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AGENDA

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 29, 2014
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Preconference hearing – April 3, 2014;
 - AM public meeting – April 3, 2014;
 - PM public meeting – April 3, 2014; and
 - Executive session (Empower Texans, et al v. Texas Ethics Commission, et al) – April 3, 2014.
4. Presentation on and discussion of the electronic filing system project by RFD & Associates, Inc.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

5. Discussion of Opinion Request AOR–585: Whether comprehensive diagnostic testing provided to a member of the legislative or executive branch is a gift for purposes of the lobby law, and the application of the reporting requirements in the lobby law for such testing.

This opinion request construes Chapter 305 of the Government Code.

6. Discussion of Opinion Request AOR–586: Whether a nonprofit organization that plans to make direct campaign expenditures from its general treasury funds to expressly

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advocate for the election or defeat of clearly identified candidates for state and local offices in Texas is required to appoint a campaign treasurer as a political committee.

This opinion request construes Title 15 of the Election Code.

RULEMAKING

7. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.7 (Timely Reports and Complete Reports) and 20.20 (Timeliness of Action by Electronic Filing) to expressly state that the filing deadline for reports filed electronically with the Commission is midnight Central Time Zone.
8. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of a rule defining the phrase “acting in concert” for purposes of Election Code § 254.261 (Direct Campaign Expenditure Exceeding \$100).
9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 20.577 (Reporting Schedule for a Candidate for State Chair) to clarify that candidates for state chair are required to file campaign finance reports electronically.
10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 40.2 regarding financial activity required to be disclosed on a personal financial statement.

POLICY

11. Public discussion and possible action on review processes to determine level of local compliance for reports required to be filed under Title 15 of the Election Code.
12. Public discussion and possible action on a proposed guide regarding the per diem set by the Commission.
13. Comments by the Interim Executive Director.
14. Comments by the Commissioners.
15. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

Certifying Official & Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley,
Interim Executive Director/Special Counsel

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