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AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2014 Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

- 1. Call to order; roll call.
- 2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
- 3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - o Executive session (personnel matters) December 3, 2013;
 - o AM public meeting December 3, 2013; and
 - o PM public meeting December 3, 2013.
- 4. Presentation of Outstanding Performance of Duty Certificates to Paula M. Mendoza, David A. Reisman, and Tim Sorrells.
- 5. Presentation on and discussion of the electronic filing system project by RFD & Associates, Inc.

POLICY

- 6. Public discussion and possible action on a proposed guide regarding the per diem set by the Commission.
- 7. Public discussion and possible action regarding the search functionality on the Commission's website used to obtain the contribution and expenditure data of campaign finance reports.
- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding the distribution to media outlets the resolution regarding the use of complaint information adopted by the Commission at the December 2013 meeting.

RULEMAKING

- 9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal in the Texas Register of new Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 22.5 regarding contributions to direct campaign expenditure only committees and a form to implement the rule.
- 10. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.64 regarding reporting the forgiveness of a loan.
- 11. Public discussion and possible action on a petition for rulemaking relating to the disclosure of funds used for direct campaign expenditures when the funds used to make the expenditures come from someone other than the person or entity doing the spending.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

12. Discussion of Opinion Requests AOR–581 and AOR–582: Questions regarding the reporting requirements for a registered lobbyist under section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.

These opinion requests construe section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.

13. Discussion of Opinion Request AOR–584: Whether a city may permit a political committee to participate in a city-sponsored "adopt-a-park" program, whereby the city purchases and displays within the park a sign that includes the name of the political committee in exchange for the political committee's clean-up activities within the park.

This opinion request construes section 255.003 of the Election Code.

- 14. Comments by the Interim Executive Director.
- 15. Comments by the Commissioners.
- 16. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

Certifying Official & Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley,

Interim Executive Director/Special Counsel

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