

**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**  
P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070  
(512) 463-5800

Chase Untermeyer, Chair  
Steven D. Wolens, Vice Chair  
Hugh C. Akin  
Jim Clancy

Chad M. Craycraft  
Chris Flood  
Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy  
Tom Ramsay

## **AGENDA**

---

Date and Time:	10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

---

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Comments by the Commissioners.
3. Comments by the Executive Director.
4. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
  - Executive Session – March 30, 2017; and
  - Public Meeting – March 30, 2017.
5. Briefing and discussion of ethics legislation in the 2017 legislative session, including status of Ethics Commission legislative recommendations.

### **RULEMAKING**

6. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 6.21 (Officers of the Commission).
7. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules regarding the disclosure of political expenditures to vendors and others, including an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1 (Definitions) and § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), and new Ethics Commission Rules § 20.56 (Expenditures to Vendors).
8. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.81 (Technical, Clerical, or De Minimis Violations), relating to the procedures for investigating

---

*For more information, contact Seana Willing, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800.*

and resolving technical and clerical violations of laws within the Commission's jurisdiction as provided by section 571.0631 of the Government Code.

9. Public discussion and possible action on the creation of a pending litigation committee.
10. Appointment of a Nominating Committee of Commissioners for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.

### **ADVISORY OPINIONS**

11. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. 621: Questions regarding whether reimbursements for certain travel expenses to the executive director of a state agency are prohibited honoraria or benefits under Chapter 36 of the Penal Code, and whether the reimbursements are required to be reported on a personal financial statement.

This opinion request construes Chapter 36 of the Penal Code and Section 572.023 of the Government Code.

### **OTHER POLICY MATTERS**

12. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on appeal of fines increased by the Commission, and 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 and political committee:
  1. Jeffrey Brooks (00070573)
  2. Matthew Haertner (00070567)
  3. Robert Thomas Ratliff (00031723)
  4. John Halloran Romanow, Treasurer, 'TAS-PAC' Texas Assn. Of Staffing PAC (00016232)
13. 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 individuals and political committees:
  1. C. Tucker Anderson, Treasurer, 'Neighbors PAC' Neighbors Health Advocacy Political Action Committee (00080970)
  2. Scott E. Rozzell, Treasurer, Sarahjane Swanson Campaign (SPAC) (00080072)
  3. Barbara Hawkins (00080284)

4. Carlos I. 'Charlie' Uresti (00035921)
  5. Deborah S. 'Debbie' Gibson, Treasurer, 'ABNA PAC' ZB, N.A. dba Amegy Bank) (00024835)
  6. Kenneth Besserman, Treasurer, Texas Restaurant Association Political Action Committee) (00015665)
  7. Douglas R. Deason, Treasurer, Texans for Jason Villalba (SPAC) (00067846)
  8. Rhetta A. Bowers (00080443)
  9. John Halloran Romanow, Treasurer, 'TAS-PAC' Texas Assn. Of Staffing PAC (00016232)
  10. Gary W. Gates, Jr. (00051418)
14. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment for the following inactive individuals and political committee:

**Individuals**

1. Demetria Smith (00080343)
2. Andrew J. Condie (00080412)
3. Ruby Resendez (00080511)
4. Veronica Aleman (00080612)

**Political Committee**

5. Keith Houser, Treasurer, Citizens for Property Rights (00068064)
15. Reports more than 30 days late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filers:

**Candidates/Officeholders**

Jose David Garza (00080642)

**Lobbyists**

Charles Briscoe (00081049)  
Anthony Haley (00051002)

16. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a format for electronic filing of campaign finance reports, as proposed by Travis County.
17. Communication to the Commission from the public.

18. 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: Seana Willing, Executive Director.

**NOTICE:** Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, an individual with a disability must have an equal opportunity for effective communication and participation in public meetings. Upon request, the Texas Ethics Commission will provide auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired, readers, and large print or Braille documents. In determining the type of auxiliary aid or service, the Commission will give primary consideration to the individual's request. Those requesting auxiliary aids or services should notify Margie Castellanos at (512) 463-5800 or RELAY Texas at (800) 735-2989 two days before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please also contact Ms. Castellanos if you need assistance in having English translated into Spanish.