AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010
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.
   a. Personnel
   b. Sworn Complaints

5. Approve minutes of the June 11, 2010, commission meeting.

6. Presentation of the FY2012-13 Legislative Appropriations Request of the Texas Ethics Commission; David A. Reisman, Executive Director.

7. Discussion and possible action on a letter from the commissioners to the state leadership regarding the budget of the Texas Ethics Commission.

8. Report from the subcommittee of commissioners on recommendations for statutory changes to the 82nd Legislature as required by section 571.073 of the Government Code.

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 for the following individuals:

   Alan Mayfield    Arthur C. ‘A.C.’ Nelson    Louis J. Malfaro
   Jose S. Mayorga, Jr.  Charles L. Perry    Brenda A. Trolín
   Sylvia Barnes    Scott C. Sanders    Women’s Health Caucus
   Kirk A. Calhoun    Alfred H. ‘Al’ Bennett    Mark F. Banar
   Sharon T. Carr    Ismael ‘Kino’ Flores    Luke Bellsnyder
   Colleen E. Cummings  Gary Hall    Jana S. Blasi
   Caroline Kupstas Daley  James H. Keeshan    Jose E. Camacho
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 for the following individuals:

- John Bass
- Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Blackwell
- Patricia Botello
- Barbara Buxton
- Stephen Dietz
- Stephen J. Gilles
- Mary Kay Green
- Joe Heflin
- Terri Tipton Holder
- Jim L. Peacock
- Allan ‘Bud’ Shivers, Jr.
- Matt Shaheen
- Dustin R. Burrows
- Mattie Youngblood

11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal or adoption and publication in the Texas Register of section 12.81 of the Ethics Commission Rules (Technical, Clerical or De Minimis Violations), relating to the procedures for investigating and resolving technical and clerical violations of laws within the Commission’s jurisdiction as provided by section 571.0631 of the Government Code.


13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of the repeal of section 22.5 of the Ethics Commission Rules (Direct Campaign Expenditures), relating to direct campaign expenditures before Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 489.

14. In request for advisory opinion AOR-555, the Texas Ethics Commission has been asked whether a conclusion that an expense is “reimbursable with public money” for purposes of sections 251.001(4) and (9) of the Election Code requires that public funds be appropriated or otherwise available to cover the expense.

The commission requests the public to comment on AOR-555. Possible action on AOR-555.

For more information, contact David A. Reisman, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800
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

NOTICE: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, an individual with a disability must have an equal opportunity for effective communication and participation in public meetings. Upon request, the Texas Ethics Commission will provide auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired, readers, and large print or Braille documents. In determining the type of auxiliary aid or service, the commission will give primary consideration to the individual's request. Those requesting auxiliary aids or services should notify Margie Castellanos at (512) 463-5800, (800) 325-8506, or RELAY Texas (800) 735-2989 two days before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please also contact Ms. Castellanos if you need assistance in having English translated into Spanish.