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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.

Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys; Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Sections 571.139, .140, Government Code, confidential sworn complaint matters, Closed Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION AND TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE

2. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; Cause No. 03-21-00033, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; and Cause No. 18-0580: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas. Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003269: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 459th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-22-00133-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
 3. Case No. 4:23-cv-00808-P, *Institute for Free Speech, a nonprofit corporation and public interest law firm, vs. James Tinley in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
 4. Cause No. PD-0310-23, *Ex Parte John Morgan Stafford*, in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.
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5. Cause No. 2023-DCL-01478, *Valleywide Pharmacy and DMI, Inc., vs. Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, J.R. Johnson, in his official capacity*, in the 445th Judicial District Court, Cameron County, Texas.
6. Civil Action 1:24-CV-500, *LIA Network v. James Tinley in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
7. Cause No. 2024-DCL-03953, *Ruben Cortez, Jr. v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 404th Judicial District Court, Cameron County, Texas.
8. Cause No. 25-0679, *Christopher D. Paddie, Sr. v. Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*, in the 71st Judicial District Court, Harrison County, Texas.
9. Discussion of contemplated litigation and to seek legal advice regarding the collection of imposed penalties.

OTHER MATTERS

10. Discussion to seek legal advice regarding entering into outside counsel contracts on behalf of the Texas Ethics Commission and its officers.
11. Discussion and possible action related to personnel matters.
12. Confidential sworn complaint matters under Section 571.139 of the Government Code.
13. Reconvene in open session.
14. Recess or continue to “Agenda 2” noticed for the same time and place as this agenda.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements. Certifying Official & Agency Liaison: James Tinley, Executive Director.

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