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AGENDA

Date and Time:	10:15 a.m., Monday, August 15, 2016
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
3. Comments by the Executive Director.
4. Comments by the Commissioners.
5. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session (discussion of pending litigation) – June 1, 2016; and
 - Public Meeting – June 1, 2016.

ADVISORY OPINION

6. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. 613: Whether a political advertising disclosure statement is required to be included in political advertising broadcast by radio.

This opinion request construes § 255.001 of the Election Code and Ethics Commission Rules § 26.1.

RULEMAKING

7. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 26.1 (Disclosure Statement), to clarify how a political advertising disclosure statement must be included in political advertising in audio form, including broadcasts by radio.
8. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of a new Ethics Commission Rules § 20.60 (Reporting Political

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- Expenditures for Processing Fees), regarding the disclosure of multiple payments in a reporting period to a single person for fees to process political contributions.
9. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of a new Ethics Commission Rules § 20.56 (Expenditures Involving Consultants) and an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), regarding the disclosure of political expenditures made to consultants.
 10. Public discussion and possible action on the requirement that a campaign finance report include the total amount of political contributions maintained at the end of the reporting period under § 254.031(a)(8) of the Election Code and Ethics Commission Rules § 20.50.
 11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of the repeal of Ethics Commission Rules § 34.43(b) (Compensation and Reimbursement Threshold), regarding an exception to the lobby registration requirement for compensation if no more than 5% of a person's compensated time during a calendar quarter is spent engaging in lobby activity.
 12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of a new Ethics Commission Rules § 40.11 (Publicly Traded Corporation as Source of Income over \$500), regarding the identification on a personal financial statement of a publicly traded corporation from which income in excess of \$500 is derived.

OTHER POLICY MATTERS

13. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for campaign finance reports and personal financial statements filed late due to issues with the new electronic filing application for the following individuals and political committee.

Campaign Finance Reports

Adolfo D. Lopez (00080091)
William R. Bates, Jr. (00066504)
Philip M. Gommels (00080199)
J.M. 'Chuy' Alvarez (00051932)
Frank J. Corte, Jr. (00020036)
Glenn A. Johnson, Treasurer, PGISD Better Education (00080531)

Andrea G. Martin Edmondson (00069228)
Eric D. Mahroum (00069162)

Personal Financial Statements

Lance N. Christian (00080484)
Kelli Johnson (00080581)
Edward Pollard (00080307)
Jeffrey A. 'Jeff' Lane (00080152)
Wesley Lloyd (00064047)
Rodolfo G. Ramos, Jr. (00065625)
Michael Louis Vickers (00059909)
Julie Oakley (00066853)
James Oakley (00066593)
Scott A. McDonald (00067414)
George F. Francis, IV (00067524)

14. Briefing, discussion, and possible action 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 individuals:

Sergio Muñoz, Jr. (00065967)
Patrick O. Eronini, Sr. (00080390)

15. 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 political committee:

Shane Smith, Treasurer, Citizens for Cooper (00080854)

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

Individuals

Marilynn S. Mayse (00080059)
Richard J. Phillips (00057527)

Political Committees

Del Rio Police Officers' Association Political Action Committee (00063507)
Texas Card Players Association Political Action Committee (00065814)
Geo-PAC (00068242)
Second Chance Democrats (00070398)
Black Firefighters United PAC (00080045)

17. Reports more than 30 days late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filers:

Candidates/Officeholders

Veronica Aleman (00080612)
Dane A.N. Eyerly (00080231)

Political Committees

Lamonty Lott, Sr., Treasurer, Black Firefighters United PAC (00080045)
Sean M. McDonald, Treasurer, Second Chance Democrats (PAC) (00070398)

Personal Financial Statement

Hope L. Knight (00070580)

Lobbyists

Tony Hernandez (00068843)
Brett R. Kerr (00061161)

18. Discussion on the Texas Ethics Commission Legislative Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.
19. Report by subcommittee of Commissioners regarding recommendations for statutory changes to the 85th Legislature as required by section 571.073 of the Government Code and discussion about other recommendations Commissioners may want to consider.
20. 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: Natalia Luna Ashley,
Executive Director

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