AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011
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.

Personnel


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:

Dewey E. Helmcamp, III, J.D.  Renu Khator  John M. Delaney
William J. Merrell  David Lakey, M.D.  David W. Hajek
Jean F. Andrews, Ph.D.  Linda Lea McKenna  C.T. ‘Rusty’ Hight
Richard Barajas  Michael E. McLelland  Jerry A. Madden
Walker R. Beard  Brenda C. Pisana  John P. Maline
J. Michael Bell, Sr.  Allan B. Polunsky  Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D.
Robert L. Bowling, IV  Michael R. Puhl  Dennis R. Powell
Ada Brown  Janie Reyes  Gregory Clayton Ulmer
Clifford A. Brown  Ronald E. Reynolds  Doug McMurry
Joe D. Campos  Brian Risinger  Brenda J. Avery
Donna D. Carter  Jacoba-Jetske S. Russell  Louis A. Bacarisse
David A. Castillo  Mary Jane Salgado  Hank Clements, III
Susan E. Criss  Norberto Salinas, Sr.  James Z. Brazell
Luis F. De La Garza, Jr.  Mark Skurka  Eric M. Brown
Angela Downes  Jon E. Sloan  Kenny J. Click
Andy Garza  R. Lowell Thompson  Herb Gonzales, Jr.

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Robert J. Gebhard, Jr. Homer Dean Trevino Rodolfo DeLeon
D. Bryan Hughes Douglas W. Turner Ruben D. Torres
John Hamice James George C. Wright Carlos A. Truan, Jr.
Robert Elliott Jones

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 individual:

Debra H. Lehrmann

8. Reports More than 30-days Late; Imposition of Additional Fine.

Andy M. Chatham
Travis A. Morris
Gene Stallings

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

9. AOR-562: Whether all proceeds from a lawsuit for which a person defrays expenses by using both political contributions and personal funds, are subject to the personal use restriction.

This opinion construes section 253.035 of the Election Code.

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

10. AOR-563: Whether section 253.1611(d) of the Election Code prohibits a judicial officeholder, during a calendar year in which the office held does not appear on the ballot, from using political contributions to make over $250 in political contributions to multiple political committees if the total amount of contributions to any single political committee does not exceed $250.

This opinion construes section 253.1611(d) of the Election Code.

11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments to the following Ethics Commission Rules impacted by Senate Bill 1, 82nd Legislative Session, Special Session: Ethics Commission Rules §§ 20.50 (Total Political Contributions Maintained), 20.62 (Reporting Staff Reimbursement), 20.279 (Contents of Officeholder’s Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 20.331 (Contents of Specific-Purpose Committee Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), and 20.433 (Contents of General-Purpose Committee Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), and 34.46 (Registration under Section 305.0041 of the Government Code).

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12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments and/or repeals to the following Ethics Commission Rules impacted by House Bill 2359, 82nd Legislative Session, Regular Session: Ethics Commission Rules §§ 20.219 (Content of Candidate’s Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 22.6 (Reporting Direct Campaign Expenditures), 24.3 (Prohibitions on Contributions and Expenditures), and 24.9 (Direct Expenditure on Measure).


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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