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AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007
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.
5. Approve minutes of the June 29, 2007, 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.
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.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of campaign treasurer appointments of inactive candidates and inactive political committees.

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

9. AOR-539: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider whether a city council member's newsletter is political advertising that may not be paid for with public funds.

This opinion construes sections 251.001(16) and 255.003 of the Election Code.

10. AOR-540: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked to consider a question about the application of the "revolving door" provision in Government Code section 572.054(b).

This opinion construes section 572.054 of the Government Code.

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11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 18.7 (Timely Reports and Complete Reports), regarding the filing deadline for any report filed electronically with the Ethics Commission.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 20.62 (Reporting Staff Reimbursement), regarding the reporting of a political expenditure made out of personal funds by a staff member of either a candidate or political committee.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules, Chapter 20 (Reporting Political Contributions and Expenditures).
14. 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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