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AGENDA

Date and Time:	1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008
Location:	Room E2.010, 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.
 - a. Personnel Issues
 - b. Sworn Complaint Numbers
 - c. Legislative Bills Filed Affecting Commission
 - d. Comments on Outgoing Chair
5. Approve minutes of the October 13, 2008, meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Texas Ethics Commission's legislative appropriations request for the 2010-2011 biennium; David A. Reisman, Executive Director.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding possible recommendations for statutory changes to the Legislature in accordance with section 571.073 of the Government Code.
 - a. Recommendation No. 1: Statewide Electronic Filing System
 - b. Recommendation No. 2: Payments Made to a Business in Which Spouse Has an Interest
 - c. Recommendation No. 3: Corporate Administrative Expenses
 - d. Recommendation No. 4: Restrictions on Personal Use of Contributions
 - e. Recommendation No. 5: Amount Reported as Loan to Campaign
 - f. Recommendation No. 6: Contributions Maintained
 - g. Recommendation No. 7: Disclosing Purchase of Investments
 - h. Recommendation No. 8: Disclosing Liquidation of Investments
 - i. Recommendation No. 9: Notice to Filers of Requirement to File Reports
 - j. Recommendation No. 10: Notice to Filers Regarding Late Reports
 - k. Recommendation No. 11: 8-Day Before Runoff Election Report by Political Committees
 - l. Recommendation No. 12: Political Advertising Disclosure Statement on Blogs

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- m. Recommendation No. 13: Contingent Fees
 - n. Recommendation No. 14: Update to Lobby Reporting Provision
 - o. Recommendation No. 15: Mailing of Notices
 - p. Recommendation No. 16: Confidentiality of Sworn Complaints
8. 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 for the following individuals:

Susan P. Baker	Kelly Smith	Melvin D. Williams
Lloyd Criss, Jr.	Peter R. 'Pete' Veeck	Rebecca Young
Allen Craig Eiland	Rose E. Wall	C. Brandon Creighton
Dan Flynn	Gerald Alley	Gail G. Dinham
Howard H. Gano, Jr.	Jim T. Brown	Michael L. Fostel
Mary Ellen Hamm	Joan Carder	Jeffrey Hons
Louisa S. Hodges	Tom Cate	Martha C. Hulsey
J. Shane Howard	John Fidler	Connie L. Johnson
Sam L. Marullo	George Hawkins	Robert M. Pritchett
Sharon S. McCally	Stephen L. Heinrich	Brent Sheets
William Grayson 'Bill' Moore, III	Arthur Robert Hinojosa	Michael Shultz
Gilbert Pena	Kaye H. Hopkins	Mike Wilkinson
Donna K. Vining	Robert W. James	James Hoytt 'Jim' Wood
Dee Ann Burns	Byron E. Miller	James Clancy
Paul J. Malir	Nancy J. Moffat	Kathryn Ward
Linda R. Yanez	Art Nicholson	
Jennifer K. Ahrens	Wayne F. Salvant	
Karen Raye Brown	Susan L. Strawn	
Laverne Kennimer	Aubrey R. Thoede	
Teresa S. 'Terri' Leo	Kathleen Thomas	

9. 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 for the following individuals:

Erwin A. Cain	Timothy A. 'Tim' Kleinschmidt
Laura S. Ewing	W. Kenneth 'Ken' Paxton, Jr.
Catherine Lauterbach	Robert Bryan 'Bryan' Daniel
Noemi M. Lopez	James Tony Goolsby
Sidney C. Miller	Boyd Richie
Connie L. Scott	Fred C. Bosse
Abel Herrero	Hubert Vo
Brian T. Hoyle	Andres C. 'Andy' Pereira

10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption 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.
11. Presentation of the Nominating Committee report regarding the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
12. 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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