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AGENDA

Date and Time:	11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Comments by the Commissioners.
3. Comments by the Executive Director.
4. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – May 17, 2017;
 - Public Meeting – May 17, 2017;
 - Pre-Hearing Conference – May 17, 2017; and
 - Executive Session – June 22, 2017.
5. Briefing and discussion of ethics legislation in the 2017 legislative session, including status of Ethics Commission legislative recommendations.
6. Discussion regarding surveys to determine level of local filer compliance.

RULEMAKING

7. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules regarding the disclosure of political expenditures to vendors and others, including an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1 (Definitions) and § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), and new Ethics Commission Rules § 20.56 (Expenditures to Vendors).
8. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.81 (Technical, Clerical, or De Minimis Violations), relating to the procedures for investigating and resolving technical and clerical violations of laws within the

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Commission's jurisdiction as provided by section 571.0631 of the Government Code.

9. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 20.61 (Purpose of Expenditure), regarding the disclosure of political expenditures made in the form of in-kind contributions to candidates, officeholders, and political committees.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

10. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. SP-13: Whether the inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services is a "state officer" required to file a personal financial statement under Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

This opinion request construes Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

11. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-622: Whether the revolving door law in section 572.069 of the Government Code would prohibit a former employee of a state agency from providing certain services.

This opinion request construes Section 572.069 of the Government Code.

OTHER POLICY MATTERS

12. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on appeal of fines increased by the Commission, and on appeals of determinations made under Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.24(g) relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following individuals and political committee:

1. Robin Chandler (00070814)
2. Geoffrey M. Gay (00053659)
3. Marina Hench (00068852)
4. Joy Dawson-Thomas (00080496)
5. J.M. 'Chuy' Alvarez (00051932)

13. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce the late-filing penalty in connection with a corrected report or to determine whether the corrected report as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law for the following individuals and political committees:

1. Eric L. Johnson (00065751)

2. Frank J. Castro (00080420)
 3. Micheline Hutson, Treasurer, 'CFRW' Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC (00058757)
 4. David A. Henderson, Treasurer, 'CP Fire PAC' Cedar Park Fire PAC (00068625)
 5. Merry K. 'Katherine' McDaniel (00080130)
14. Communication to the Commission from the public.
 15. 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: Seana Willing, Executive Director.

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