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AGENDA

Date and Time: 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the commission from the public.
3. Comments by the commissioners.
4. Comments by the executive director.
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Quarterly Report
 - c. Website Technology Updates
5. Approve minutes of the August 6, 2009, commission meeting, and the August 6, 2009, formal hearing meeting.
6. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for late filing of campaign finance reports, lobby reports, or personal financial statements for the following individuals:

Conservative Study Committee	Steven C. Bent	Daniel P. Stunda
Dorothy J. Bottos	Mark A. Calhoon	John E. 'Eric' Borton
Lloyd Doggett	Rosendo Carranco	Terry Canales
Kevin Fine	Richard S. 'Kinky' Friedman	John J. Carona
Edward S. 'Ed' Hubbard	Lehman Jeremiah Harris	William H. Flores
Kim C. Limberg	Robert E. Jones	Howard Wallace 'Wally'
Kurt Meachum	Lori D. Massey	Hatch, Jr.
Jerry Phillips	Don W. Minton	Marisa Marquez
Debby Wilford	Jonathan Neerman	Mark A. Smith
David J. Wozniak	Ellis Pickett	Emily G. Tobolowsky
Jonathan D. Bow	Sudie M. Sartor	Jessica Balladares Bennett
Haroon R. Shaikh	Clifford A. Schulman	Mary Frances Burleson
Rebecca Simmons	Todd M. Smith	Mike McLamore
Ronald J. Suchecki, Jr.	Virginia 'V.A.' Stephens	Harold G. Warren

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7. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce late-filing penalties in connection with certain corrected reports or to determine whether certain corrected reports as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law for the following individuals:

James R. Dunnam	Edmund P. Kuempel
Tracy A. Gilbert	Anthony Aranda
Jon A. Jewett	Dan Patrick
Cecelia Phalen Abbott	G. B. 'Brint' Ryan
Greg Abbott	David H. Dewhurst

Discussion and possible action in response to the following Advisory Opinion Request:

8. AOR-549: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked whether House Bill No. 2525 adopted during the regular session of the 81st Legislature prohibits a corporation from making expenditures to finance the solicitation of political contributions to a general-purpose committee assisted under section 253.100(a) of the Election Code from the employees or families of employees of one or more corporations.

This opinion construes section 253.100 of the Election Code.

9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 12.57 (Contents of a Complaint), relating to information required to be included in a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.
10. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal or adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules §§ 34.1 (Definitions), 34.5 (Certain Compensation Excluded), 34.46 (Registration under Section 305.0041 of the Government Code), 34.73 (Reporting by Independent Contractor), and 34.75 (Reporting by Commission or Fee Paid by State Agency), relating to lobbyist registration and authorized activities.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 34.21 (Contingent Fees for Influencing Purchasing Decisions), relating to contingent fees for influencing purchasing decisions.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 20.61 (Description of Expenditure), relating to the description of the purpose of an expenditure under Section 254.031 of the Election Code.
13. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

Certifying Official: David A. Reisman, Executive Director

Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley, General Counsel

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