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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Discussion regarding dates for next quarterly Commission meeting.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – June 18, 2024; and
 - Public Agenda – June 18, 2024.

RULEMAKING

4. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register of comprehensive amendments and reorganization of Chapter 12 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding Sworn Complaints and related procedures. The TEC may also discuss and take action, including publishing of rules in the Texas Register, related the TEC referral of matters to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for criminal prosecution.
5. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register of comprehensive amendments and reorganization of Chapter 6 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding the organization and administration of the Ethics Commission.
6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register of amendments to section 18.31 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding adjustments to reporting thresholds.

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7. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of comprehensive amendments and reorganization of Chapter 40 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding Financial Disclosure for Public Officers.
8. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Section 50.1 of Chapter 50 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding the Legislative Per Diem.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

9. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-709: Whether a member of the legislator may accept office space contributed by a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Whether a member of the legislator may continue to use contributed office space for a district office through the moratorium on political contributions prescribed by Section 253.034 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes Section 254.031 of the Election Code.

10. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-710: What activities may be conducted in a “generic get-out-the-vote” campaign as authorized by Section 253.171 of the Election Code? Must all campaign material list the name and office sought or held or a photograph of each judicial candidate?

This opinion construes Section 253.171 of the Election Code.

11. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-711: Whether a lobbyist reports a publicly traded partnership as a corporation or non-corporate entity on the lobby registration form.

This opinion construes Chapter 305.005 of the Government Code.

12. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-712: Would a statewide political party be able to use funds from corporations or labor organizations to pay a contractor’s invoice when the contractor was hired to develop administrative tools and a hiring plan?

This opinion construes Section 257.002 of the Election Code.

13. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-714: Whether a judicial candidate needs to include on political advertising a disclosure regarding the candidate’s acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits considering the voluntary expenditure limits have been repealed.

This opinion construes Subchapter F of Chapter 253 of the Election Code.

14. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-715: Whether Section 572.054(b) of the Government Code prohibits a former employee of a regulatory agency from receiving compensation for assisting clients applying for and managing grants issued by the requestor’s former state agency.

This opinion construes Section 572.054 of the Government Code.

**ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES, TREASURER TERMINATIONS
AND REPORTS MORE THAN 30 DAYS LATE**

15. 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 fine, for the following filers

Staff Recommendation: Waiver

- A. Dutton, Harold V. (00021133)
- B. Monette, Kathryn (00086409)

Staff Recommendation: Reduction

- C. De La Garza, Luis, Former Chair, Webb County Republican Party (00023811)
- D. Hartfield, William Harry (00086867)
- E. Lee, Christopher (00080897)
- F. Menon, Michelle, Campaign Treasurer, Fort Bend Employee Federation Committee on Public Education (00055453)
- G. Smoots-Thomas, Alexandra (00061839)
- H. Stryker, Cathleen M. (00066213)

Staff Recommendation: No Further Reduction or Waiver

- I. DeKoning, Diane, Campaign Treasurer, Texas Tea Party Republican Women (00031996)
- J. Limon, Elizabeth F., Campaign Treasurer, Bexar County Senatorial District 19 Tejano Democrats (00080666)
- K. Malik, Nasir H. (00087955)
- L. Rublein, Aaron, Campaign Treasurer, Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus PAC (00016168)
- M. Sawin, Kodi E. (00085348)
- N. Suh, Jinny (00085029)
- O. Wellborn, Victoria C. (00088489)
- P. Willett, Dorothy, Campaign Treasurer, Walker County Democratic Club (00055980)
- Q. Ximenes, Linda, Campaign Treasurer, Tap Pilam PAC (00085070)

Staff Recommendation: No Determination/Not Eligible for Appeal

- R. Allen, Lawrence A. (00056010)
- S. Matranga, Michael (00086238)
- T. Missick, Stephen A. (00086410)

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U. Rocha, Marty M. (00088133)

16. Reports More Than 30 Days Late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filers:

Candidates/Officeholders

1. Clayton, Daniel Davis (00083822)
2. Davis, Brandon L. (00085850)
3. Latimer, Mackenzie A. (00086127)
4. Moon, Cary G. (00086296)
5. Morales, Nora Stephanie (00085592)
6. Ramirez, Frank A., IV (00085801)
7. Rector, Christopher D. (00085988)
8. Sanders, Tristian T.D. (00085324)
9. Wright-Reneau, Tracie L. (00086040)

Personal Financial Statements

10. Del Angel, Juan Carlos (00086675)
11. Glass, Kurt W. (00088364)
12. Gonzalez, Teresa Ramirez (00088424)
13. Guzman, Sylvia L. (00083237)
14. Mostyn, Benjamin M. (00087357)
15. Reza, Homer (00041006)
16. Saunders, David A. (00080329)

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

Individuals

1. Cox, Amber (00086220)
2. DeFelice, Rebecca Moyer (00083902)
3. Longoria, Abel R. (00086262)
4. Monroe, Gerry (00086212)
5. Morris, Kevin A. (00086260)
6. Tolbert, Christopher L. (00087714)

Political Committees

7. A Better Grapevine, Kristen D. Johnson Ecklund, Treasurer (00068719)
8. Christians for a Better Bexar County, Yvette B. Martinez, Treasurer (00087431)
9. Greenpoint Urban Living Political Association & Resident's Rights Group GULP-ARRG, Nathan Gower Schwarz, Treasurer (00087590)
10. Haltom City Firefighters Committee for Responsible Government, Christopher V.

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- Tyrone, Treasurer (00065031)
11. Judson Advancement for Children Committee, Oscar Saenz, Jr., Treasurer (00086988)
 12. NWISD Family First PAC, Nicole J. Donatelli, Treasurer (00087313)
 13. Sugar Land Professional Fire Fighters – PAC, Aaron R. Armijo, Treasurer (00085749)
 14. Texans for Justice, John B. Austin, Treasurer (00086906)
 15. Texas Pole PAC, Adrian Flores, Jr., Treasurer (00085310)
 16. Texas Professional Vacation Rental Coalition PAC, Chereen Fisher, Treasurer (00087651)
 17. Vote For Her, Coymelle K. Murchison, Treasurer (00082777)

OTHER MATTERS

18. Discussion and possible action regarding the TEC's biennial report including recommendations for statutory change, as required by Section 571.073 of the Government Code.
19. 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: J.R. Johnson, Executive Director.

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