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AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011
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. Sworn Complaints
 - c. Fine Collections
5. Approve minutes of the December 7, 2010, executive session and December 7, 2010, commission 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 for the following individuals:

Daniel Rodriguez Andrade	Patricia Espinoza	Christian Peyton Burchell
Cheryl D. Patterson	Janice S. Flynn	Jay W. Burnett
Daniel Rodriguez Andrade	Elizabeth Graham	Paul Oscar Cardwell, Jr.
Karen L. Baker	Harris County Deputies Association, Inc.	
Andra A. Crossland	Cecil Anthony Ince	John Esparza
Environment Texas	Timothy M. Lambert	Susie M. Infante
James Grace	John R. LeCour	Mazie M. Jamison
Steve Lyle	Jose M. "J.M." Lozano	Marsha Malish Jones
Nha Ai Quoc Foundation	Hiram McBeth, III	Benjamin D. Malik
David J. Roznowski	Karen M. Neeley	James W. Mathis
G. William "Bill" Ruppert	Ruby J. Eddins Parham	Daniel R. McCool
Phil Thoden	George A. Scott	Casetra Lee "Casey" McKinney
Christine York	Angela Shields	Chris C. Russell
William P. Sanders	Vannessa R. Stewart	Claudia Russell

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Jennifer K. Ahrens	Des M. Taylor	Paul L. Sadler
Kai C. Bjerkness	Veronica F. Thibideaux	Carlos I. "Charlie" Uresti
Crissy Camacho Borskey	LaRue Wall	Gayle R. Avant
James M. Carroll	Jack "John" Armstrong	Ray Hymel
Kenny J. Click	Leslie Beasley	Oscar J. Palma, Jr.
Louise R. Cooper	David Bradley	Ruby J. Eddins Parham

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:

Jose L. Aliseda, Jr.	Sarah M. Davis	Brian E. Pawlikowski
Tommy J. Azopardi	M. Scott Dickens	Eugene M. Rackley, IV
John Bass	Gayle Fallon	Mario M. Champion
Larry D. Gonzales	Paula Hightower-Pierson	James Rinefierd
Mark Gorman	George E. Lavender	Eldon J. White
Tamela Gough	Jeffrey L. Rose	Patricia F. Botello
Neal M. McBryde	Beverly Woolley	Jack R. Golden
Jim Wallace	Kenneth F. Sheets	Lynne Liberato
Gerald M. Birnberg	Wm. Howard Wolf	Myrna P. McLeroy
Daniel A. "Dan" Chavez		

8. Presentation and discussion on the Texas Ethics Commission's FY2012-13 appropriations request; David A. Reisman, Executive Director.

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

9. AOR-559: Whether a general-purpose political committee may raise contributions from corporations to defray legal expenses incurred in defending defamation lawsuits filed against the committee and its campaign treasurer and whether such contributions are required to be disclosed on campaign finance reports.

This opinion construes sections 253.100 and 254.141 of the Election Code.

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

10. AOR-560: Whether the revolving door law prohibits a former employee of the Texas Department of Transportation from performing certain services related to road projects.

This opinion construes section 572.054 of the Government Code.

11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal or adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) or § 50.3

(Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.

12. Discussion and possible action on electronic filing software applications.
13. 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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