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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012
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.
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Sunset Advisory Commission Review Update
5. Approve minutes of the December 14, 2011, executive session, the December 14, 2011, Commission meeting, and the January 17, 2012, workshop.
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:

Warren T. Ayres	Andrea M. Ward	Jennifer K. Ahrens
James Barnes	Kathryn A. Wood	Mindy R. Ellmer
Theodore Carter Jr.	Kenneth H. Edwards	Darrick W. Eugene
Terry Franks	Harry Lee Loftis, Jr.	Kenneth L. Roche, Jr.
Justin Furnace	E. Lee Parsley	Dante B. Small
Kaleb Johnson	Mark Rubalcava	Mark A. Smith
Timothy J. Lyons	Albert Scerbo	Carla S. Hoffman
Emily Ray	John 'Rick' Thompson	Jay T. Kimbrough
Jennifer E. Sellers		

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:

Rajada Fleming

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8. Discussion and possible action on providing notice to appointing authorities on reporting obligations of appointees.

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

9. AOR-566: Whether a corporation makes a campaign contribution to a candidate by making a campaign expenditure that benefits the candidate, to a vendor shared by the corporation and the candidate.

This opinion construes Title 15 of the Election Code.

10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of amendments and/or repeals to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 20.219 (Content of Candidate's Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 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), 20.433 (Contents of General-Purpose Committee Sworn Report of Contributions and Expenditures), 22.11 (Prohibition on Contributions during Regular Session), 22.13 (Contributions in the Capitol Prohibited), and 22.15 (Prohibition on Payments Made To Purchase Real Property).
11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments and/or repeals to Ethics Commission Rules §§ 24.1 (Corporations and Certain Associations Covered), 24.7 (Contribution on Measure), 24.11 (Political Expenditures to Communicate with Stockholders, Members, and Families), 24.13 (Expenditures for a General-Purpose Committee), 24.14 (Administrative Expenditure), 24.15 (Payments to a Corporation of the Candidate or Officeholder), and 24.19 (Contribution to a Political Party).
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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