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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.
2. Presentation of certificates recognizing the contributions to the TEC by former Commissioners Chad Craycraft, Mary “Katie” Kennedy, and Steven D. Wolens.
3. Discussion and possible action related to outside counsel contracts for certain lawsuits filed against either the Texas Ethics Commission and/or commissioners.
4. Discussion and possible action related to a maintenance service contract for the Texas Ethics Commission Electronic Filing System.
5. Discussion regarding dates for the next quarterly Commission meeting.
6. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – September 17, 2025; and
 - Public Agenda – September 17, 2025.

RULEMAKING

Rule Adoption

7. Discussion and possible action on closing the rule review and the adoption, or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption with amendments of Chapter 22 of the TEC rules, related to restrictions on contributions and expenditures.

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8. Discussion and possible action on closing the rule review and the adoption, or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption with amendments of Chapter 24 of the TEC rules, related to restrictions on contributions and expenditures applicable to corporations and labor organizations.

Rule Publication

9. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding the re-adoption with amendments of Chapter 34 of the TEC rules, related to regulation of lobbyists.
10. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption with amendments of Chapter 20 of the TEC rules, related to reporting political contributions and expenditures, including an amendment to §18.10 (Guidelines for Substantial Compliance for a Corrected/Amended 8-day Pre-election Report) which is affected by this re-adoption.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of SB 293 (89R) related to the methodology by which the TEC may make equitable adjustments to the dollar amount on which the standard service retirement annuity is computed for the elected class of pension recipients. Possible action includes the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of 1 Tex. Admin Code § 50.3 regarding the equitable adjustments of pensions.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding TEC's comprehensive review of its rules.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

13. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-731: Whether members of the State Employee Charitable Campaign are appointed officers required to file a Personal Financial Statement.

This opinion construes Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

14. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-734: Whether a current State Board of Education (SBOE) member can provide continuing professional development to educators in return for compensation during their SBOE service.

This opinion construes Chapter 572 of the Government Code and Chapter 36 of the Penal Code.

15. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-735: Whether the TEC has authority to assess a civil penalty for a late personal financial statement filed by a director of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority.

This opinion construes Chapter 572 of the Government Code and Sections 335.1085 and 335.110 of the Local Government Code.

16. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-736: Whether an officeholder may use political contributions to pay for the purchase of business or formal attire typically associated with official duties.

This opinion construes Chapter 253 of the Election Code.

17. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-737: Whether a former state employee may accept a job with a company when he participated in a procurement involving that same company during his state service without violating Section 572.069 of the Government Code if he recuses himself from state projects.

This opinion construes section 572.069 of the Government Code.

18. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-738: Whether a public servant may accept admission to the Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals Program.

This opinion construes Sections 36.08 and 36.10 of the Penal Code.

19. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-739: Whether representing a party before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in a contested matter against a state agency of previous employment constitutes an appearance before that state agency for the purposes of Texas Government Code § 572.054(a).

This opinion construes Section 572.054 of the Government Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES, TREASURER TERMINATIONS AND REPORTS MORE THAN 30 DAYS LATE

20. 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 civil penalty to an untimely filed report, for the following filers:

Staff Recommendation: Waiver

- A. Carpenter, Shaun D. (00081984)
- B. El Paso Apartment Association Better Government Fund (00016829)
- C. Laird, Curtis (00088303)
- D. Moreno, Alex, Jr., Campaign Treasurer, Texas Democratic Alliance PAC (00088657)
- E. Mullins, Dee Howard (00088386)
- F. Thoman, Esme Elizabeth (00067347)

Staff Recommendation: Reduction

- G. Meza, Thresa A. (00069649)

Staff Recommendation: No Further Reduction or Waiver

- H. Ballengee, Billie, Campaign Treasurer, Citizens for Cedar Hill PAC (00084630)
- I. Biedermann, Kenneth K. (00080113)
- J. Caesar, Rosalind (00088147)

OTHER MATTERS

- 21. Briefing and discussion of legislation in the 89th Regular and Special Legislative Sessions and actions taken or in-progress to implement recommendations made in the Sunset Advisory Commission report on the TEC.
- 22. 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: James Tinley, Executive Director.

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