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**MEETING AGENDA**

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| 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. Discussion and possible action related to the appointment of an executive director and general counsel.
3. Formal Hearing pursuant to Section 571.126, Government Code and Subchapters C-H, Chapter 2001, Government Code: In the Matter of Daysi Marin, SC-3240109.
4. Discussion regarding dates for next quarterly Commission meeting.
5. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
  - o Executive Session – March 11, 2025; and
  - o Public Agenda – March 11, 2025.

**RULEMAKING**

**Rule Adoption**

6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register regarding an amendment and re-adoption of Chapter 10 of the TEC Rules, related to Ethics Training Programs.
7. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to Chapter 12, related to sworn complaint procedures including default orders, proposed settlements before a preliminary review hearing, and discovery during a preliminary review or before a formal hearing.

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8. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to Chapter 18, related to the process to request a waiver or reduction for a civil penalty imposed for a late report and civil penalties imposed for making a substantial correction to 8-day pre-election reports.
9. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 20.1(17), relating to the principal purpose of a political committee.

### **Rule Publication**

10. Discussion and possible action related to the progress and next steps regarding the TEC's comprehensive rule review plan.
11. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 34 of the TEC rules, related to regulation of lobbyists.
12. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 18.31, regarding adjustments to reporting thresholds.

### **ADVISORY OPINIONS**

13. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-724: A corporation may not finance fundraising efforts for its connected political committee except from its "members . . . or the families of its . . . members." Tex. Elec. Code § 253.100(d)(5). Who qualifies as a "member" of a nonprofit corporation for purposes of the Section 253.100(d)(5) corporate-funded solicitation exception?

This opinion construes Section 253.100 of the Election Code.

14. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-725: Whether certain communications to legislators and their staff about a political party's rules, platform, and legislative priorities require a legislative advertising disclosure statement.

This opinion construes Section 305.027 of the Government Code.

15. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-726: Whether the use of a logo created by a labor organization's political committee that resembles, but is different from, a city-created logo violates a law under the jurisdiction of the Texas Ethics Commission.

This opinion construes Sections 255.003 of the Election Code and 39.02 of the Penal Code.

16. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-727: May an incorporated out-of-state political committee that accepts corporate contributions contribute to Texas state and local candidates, including to a specific-purpose committee, provided it does so from a separate

account that only accepts contributions from individuals and that would otherwise come from permissible sources under Texas law?

Second, assuming the contributions described under the facts above are permissible, does it matter if the out-of-state political committee is controlled by a non-candidate officeholder?

Third, if control by a candidate leads to the conclusion that the out-of-state committee is prohibited from making the contributions described above, would it be permissible for the out-of-state committee to: (i) contribute to a Direct Campaign Expenditure Only Committee or (ii) make direct expenditures itself?

This opinion construes Sections 252.001(15), 252.003(a), 253.032, 253.097, 254.1581, of the Election Code.

17. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-729: Whether an employee of a state agency is subject to the Section 572.069 two-year waiting period before accepting employment for a particular employer after helping to select and purchase a software product from the potential employer.

This opinion construes Section 572.069 of the Government Code.

18. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-730: Whether a former employee of a state regulatory agency who worked on a schematic for a particular construction project may receive compensation from a private employer for services related construction management of the project.

This opinion construes Section 572.054 of the Government Code.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES, TREASURER TERMINATIONS AND REPORTS MORE THAN 30 DAYS LATE**

19. Discussion and possible action on appeals of determinations made under 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 18.11, 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following filers:

##### **Staff Recommendation: Waiver**

- A. Ait, Melissa Belaid, Campaign Treasurer, McKinney Area Democratic Club (00083522)
- B. Corner, Christopher (00088293)
- C. Crain, Garry D. (00082814)
- D. Garrett, George, Campaign Treasurer, San Jacinto Republican Party (CEC) (80082)
- E. Harvey, Alycia (00085965)
- F. Holguin, Eric (00083896)
- G. Levvis, Justin, Campaign Treasurer, UA Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 100 PAC Fund (00052939)

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- H. Makany-Rivera, Tanya (00086457)
- I. Montfort, Angelica, Campaign Treasurer, All Hat No Cattle PAC (00087722)
- J. Porter, Deidra, Campaign Treasurer, Vote Yes Silsbee Kids (Dissolved) (00088142)
- K. Shelby, Tracie M. (00085976)
- L. Snowden, Tara D. (00060389)

**Staff Recommendation: Reduction**

- M. Bragg, Robert, Campaign Treasurer, Make More Room For Our Kids (00080744)
- N. Clemmer, Richard L. (00085917)
- O. Fisher, Jacquelyne A., Campaign Treasurer, San Antonio Republican Women (00015784)
- P. Miller, Kendall, Campaign Treasurer, Vote Yes Prosper (Dissolved) (00088038)
- Q. Sanders, Tricia, Campaign Treasurer, Funky East Dallas Democrats Political Action Committee (00084102)
- R. Saunders, Sean E., Campaign Treasurer, Galveston County Republican Party (CEC) (00060078)

**Staff Recommendation: No Further Reduction or Waiver**

- S. Bess, Danielle K. (00086211)
- T. Dekoning, Diane, Campaign Treasurer, Texas Tea Party Republican Women PAC (00031996)
- U. Peterson, Dean, Campaign Treasurer, El Paso County Republican Party (CEC) (00085813)
- V. Quarles, Aaron, Campaign Treasurer, Friends of Grayson College (00088747)

**Good Cause Determination Required**

- W. Childs, Staci (00086453)
- X. Hernandez, Laura, Campaign Treasurer, Our Fight, Our Future PAC (00087096)

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment for the following inactive political committees:

**Individuals**

- 1. Ballantyne, Jr., Stephen P. (00081675)
- 2. Drake, Rusty W. (00088201)
- 3. Graves, James T. (00088216)

**OTHER MATTERS**

21. Briefing and discussion of legislation in the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, including status of Texas Ethics Commission legislative recommendations, the Sunset Advisory Commission report regarding the TEC, legislative outcomes related to the report, and actions taken or in-progress to implement recommendations made in the report.
22. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
23. 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: J.R. Johnson, Executive Director.

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