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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2025
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. **Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys; Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters, Section 571.039, Government Code, confidential sworn complaint matters, Closed Meeting.**

A. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:

- i. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; Cause No. 03-21-00033, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; and Cause No. 18-0580: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas.
- ii. Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003269: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 459th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-22-00133-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
- iii. Case No. 4:23-cv-00808-P, *Institute for Free Speech, a nonprofit corporation and public interest law firm, vs. J.R. Johnson in his official and individual capacities as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission; Mary Kennedy, Chris Flood, and Richard Schmidt in their official capacities as commissioners of the Texas Ethics Commission; and*

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Randall Erben, Chad Craycraft, Patrick Mizell, Joseph Slovacek, and Steven Wolens, in their individual and official capacities as commissioners of the Texas Ethics Commission, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

- iv. Cause No. PD-0310-23, *Ex Parte John Morgan Stafford*, in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.
 - v. Cause No. 2023-DCL-01478, *Valleywide Pharmacy and DMI, Inc., vs. Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, J.R. Johnson, in his official capacity*, in the 445th Judicial District Court, Cameron County, Texas.
 - vi. Civil Action 1:24-CV-500, *LIA Network v. J.R. Johnson, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
 - vii. Cause No. 2024-DCL-03953, *Ruben Cortez, Jr. v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 404th Judicial District Court, Cameron County, Texas.
 - viii. Cause Nos. PD-0522-21, PD-0523-21, PD-0524-21, & PD-0525-21, *Ex Parte Robbie Gail Charette*, in the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas.
- B. Discussion of contemplated litigation and to seek legal advice regarding the collection of imposed penalties.
 - C. Discussion to seek legal advice and about anticipated litigation regarding SC-3250370.
 - D. Discussion and possible action related to the appointment of an executive director and general counsel.
 - E. Confidential sworn complaint matters under Section 571.139 of the Government Code.
 - F. Reconvene in open session.

- 3. Recess or continue to “Agenda 2” noticed for the same time and place as this agenda.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements. Certifying Official & Agency Liaison: J.R. Johnson, Executive Director.

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