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AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2013
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
3. Approve minutes of the March 27, 2013, morning and afternoon Commission meetings.
4. Briefing and discussion on the impact of ethics legislation in the 2013 legislative session:
 - a. Status of Ethics Commission legislative recommendations;
 - b. Status of Ethics Commission Sunset Bill(s): HB 2737 and SB 219; and
 - c. Summary of passed ethics legislation.
5. Public discussion and possible action on options for rulemaking on campaign bookkeeping requirements.
6. Public discussion, and possible action on proposed investigative action for *detailed review* of a potentially serious sworn complaint.
7. Public discussion and possible action on rule(s) for social media, e-mail, and text messaging, including expanding definition of "political advertising" to include electronic messages.
8. Presentation, discussion and possible action on collection of delinquent accounts.

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9. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 26.7 (Use of the Term “Reelect” in Political Advertising) relating to the use of the term reelect in political advertising.

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

10. AOR-578: Whether a person who was elected to the position of justice of the peace of a particular precinct that was subsequently renumbered to a different precinct holds the office of the renumbered precinct for purposes of section 255.006 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes section 255.006 of the Election Code.

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

11. AOR-579: Whether a federal principal campaign committee established to support a candidate for federal office located in Texas that makes a contribution to a state or local office is required to file a campaign treasurer appointment or campaign finance reports with the Commission.

This opinion construes Chapter 254 of the Election Code.

12. Public discussion and possible action on proposed training pamphlet “Am I a Lobbyist?”
13. Comments by the Commissioners.
14. Comments by the Executive Director.
15. Creation of a subcommittee of commissioners to draft rules and training materials on issues of proper reporting and record keeping for personal expenses, officeholder living expenses in Austin, per diem, and state reimbursed expenses.
16. Creation of a subcommittee of commissioners to draft rules implementing statutory changes by the 83rd Legislature on the method by which the Commission issues notices.
17. Creation of a subcommittee of commissioners to draft rules implementing statutory changes by the 83rd Legislature regarding sworn complaint processes and procedures.
18. Adjourn.

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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
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