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## AGENDA

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Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008  
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the commission from the public.
3. Comments by the commissioners.
4. Comments by the executive director.
5. Approve minutes of the December 11, 2007, meeting.
6. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for late filing of campaign finance reports, lobby reports, or personal financial statements.
7. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce late-filing penalties in connection with certain corrected reports or to determine whether certain corrected reports as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law.

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

8. AOR-541: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether an elected judge may use political contributions to pay the premiums of a Judge's Professional Liability Insurance Policy.

This opinion construes section 253.035 of the Election Code.

9. AOR-542: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether a general-purpose political committee may ask a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives questions concerning candidates for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and whether the committee may make its decision to support or not support a candidate for state representative based on those responses.

This opinion construes chapter 302 of the Government Code.

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10. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 20.50 (Total Political Contributions Maintained), relating to the reporting of the total amount of political contributions maintained as of the last day of the reporting period for purposes of sections 254.031(8) and 254.0611(a)(1) of the Election Code.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.21 (Contingent Fees for Influencing Purchasing Decisions), relating to contingent fees.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 34.45 (Entity Registration), 34.85 (Individual Reporting Expenditure by Entity), and 34.65 (Compensation Reported by Lobby Firm Employee), relating to reporting requirements by a lobbyist or an entity.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.11 (Attribution of Expenditure to More Than One Person; Reimbursement of Lobby Expenditure), relating to the reporting of a lobby expenditure attributed to more than one person.
14. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 20.13(d) (Out-of-State Committees) and Ethics Commission Rule § 20.29 (Information About Out-of-State Committees), relating to reporting requirements for out-of-state committees.
15. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 20.435 (Telegram Reports by Certain General-Purpose Committees), relating to the reporting requirements if the committee is involved in an election.
16. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that relate to the Texas Facilities Commission.
17. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that would require the Comptroller to identify to the Texas Ethics Commission a contribution from a vendor.
18. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that relate to conflict of interest requirements for the chief clerk or any other employee of the Comptroller.
19. Adjourn.

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

Certifying Official: David A. Reisman, Executive Director

Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley, General Counsel

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