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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas, 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. Welcome Commissioner Henderson
 - b. Sworn Complaints
 - c. Legislative Update
5. Approve minutes of the April 16, 2009, executive session and April 16, 2009, commission 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 for the following individuals:

Cecelia B. Gilbreath
Thomas R. Kelsey
David Garcia
Carlos H. "Charlie" Garza
Glasheen, Valles, Inderman
& De Hoyos, L.L.P.
Mario Munoz
Leonard A. Olson, Jr.
Javier Villalobos
Joan Campbell
Robert W. Francis
Noe Gonzalez

Edward Johnson
Stephanie Sokolosky
Darrell L. Dingmore, Jr.
William C. Markley, III
Raul Martinez
Deborah Ann Reyes
Tom Sanders
William E. "Bill" Siebert
Robin Joseph Stallings
Raymond C. Sullivan
Kristi Sutterfield
Jimmy P. "Jim" Wrotenbery

Thomas J. Allen, III
Pamela R. Beachley
Jeff Humber
Scott K. Joslove
Ken Whalen
Perry Singer
Rosendo Carranco
Michael S. Duncan
Jonathan D. Klein
James W. Mathis
Carol L. McDonald

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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 for the following individuals:

Karen Raye Brown	Cara C. Wood
Todd A. Smith	Chris C. Russell
Santiago S. "Jim" Coronado	Kelton G. Seliger
Hilary Dennis	Betty Adams
Lee F. Jackson	William B. "Bill" Thornton

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment of inactive candidates.

Felix Saldivar, Jr.
Fausto Sosa

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

9. AOR-547: The Texas Ethics Commission has been asked whether an elected officeholder may accept transportation, meals, and lodging from a corporation or labor organization in return for addressing an audience or participating in a seminar when the reason they are asked to participate is their public position or duties and the service is more than perfunctory

This opinion construes chapter 36 of the Penal Code, chapter 305 of the Government Code, and title 15 of the Election Code.

10. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal or adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules relating to the standard for determining the value of a ticket to an entertainment event, including a sporting event under Chapter 305 of the Government Code (the lobby law). The commission will consider the following two options:

Option 1: § 34.22 (Valuation of Ticket)
§ 34.23 (Valuation of Ticket to a Suite)

Option 2: § 34.24 (Valuation of Ticket)
§ 34.25 (Valuation of a Suite at an Entertainment Event)

11. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 6.5 (Authority to Adopt Rules), relating to the authority of the commission to adopt rules.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 8.3 (Subject of an Advisory Opinion), relating to the subject matter of an advisory opinion.

13. 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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