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AGENDA

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 28, 2017
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Comments by the Commissioners.
3. Comments by the Executive Director.
4. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – July 11, 2017;
 - Public Meeting – July 11, 2017; and
 - Workshop Meeting – July 12, 2017

RULEMAKING

5. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules regarding the disclosure of political expenditures to vendors and others, including an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1 (Definitions) and § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), and new Ethics Commission Rules § 20.56 (Expenditures to Vendors).
6. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), regarding the disclosure of political expenditures made in the form of in-kind contributions to candidates, officeholders, and political committees.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

7. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-622: Whether the revolving door law in section 572.069 of the Government Code would prohibit a former employee of a state agency from providing certain services.

For more information, contact Seana Willing, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800.

This opinion request construes Section 572.069 of the Government Code.

OTHER POLICY MATTERS

8. Discussion regarding commissioner travel reimbursement.
9. Discussion regarding surveys to determine level of local filer compliance, including Form 1295 compliance.
10. Public discussion regarding an amendment to Form 1295, Disclosure of Interested Parties, in accordance with Senate Bill 255, 85th Legislative Session, 2017.
11. Discussion regarding filer ability to perform “error check” in campaign finance reporting application.
12. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on appeal of fines increased by the Commission, and on appeals of determinations made under Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following individual and political committees:
 1. James D. Morrison (00080120)
 2. Richard Knight, Jr., Treasurer, ‘DCUA’ Dallas Committee on Urban Affairs (00039199)
 3. Adnan Tovar, Treasurer, ‘ROCKGPAC’ Rockwall Republican Executive Committee General Purpose PAC (CEC) (00056027)
13. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce the late-filing penalty in connection with a corrected report or to determine whether the corrected report as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law for the following individuals:
 1. Arcelia Trevino (00080582)
 2. Andrea B. ‘Andi’ St. Leger (00080267)
14. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment for the following inactive individuals and political committees:

Individuals

1. Deborah B. Shafto (00066498)
2. Lee C. Crisp (00068211)
3. Anthony Alcoser (00080169)
4. David Wylie (00080102)

5. John T. Floyd III (00080478)

Political Committees

6. Veronica F. Thibideaux, Treasurer, Alief Federation of Teachers Committee on Political Education (00063388)
 7. Michael Gibson, Treasurer, Three Amigos (00070179)
 8. Christine A. Jager, Treasurer, Citizens for Judicial Reform (00080697)
 9. Derrick Osobase, Treasurer, Texas Working People CWA Political Action Committee (80730)
 10. Wyatt Truscheit, Treasurer, Friends of Charters (00080868)
15. Report more than 30 days late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filer:

Lobbyist

- Zachary Male (00070517)
16. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a format for electronic filing of campaign finance reports, as proposed by Bastrop County and Navarro County.
 17. Communication to the Commission from the public.
 18. 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: Seana Willing, Executive Director.

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