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AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 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 July 14, 2006, meeting.
6. 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.
7. 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.

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

The drafts of the following proposed opinions are prepared by Ethics Commission staff and are available for review at the commission's office. Please note that a staff-proposed draft of an opinion may be revised without notice and at any time before the opinion is adopted by the commission.

8. AOR-534: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider the effective date of an order issued under the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act (JCFA), section 253.165 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes section 253.165 of the Election Code.

9. AOR-536: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether an incorporated statewide organization with incorporated local chapters may invite legislators and other elected

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officials to address the organization's membership regarding the issues of interest to the membership.

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.
11. 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.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 20.57 (Time of Making Expenditure), regarding the reporting of a political expenditure by credit card.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 24.14 (Administrative Expenditure), regarding the permissibility of an expenditure by a corporation to deliver a political contribution.
14. Discussion regarding recommendations to the Legislature by the Chair of the Task Force, Commissioner Ross Fischer.
15. 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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