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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008
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 June 10, 2008, meeting.
6. A commissioner's request for finding of constitutional compliance under section 574.001 of the Government Code.
7. Presentation and discussion concerning the Texas Ethics Commission's legislative appropriations request for the 2010-2011 biennium; David A. Reisman, Executive Director, and Mike McElhaney, Director of Finance and Administration.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations to the Legislature by the Chair of the Task Force, Vice Chair Ross Fischer.
9. 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.
10. 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 Request:

11. AOR-544: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked whether a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives may expend campaign funds to employ the services of a professional fundraiser.

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This opinion construes section 302.020 of the Government Code.

12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 22.33 (Expenditure Limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act), relating to the attribution of political expenditures for purposes of the expenditure limits prescribed by section 253.168 of the Election Code.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 34.45 (Entity Registration), 34.65 (Compensation Reported by Lobby Firm Employee), and 34.85 (Individual Reporting Expenditure by Entity), relating to reporting requirements by a lobbyist or an entity.
14. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.21 (Contingent Fees for Influencing Purchasing Decisions), relating to contingent fees.
15. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.5 (Certain Compensation Excluded), relating to exceptions from the requirement to register as a lobbyist under the registration threshold in Government Code § 305.003(a)(2).
16. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 12.57 (Contents of a Complaint), relating to the requirements for filing a complaint.
17. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 20.577(c)(2) (Reporting Schedule for a Candidate for State Chair), relating to reporting requirements for a candidate for state chair.
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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