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AGENDA

Date and Time: 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2006
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the commission from the public.
3. Comments by the commissioners.
4. Comments by the executive director.
5. Approve minutes of the September 21, 2006, and September 22, 2006, meetings.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations to the Legislature by the Chair of the Task Force, Commissioner Ross Fischer.
7. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for late filing of campaign finance reports, lobby reports, or personal financial statements.
8. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce late-filing penalties in connection with certain corrected reports or to determine whether certain corrected reports as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of campaign treasurer appointments of inactive political committees.

Discussion and possible action in response to the following Advisory Opinion Requests:

10. AOR-535: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether the description of a cash or cash equivalent gift of over \$250 that is reportable under section 572.023(7) of the Government Code is required to include the value of the gift.

This opinion construes section 572.023(7) of the Government Code.

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11. AOR-538: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether certain conduct constitutes legislative bribery and whether there is a duty to report such conduct.

This opinion construes chapter 302 of the Government Code.

12. AOR-537: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether an incorporated local organization that is a member of an incorporated statewide organization may make donations to charities that match the amount of political contributions made by individual members of the local organization to the statewide organization's general-purpose political committee.

This opinion construes section 253.100 of the Election Code.

13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 20.62 (Reporting Staff Reimbursement), regarding the reporting of a political expenditure made out of personal funds by a staff member of either a candidate or political committee.
14. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 24.1 (Corporations and Certain Associations Covered) relating to the newly enacted Texas Business Organizations Code.
15. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
16. Presentation of the Nominating Committee report regarding the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
17. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
18. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

Certifying Official: David A. Reisman, Executive Director

Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley, General Counsel

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