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## **PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

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Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Comments by Commissioners.
3. Presentation from Nominating Committee regarding recommendations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
4. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
  - Executive Session – March 27, 2018; and
  - Public Meeting – March 28, 2018.
5. Discussion regarding the next Texas Ethics Commission meetings.
6. Discussion regarding adding Commissioner photographs and short biographies to Texas Ethics Commission website.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS, REDUCTIONS, APPEALS OF FINES**

7. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on appeal of fines increased by the Commission, and on appeals of determinations made under Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following individuals and legislative caucus:
  1. Laura Thompson (00080388)
  2. Aerospace Caucus, Legislative Caucus (00070741)
  3. Richard L. “Rick” Range (00082135)

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*For more information, contact Seana Willing, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800.*

8. 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. Michael Gipson, Treasurer, Democrats Choice For The People's Voice (00070005)
  2. Nathan M. Johnson (00081605)
  3. Angela Paxton(00081932)
  4. Ramona L. Thompson (00082095)
  5. Clint Hackney, Treasurer, Texas Crane Owners Political Action Committee (00064304)
  6. Matthew Angle, Treasurer, Lone Star Project Nonfederal (00068390)
  7. Melody G. Chappell (00081890)
  8. Stephanie C. Schnaible, Treasurer, 'PCC' Parker County Conservatives (00070872)
  9. Latosha Lewis Payne (00069496)
  10. Michael Curran (00082458)
  11. Ritu Talwar, Treasurer, 'Enbridge-DCP PAC' Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. Political Action Committee (00063939)
  12. Aiesha Redmond (00082213)

### **ADVISORY OPINIONS**

9. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. SP-14: Whether a judge or a candidate for judicial office may use public resources for campaign purposes, and whether an associate judge may wear judicial robes and use the title "associate judge" in political advertising.

This opinion request construes sections 255.003 and 255.006 of the Election Code and section 39.02 of the Penal Code.

10. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-627: Whether a candidate may use political contributions to pay for childcare expenses incurred during a campaign.

This opinion request construes section 253.035 of the Election Code.

11. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-628: Whether section 572.069 of the Government Code would prohibit a former employee of a state agency from

accepting employment from a person to which the state agency had awarded a contract.

This opinion request construes section 572.069 of the Government Code.

## **RULEMAKING**

### **RULES FOR ADOPTION**

12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 12.53 and 12.83, regarding communications between commission staff and members.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 26.1, regarding political advertising on the Internet.
14. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.13, regarding non-resident attorneys appearing before the commission.
15. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rules in Chapter 12, regarding new procedural rules for the formal hearing process.
16. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rules §§ 12.31 and 12.33, regarding decorum and sanctions in sworn complaint proceedings.

### **PROPOSED RULES FOR PUBLICATION**

17. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 18.7, regarding the late filing of a report when the Commission's office is closed.
18. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rules Chapter 16 (Facial Compliance Review & Full Audits), including §§ 16.1 – 16.11, regarding procedures for facial compliance reviews and audits.

**OTHER POLICY MATTERS**

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

**Individuals**

1. Paul K. Stafford (00069699)
2. Elizabeth R. Tarrant (00080357)
3. LaTronda T. Darnell (00080505)
4. Andy M. Chatham (00058203)
5. David M. Medina (00033991)
6. Angus Kelly McGinty (00051528)

**Political Committees**

7. Selena Xie, Treasurer, CAAAD Asian American Progress PAC (00062603)
  8. Skylor R. Williams, Treasurer, Conventional Wisdom, Inc. PAC (00065533)
  9. Eric Garza, Treasurer, Texas Leadership Council (00070202)
  10. Houston Ray McClenny, Treasurer, Inclusive Austin (00070479)
  11. Antoine Noun, Treasurer, United Republicans of Texas (00080370)
20. Report more than 30 days late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filers:

**Candidates/Officeholders**

1. Nicole D. Collier (00067957)
2. Nicole Elizalde Henning (00067765)
3. Lawrence Wade Johnson (00082419)
4. Jeffrey Rank (00081926)
5. Janis M. Richards (00082393)
6. Larry S. Smith (00080158)

**Personal Financial Statements**

7. Matthew S. Beebe (00067964)
8. Matthew S. Green (00082255)
9. Stephen A. West (00082342)

**Lobbyists**

10. Nathanael Ferguson (00069152)  
11. Connie Heyer (00053927)
21. Discussion of possible recommendations for statutory changes to the 86th Legislature as required by § 571.073 of the Government Code.
22. Public discussion and possible action on a petition for rulemaking concerning the designation of a corporation's political contributions made to a general-purpose committee for administrative expenses under § 253.100(a) of the Election Code.
23. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new and amended Ethics Commission rules regarding corporations and labor organizations making political expenditures to finance the establishment and administration of, and solicitation of political contributions to, a general-purpose committee and making political contributions to a political committee for supporting or opposing measures exclusively under §§ 253.096 and 253.100 of the Election Code.
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: Seana Willing, Executive Director.

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