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## AGENDA

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Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013  
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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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 November 29, 2012, Commission meeting.
6. AOR-573: Whether a legislator may solicit contributions to a non-profit organization for which the legislator serves as executive director.  
  
This opinion construes section 572.060 of the Government Code.
7. AOR-575: Whether a parent for-profit corporation may solicit political contributions from employees of its wholly owned and operated subsidiary for-profit corporations to a general-purpose committee assisted by the parent corporation.  
  
This opinion construes section 253.100 of the Election Code.
8. AOR-576: Whether a general-purpose committee may accept political contributions by text message.  
  
This opinion construes sections 253.093, 254.001, 254.031, and 254.151 of the Election Code.
9. AOR-577: Whether a signature on a petition for a place on the ballot constitutes a political contribution that may not be accepted by a judicial candidate during the period in which the candidate is prohibited from accepting political contributions.  
  
This opinion construes sections 251.001 and 253.153 of the Election Code.
10. Presentation and discussion on the proposed electronic filing system. David A. Reisman, Executive Director and Jessie Haug, Director of Computer Services.

11. 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:

Jane Kilcrease Adams	Ray Gutierrez	Michael Scott Norman, Jr.
Emily A. Aikman	Mary Ellen Hamm	Hudson Old
Lawrence A. 'Skully' Allen, Jr.	David Hanschen	Billy Charles Oliver, Jr.
Kris M. Allfrey	Nathan L. Hecht	Swati N. Patel
K. Michael Apodaca	Paul A. Heidt, Jr.	Dan Patrick
Michael Berlanga	Sharon Hemphill	Johnny J. Peet
Timoteo C. 'TC' Betencourt	Laura N. Hernandez	William K. Perkison
E. Steve Bolden, II	Miguel 'Mike' Herrera	Stephen H. Perry
Rasuali W. 'Bray' Bray	Raymond W. 'Ray' Hill	Rod Ponton
Gary E. Brown	Gilberto Hinojosa	Ronald 'Ron' Rangel
Mary K. Brown	Norma H. Kaehler	Trey V. Reginelli
Patricia L. 'Pat' Carlson	Deborah J. Kyle	Omar S. Rivero
Edward Andres 'Eddie' Casanova	Luis C. Labrado	LeAnn T. Russell
Carl B. 'Rusty' Case, Jr.	Lyle T. Larson	Cynthia M. Saenz
Fernando Castillo	Richard Lawson	Kandice K. Sanaie
Howard C. Cates	Jack C. Lee	Lloyd E. Sandefer
Ernesto L. Cisneros	David B. Lewis	David L. Scott
Cedric W. 'Mayor' Davis, Sr.	Phyllis Lister Brown	Joe R. Serna
Alejandro 'Alex' Dominguez	Pam M. Little	Mark M. Shelton
James W. Dow	David E. Loerwald	James H. 'Jim' Shoemake
Angela M. Dowdle	Ronald K. 'Ron' Lovett	Shawn Stevens
Kevin Dean Dunn	Gregory P. Lowery	Jimmy Studer
Frederick Leighton Durham, III	Fred Maldonado	Robert J. Tessen
Thomas J. 'T.J.' Fabby	Kelly McBeth	Delton G. Thrasher
Doris Fears	Michael W. McClure	Johnny Torres, Jr.
Rene C. Flores	Sandra G. McGee	Grace M. Uzomba
Esther Francis	Elizabeth A. McGill	Robert Wells
Dana C. 'Chris' Frandsen, Jr.	Linda S. McMahan	James E. Wiggins
Robert M. Franklin	Othon Medina	Frances Dianne 'Dianne' Williams
James Frinzi	Jose A. Menendez	David B. Wilson
Robert Garza	Michael Allen Mitchell	George A. Young
Sylvia Garza-Perez	Maria D. Montes	Kimberly K. Yturri
Paul J. Gebolys	Donald R. Mullins	
Mike Gibson	James Neale	
Mary Edna Gonzalez	Curtis H. Nelson	
Colin J. Guerra	Jerry Nevlud	

12. 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:

Gabrielle Adams	Colleen Isdale	David M. Smith
Trenton E. 'Trent' Ashby	Alma Perez Jackson	McBride Stafford
Mary K. Brown	Phillip S. 'Phil' King	Douglas Stanley
Randy Cain	Phyllis Lister Brown	Allan R. Sutherlin
Stefani Danielle Carter	Tom Mechler	Raul Torres
Myra E. Crownover	Dana F. 'Rick' Miller	Sylvester Turner
David W. Evans	Robert D. Miller	Teana V. Watson
Patrick E. 'Pat' Fallon	Becky S. Moore	Eldon J. White
Linda L. Harper-Brown	Oscar Javier Ornelas	Frances Dianne 'Dianne' Williams
James N. Higdon	Ryan K. Patrick	Margarito Zapata, Jr.
Rebeca A. Huddle	Mark T. Price	
Jason A. Isaac	Connie L. Scott	

13. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 18.23 (Administrative Waiver of Fine).
14. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or 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.
15. 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.
16. 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, Special Counsel

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