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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Discussion regarding dates for the next quarterly Commission meeting.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - o Executive Session – February 11, 2026; and
 - o Public Agenda – February 11, 2026.

RULEMAKING

Rule Adoption

4. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 26 of the TEC rules, related to political and legislative advertising.
 5. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 46 of the TEC rules, related to disclosure of interested parties.
 6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 45 of the TEC rules, related to conflicts of interest.
 7. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding adoption of new Chapter 7 of the TEC rules, related to contracts.
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8. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 34 of the TEC rules, related to regulation of lobbyists.

Rule Publication

9. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding re-adoption of Chapter 16 of the TEC rules, related to facial compliance.
10. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding minor amendments to Chapter 20 of the TEC rules, related to Reporting Political Contributions and Expenditures.
11. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to Chapter 18 of the TEC rules, related to adjustments to reporting thresholds.
12. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register regarding amendments to Chapter 12 of the TEC Rules, related to Informal Notice of Alleged Violation.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding TEC's comprehensive review of its rules.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

14. Reconsideration of Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 639, adopted on February 11, 2026, and possible adoption of a revised advisory opinion regarding whether a video recorded with students at a charter school is political advertising for the purposes of Sections 255.003 and 255.001 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes Chapter 255 of the Election Code

15. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-747: Whether, under Section 572.070 of the Government Code, a state employee is required to report certain contacts with an employee of a university owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China? What are the reporting requirements for frequent contacts?

This opinion construes Section 572.070 of the Government Code.

16. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-748: Regarding the application of the revolving door provision of Section 572.054(b) of the Texas Government Code to a former employee of Texas Department of Transportation ("TXDOT").

This opinion construes Section 572.054 of the Government Code.

17. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-749: Does paying a social media company's users for engaging with political advertising content (viewing advertisements,

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watching videos, completing surveys, etc.) constitute bribery of a voter under Section 36.02(a)(1) of the Penal Code?

Does paying a social media company's users to complete a survey that includes questions about the user's voting intentions—where compensation is identical regardless of the user's answers—constitute prohibited vote-buying under Texas law?

What disclaimer and disclosure requirements under Chapter 255 of the Election Code apply to political advertisements posted on social media?

May candidates, political parties, and political committees use the requestor's social media platform to deliver political advertisements and compensate users for engagement with the advertisements without violating Texas election laws?).

This opinion construes Section 36.02 of the Penal Code and Chapter 255 of the Election Code.

18. Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-750: Whether public resources were unlawfully used for a candidate's campaign video.

This opinion construes section 255.003 of the Election Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES AND TREASURER TERMINATIONS

19. 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. Bickers, Leland, Campaign Treasurer, Save Austin Now PAC (00085302)
- B. Raymond, Carlos Antonio (00080137)
- C. Thompson, William (00031950)

Staff Recommendation: Reduction

- D. Adams, Noel T. (00084087)
- E. Nkanga, Uduakobong (00085816)

Staff Recommendation: No Further Reduction or Waiver

- F. Caesar, Rosalind (00088147)
- G. Graves, Brooke (00054835)

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

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Individuals

1. Cavazos, Cynthia T. (00069817)
2. Fleming, DeAndrea (00088785)
3. Gonzalez, Velia (00088931)
4. Johnson, Jarvis (00080580)
5. Lester Osborne, Leslie (00082125)
6. Lowe, Thomas W., III (00026841)
7. Ramirez, Norma (00081860)
8. Walsh, Stephani A. (00067856)
9. Washington, Makala L. (00088421)
10. Windmann, Richard G. (00088466)

Political Committees

11. Browder, Bramlette, Treasurer, Founders PAC (00087003)
12. Burke, Kyle, Treasurer, Reform Project PAC (00088700)
13. Burkett, Dana, Treasurer, Residents Advancing in Ladonia (00088763)
14. Cagle, DeLane, Treasurer, Pecos County Republican Party (CEC) (00023748)
15. Flores, Robert, Treasurer, Texans for Progress PAC (00087120)
16. Fowler, Susan, Treasurer, Texas Motion Picture Alliance PAC (00063437)
17. Garcia, Patricia, Treasurer, Cameron County Texas Democratic Women (00068904)
18. Gonzalez, Elena, Treasurer, Friends of the River (F.O.R.) San Bernard, Texas PAC (00089110)
19. Gradney, Ashlei, Treasurer, Black Woman Attorneys PAC (00084649)
20. Henderson, Latasha, Treasurer, Black Girl Magic (00085108)
21. Johnson, Lucy, Treasurer, Texas Real Estate Advocacy and Defense PAC (00082651)
22. Kemp, Chelsey, Treasurer, Diversified Ladies PAC (00088483)
23. Meyer III, Fred, Treasurer, Northeast Texas Democratic Coalition (00086024)
24. Rios, Daniel, Treasurer, Stronger Texas PAC (00083947)
25. Rivera, Bryan, Treasurer, Gulf Coast Public Safety TX PAC (00088064)
26. Roberts, Martha, Treasurer, New Blue USA PAC (00086828)
27. Rokovich, Andrew, Treasurer, Protect Texas PAC (00089125)
28. Saibara-Naritomi, Nancy, Treasurer, Harris County Green Party (00038730)
29. Siwierka, Michael, Treasurer, Fort Bend Business PAC (00068461)
30. Stewart, Mende, Treasurer, Sage Brush Republican Women (00087992)

OTHER MATTERS

21. Briefing and discussion of actions taken or in-progress to implement move of the TEC from Sam Houston Building to Barbara Jordan Building.

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22. Discussion and possible action regarding the TEC's response to the Sunset Advisory Commission's management recommendations, the strategic plan, legislative appropriations request, and recommendations for statutory change.
23. Discussion related to enhanced contract monitoring of certain Commission contracts.
24. 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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