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AGENDA

Date and Time:	10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, 2013
Location:	Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - o Formal hearing – May 29, 2013;
 - o Workshop on sworn complaint procedures and orders – August 7, 2013;
 - o Executive session (Sharon Keller v. Texas Ethics Commission) – August 8, 2013;
 - o Executive session (personnel matters) – August 8, 2013;
 - o AM public meeting – August 8, 2013;
 - o PM public meeting – August 8, 2013;
 - o Public meeting – October 11, 2013; and
 - o Executive session (Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission) – October 11, 2013.

POLICY

4. Discussion and possible action on Campaign Practices and Abuses:
 - a. Ethics Complaints filed 30 days before the election;
 - b. Use of Texas Ethics Commission Orders or Sworn Complaints in Campaign Advertising; and
 - c. Compensation and reimbursement of campaign workers.

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5. Report of Subcommittee on Texas Ethics Commission Order formats.
6. Consideration of moratorium on enforcement of statutory violations currently being litigated in *Texans for Free Enterprise v. Texas Ethics Commission*.

RULEMAKING

7. Public discussion and possible action on proposal and publication of a rule requiring the separate reporting of office-holder expenses for living in Austin, Texas.
8. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.18 relating to political record keeping requirements.
9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal of new campaign finance disclosure forms.
10. Public discussion and possible action on changing the campaign finance form Cover Sheet, pages 1 and 2, depending on the type of filer.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption of repeal in the Texas Register of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.17 repealing the rule relating to political record keeping requirements.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.54 relating to reporting a pledge of a contribution.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.58 relating to the disclosure of a political expenditure that is not paid in the reporting period in which it is incurred.
14. Public discussion and possible action on a petition for rulemaking relating to the issuance of a subpoena under § 571.137 of the Government Code.

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ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

15. Consideration of Draft Opinion AOR–580: Applicable reporting requirements in a situation in which a candidate incurs processing fees when accepting political contributions by credit card.

This opinion construes section 254.031 of the Election Code

16. Discussion of Opinion Request AOR–581: Questions regarding the reporting requirements for a registered lobbyist under section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.
17. Discussion of Opinion Request AOR–582: Questions regarding the reporting requirements for a registered lobbyist under section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.
18. Consideration of Draft Opinion AOR–583: Applicable reporting in a situation where an individual candidate files the campaign treasurer appointment required of candidates and also files form STA to create a specific-purpose committee to support the individual's candidacy.

This opinion construes Title 15 of the Election Code

COMMISSION PUBLICATION

19. Public discussion and possible action on a proposed training pamphlet on common campaign finance mistakes.
20. Comments by the Executive Director.
21. Comments by the Commissioners.
22. Appointment of a Nominating Committee for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
23. Adjourn.

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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, Special Counsel

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