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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Discussion of, and possible action on, any unfinished business from the Executive Session or Public Meeting held on June 27, 2023, including discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.37, regarding virtual currency contributions.
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
4. Discussion regarding dates for next quarterly Commission meeting.
5. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – February 15, 2023;
 - Public Meeting – February 16, 2023; and
 - Executive Session – March 27, 2023.

RULEMAKING

Rule Adoption

6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of the repeal and amendments to 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 18.21, 18.23, 18.24, 18.25 and 18.26, regarding the administrative waiver or reduction of civil penalties for late filing.

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7. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 18.13, regarding a fine for a late report.
8. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of the repeal of 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 28.3, regarding the termination of a speaker candidate's candidacy.

Rule Publication

9. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendment to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 18.31, regarding the adjustments of reporting thresholds, and Ethics Commission Rules that are affected by the adoption of an amendment to 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 18.31, including §§ 20.62, 20.65, 20.217, 20.219, 20.220, 20.221, 20.275, 20.279, 20.301, 20.303, 20.313, 20.329, 20.331, 20.333, 20.401, 20.405, 20.431, 20.433, 20.434, 20.435, 20.553, 20.555, 22.1, 22.6, 22.7, 34.41, and 34.43.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

10. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-681: How a state officeholder should report mileage reimbursement from the state of Texas for travel.

This opinion construes Tex. Elec. Code §§ 253.035, 254.031, and 254.092 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 20.69.

11. Draft Advisory Opinion Nos. AOR-682 and 683: Whether a judicial candidate or officeholder may continue to accept political contributions more than 120 days after the election in which their name last appeared on the ballot, with the intention to use those contributions to defray expenses associated with an election contest.

This opinion construes Tex. Elec. Code §§ 253.152, .153.

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES AND TREASURER TERMINATIONS

12. 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:

1. Tim Mahoney (00081838)

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

Political Committees

1. A Better Hays PAC, Taylor L. Hogeland, treasurer (00083788)
2. Alamo Area Republican Women, Sharon Saunders, treasurer (00086560)
3. Alliance Against Sexual Assault, Lawrence Collins, treasurer (00064955)
4. Committee for Victoria's Future, Aaron R. Franco, treasurer (00082041)
5. Constitutional Texans, Jordan B. Hulcy, treasurer (00085665)
6. First Financial Corp. PAC, Michelle Hill, treasurer (00015543)
7. Friends of Good Government, Steve Klein, treasurer (00085831)
8. Grassroots Bold Leadership Political Action Committee, Claude Foster, treasurer (00086118)
9. Midland County Texas Coalition of Black Democrats PAC, Eddie Rabb, treasurer (00085453)
10. People First, Mildred Escobedo, treasurer (00084648)
11. Port Arthur Community Political Action Committee, Gary I. Dixon, treasurer (00084118)
12. Round Rock Police Officers Association Political Action Committee, Blake C. Bearden, treasurer (00081695)
13. Texans for Access to Medical Care, Deshdeepak Sahni, treasurer (00085050)
14. Texans for Economic Development, Tommy J. Azopardi, treasurer (00059603)
15. Texans for Wellness and Recovery, Michael Dougherty, treasurer (00085374)
16. TX Youth PAC, Zane C. Smith, treasurer (00085333)

Individuals

1. Adams, Alexis A. (00085761)
2. Bacy, Akilah A. (00083546)
3. Brown-Scoggins, Meghan L. (00081545)
4. Castaneda, Raynie G. (00085646)
5. Castillo, Fidel (00080604)
6. Davis, Brandon L. (00085850)
7. Demming Ruiz, Natasha (00084438)
8. Dominguez, Alberto A. (00086341)
9. Douglas, Will L. (00084229)
10. Drake, Phillip J. (00086219)
11. Farias, Katie (00085782)
12. Garza Lopez, Aimee (00084000)
13. Gutierrez, Martha M. (00086413)
14. Harper, Justin W. (00086224)
15. Jefferson-Wysinger, Demetra (00069827)
16. Jennings, Reginald E. (00086492)
17. Khon, Natalie N. (00086321)

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18. Martinez, Jacinto (00084552)
19. Matranga, Michael A. (00086238)
20. McKinzie, Larry (00084539)
21. Mellina Hayslip, Susan (00085814)
22. Molison, Alfred (00086241)
23. Nash, Lynda (00086493)
24. Nervis, Marcus A. (00085544)
25. Pierce, Billy E. (00085687)
26. Raasch, Wayne G. (00066256)
27. Ramirez, Jr., Alfredo M. (00084198)
28. Rios, Jeremy Joseph (00086485)
29. Smith, Demetria Y. (00080343)
30. Vasquez, Connie G. (00084319)
31. Watkins, Nathan E. (00086233)

OTHER MATTERS

14. Executive Director's Update: Briefing and discussion of legislation in the 2023 legislative session, including status of Ethics Commission legislative recommendations and discussion, possible action regarding improvements to the Commission's electronic filing software, and the sunset review process.
15. 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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