## **TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**

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## **AGENDA**

Date and Time: 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 26, 2007 Location: Room E1.014, 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 August 21, 2007, meeting.
- 6. Briefing, discussion, and possible action regarding late filing penalty guidelines.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate.
- Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session.
- 11. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption 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 adoption 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 adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules, Chapter 20 (Reporting Political Contributions and Expenditures), relating to the reporting of political contributions and political expenditures.
- 14. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 26.2 (Public Officer of a Political Subdivision Newsletters), relating to a newsletter of an officer of a political subdivision.
- 15. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of the following Ethics Commission Rules: (1) an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.11 (Attribution of Expenditure to More Than One Person; Reimbursement of Lobby Expenditure), relating to the reporting of a joint lobby expenditure; (2) an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.43 (Compensation and Reimbursement Threshold), relating to lobby registration requirements; (3) the repeal of Ethics Commission Rule § 34.19 (Conflicts of Interest), relating to a lobbyist representation of lobby clients; and (4) the repeal of Ethics Commission Rules §§ 34.61 (Registration Fee) and 34.62 (Temporary Increase in Registration Fees) relating to lobby registration fees.
- 16. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
- 17. 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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