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AGENDA

Date and Time: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Location: Conference Room 244, Texas Workforce Commission
101 E. 15th Street, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. **Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys; Closed Meeting.** Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:
 - A. Cause No. 14-06508-16; *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*; in the 158th District Court of Denton County, Texas; and related cases, Cause No. 02-15-00103-CV, *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, Texas; and Cause No. 15-09170, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas.
 - B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-002665; *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Jim Clancy, Paul W. Hobby, Hugh C. Akin, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, Tom Ramsay, and Chase Untermeyer, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Texas Ethics Commission, and the Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Natalia Luna Ashley, in her official capacity*; in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
 - C. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252; *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. State of Texas Ethics Commission, Natalia Luna Ashley, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, Tom Ramsay, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Paul Hobby, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Hugh C. Akin, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, James T. Clancy, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Wilhelmina R. Delco, individually and in her capacity as Commissioner, Warren T. Harrison, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Robert K. Long, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, and Charles G. Untermeyer, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner*; in

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the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-16-00019-CV; *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. The State of Texas Ethics Commission; Natalia Luna Ashley, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission; Tom Ramsay, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; Steven P. Wolens, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; Hugh C. Akin, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; James T. Clancy, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; Wilhelmina R. Delco, individually and in her capacity as Commissioner; Mary K. Kennedy, individually and in her capacity as Commissioner; Chad M. Craycraft, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; and Charles G. Untermeyer, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.

- D. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455; *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan*; in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No., 03-16-00872-CV, *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
- E. Civil Action No. 5:14-cv-00133-C; *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Matthew D. Powell, in his official capacity as District Attorney of Lubbock County, et al.*; in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division.
- F. Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000149, *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- G. Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00916; *Mike Barnes v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division; and related case, Cause No. D-1-GN-15-003454; *Mike Barnes v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 201st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- H. Cause No. 2016-27417; *Briscoe Cain v. Charles G. Untermeyer, in his Official Capacity as Chairman and Commissioner of the Texas Ethics Commission and Natalia Luna Ashley, in her Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission*; in the 270th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas.
- I. Sworn Complaint No. SC-31404103, Contested Case Proceeding; In the Matter of Todd M. Smith, Lobbyist, Respondent.

3. Reconvene in open session.

4. 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 & Agency Liaison: Ian M. Steusloff, Interim Executive Director.

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