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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009
Location: Texas Workforce Commission, 101 E. 15th Street, Conference Room #244, 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.
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Quarterly Report
 - c. Lobby Activity Report Search
 - d. Personal Financial Statements
5. Approve minutes of the February 12, 2009, commission meeting and March 20, 2009, executive session.
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 for the following individuals:

Vaughn R. Aldredge	G. Michael Bright	Lawrence D. Weiman
Gerald M. Birnberg	Frank D. Brown	William A. White
Susan Delgado	Michael H. Campbell	Melvin V. Brookshire
Pete P. Gallego	Brian Cassidy	Karen Raye Brown
Carolyn Gregory-Barclay	George S. Christian	John R. Bush
Jim Sharp	Anne C. Crews	Walter W. Christian
Dana Benoit	Michael S. Duncan	Eric S. Clifford
Randy M. Clapp	Neil L. Durrance	Randolph L. DeLay
Kevin Cooper	Wanda M. Fowler	Dan Downey
Amy L. Everhart	David O. Frederick	Glenn F. Fuller
Connie M. Filley	Jonathan D. Klein	Dean A. Hrbacek
Renee Flores	Vilma Luna	Roy Gene Jackson
Sheila D. Ford-Henderson	James D. Marston	Todd A. Litteken

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C. Denise R. Gentsch	James W. Mathis	Sam L. Marullo
Mark Louis Gipson	Stephen C. Maxwell	Michael B. Murray
William Scott Golemon, Sr.	Carol L. McDonald	Kenneth L. Roche, Jr.
Louis N. Irwin	Jim Nugent	Bradford T. Shields
Delwin Jones	Susan C. Rocha	Perry Singer
Tom Lazo, Sr.	Jose E. Saenz	Gentry L. Woodard
Carlos A. Obando	Tom Sanders	David D. Olvera
Christopher C. Balough	Robert R. Turner	Brian K. Walker
Jay Barksdale	David O. VanDelinder	Wayne F. Salvant
Randy Blankenship	Jill Warren	

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 for the following individuals:

John Bass	Melody M. Wilkinson
Jon K. Fisher	Chris Edward Aldrete
Eric R. Johnston	Lorraine A. Raggio
Doloris A. LaJoie	Thomas D. Williams
Paul J. Malir	J. Gaylord Armstrong
Eugene L. McKenzie	David Lloyd
Dwight Phifer	William B. Thornton
Sonia Phillips	Jimmy V. Thurmond, III
Burt Solomons	Julie Shipe Wood
Jesse W. Wainwright	Betty Adams

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment of inactive candidates and an inactive political committee.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Political Committee</u>
Jorge Borunda Zaragoza	Travis County Republican National Hispanic Assembly
Ronald E. Reynolds	
Randy Frazier	
David M. Davenport	
Kevin T. Howell	

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

9. AOR-546: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked whether an officeholder may use political contributions to contribute to a trust fund for the benefit of an individual for payment of that individual's medical and other supplemental needs.

This opinion construes section 253.035 of the Election Code.

10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 22.7 (Contribution from Out-of-State Committee), relating to documentation that a candidate, officeholder, or political committee must obtain from an out-of-state political committee before accepting a political contribution from the out-of-state political committee.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal or adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules relating to the standard for determining the value of a ticket to an entertainment event, including a sporting event under Chapter 305 of the Government Code (the lobby law). The commission will consider the following four options:
 - Option 1: § 34.22 (Valuation of Ticket)
§ 34.23 (Valuation of Ticket to a Suite)
 - Option 2: § 34.24 (Valuation of Ticket with a Face Value)
§ 34.25 (Valuation of Ticket to a Suite)
 - Option 3: § 34.26 (Valuation of a Ticket to an Entertainment Event, Including a Sporting Event)
 - Option 4: § 34.27 (Valuation of a Ticket to an Entertainment Event, Including a Sporting Event)
12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 6.5 (Authority to Adopt Rules), relating to the authority of the commission to adopt rules.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 8.3 (Subject of an Advisory Opinion), relating to the subject matter of an advisory opinion.
14. Presentation of the Nominating Committee report regarding the position of Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission. Election of Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
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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