, 1999, Ms. Gonzales resigned from the testing team.

Conclusion:

1. Diane Gonzales' employment with the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology was in apparent violation of the Ethics Code.

Recommendation:

1. The issue regarding Ms. Gonzales' employment with the board has been referred to the Ethics Board.

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