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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011
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.
Personnel
5. Approve minutes of the June 9, 2011, executive session and the June 9, 2011, 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:

Dewey E. Helmcamp, III, J.D.	Renu Khator	John M. Delaney
William J. Merrell	David Lakey, M.D.	David W. Hajek
Jean F. Andrews, Ph.D.	Linda Lea McKenna	C.T. 'Rusty' Hight
Richard Barajas	Michael E. McLelland	Jerry A. Madden
Walker R. Beard	Brenda C. Pisana	John P. Maline
J. Michael Bell, Sr.	Allan B. Polunsky	Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D.
Robert L. Bowling, IV	Michael R. Puhl	Dennis R. Powell
Ada Brown	Janie Reyes	Gregory Clayton Ulmer
Clifford A. Brown	Ronald E. Reynolds	Doug McMurry
Joe D. Campos	Brian Risinger	Brenda J. Avery
Donna D. Carter	Jacoba-Jetske S. Russell	Louis A. Bacarisse
David A. Castillo	Mary Jane Salgado	Hank Clements, III
Susan E. Criss	Norberto Salinas, Sr.	James Z. Brazell
Luis F. De La Garza, Jr.	Mark Skurka	Eric M. Brown
Angela Downes	Jon E. Sloan	Kenny J. Click
Andy Garza	R. Lowell Thompson	Herb Gonzales, Jr.

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Robert J. Gebhard, Jr.
D. Bryan Hughes
John Hamice James
Robert Elliott Jones

Homer Dean Trevino
Douglas W. Turner
George C. Wright

Rodolfo DeLeon
Ruben D. Torres
Carlos A. Truan, Jr.

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 individual:

Debra H. Lehrmann

8. Reports More than 30-days Late; Imposition of Additional Fine.

Andy M. Chatham
Travis A. Morris
Gene Stallings

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

9. AOR-562: Whether all proceeds from a lawsuit for which a person defrays expenses by using both political contributions and personal funds, are subject to the personal use restriction.

This opinion construes section 253.035 of the Election Code.

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

10. AOR-563: Whether section 253.1611(d) of the Election Code prohibits a judicial officeholder, during a calendar year in which the office held does not appear on the ballot, from using political contributions to make over \$250 in political contributions to multiple political committees if the total amount of contributions to any single political committee does not exceed \$250.

This opinion construes section 253.1611(d) of the Election Code.

11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments to the following Ethics Commission Rules impacted by Senate Bill 1, 82nd Legislative Session, Special Session: Ethics Commission Rules §§ 20.50 (Total Political Contributions Maintained), 20.62 (Reporting Staff Reimbursement), 20.279 (Contents of Officeholder's Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 20.331 (Contents of Specific-Purpose Committee Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), and 20.433 (Contents of General-Purpose Committee Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), and 34.46 (Registration under Section 305.0041 of the Government Code).

12. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments and/or repeals to the following Ethics Commission Rules impacted by House Bill 2359, 82nd Legislative Session, Regular Session: Ethics Commission Rules §§ 20.219 (Content of Candidate's Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 22.6 (Reporting Direct Campaign Expenditures), 24.3 (Prohibitions on Contributions and Expenditures), and 24.9 (Direct Expenditure on Measure).
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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