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AGENDA

Date and Time:	10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13, 2008
Location:	Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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 August 15, 2008, meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations to the Legislature.
7. 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.
8. 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 Request:

9. AOR-545: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider the following questions:
1) Does a person who is subject to the restrictions on expenditures in section 305.024(a)(2)(A) of the Government Code make a prohibited expenditure for transportation or lodging if the individual to whom the transportation or lodging is provided makes a prepayment in full for the transportation or lodging? 2) If an expenditure for the transportation or lodging at issue is not prohibited because a prepayment is made, what is an acceptable method for calculating a prepayment?

This opinion construes section 305.024 of the Government Code.

10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 22.33 (Expenditure Limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act),

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relating to the attribution of political expenditures for purposes of the expenditure limits prescribed by section 253.168 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 § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
12. 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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