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## **AGENDA**

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Date and Time:	10:00 a.m., Friday, August 7, 2015
Location:	Room E1.014, 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. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
  - Executive Session (discussion of pending lawsuits) – June 11, 2015;
  - AM Public Meeting – June 11, 2015; and
  - Prehearing Conference – June 11, 2015.
5. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on the new Electronic Filing Application, including status of Lobby and Personal Financial Statement applications and making the campaign finance code available to Texas political subdivisions.

### **RULEMAKING**

6. Discussion and possible action on rules and form required to be adopted by the Commission in accordance with House Bill 1295, 84th Legislative Session, 2015.
7. Discussion and possible action on a form required to be adopted by the Commission in accordance with House Bill 23, 84th Legislative Session, 2015.
8. Public discussion and possible action on a clarification of Texas Ethics Commission Rules § 34.5, relating to lobby registration requirements.

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9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Texas Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1 (Definitions), adding a definition for “In connection with a Campaign”, for purposes of Election Code § 251.001(7), relating to the definition of campaign expenditure.
10. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Texas Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1(20), defining “principal purpose”.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Texas Ethics Commission Rules § 20.1(Definitions), adding a definition for “discount” for purposes of Title 15 of the Election Code.

### **ADVISORY OPINIONS**

#### **Discussion and possible action in response to the following Advisory Opinions:**

12. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. AOR-600: Regarding the legislative advertising disclosure requirements for legislative advertising that is broadcast pursuant to a contract personally signed by an individual on behalf of a corporation.

This opinion request construes Chapter 305 of the Government Code.

13. Discussion of Advisory Opinion No. SP 12: Regarding whether a person appointed to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee is an “appointed officer” for purposes of Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

This opinion request construes Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

### **OTHER POLICY MATTERS**

14. Briefing, discussion and possible action regarding the meaning of “fact finding trip” for purposes of the lobby law.
15. Briefing, discussion, and possible action regarding the level of disclosure of political expenditures to political consultants.

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16. Discussion and possible action regarding posting on the Commission's website open records requests received by the Commission and the responses of those requests.
17. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for campaign finance reports filed late due to issues with the new electronic filing application for the following individuals:

Bond, Thomas J.  
Burson, Sandra H.  
Hamilton, Jr., Ronald  
LaBoyteaux, Sheryl A.  
Miller, Carol  
Rodgers, Paul H.  
Straus, III, Joe R.  
Walker, Mark W.

18. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on appeals to determinations made under Texas Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine.

Abbas, Moiz 'Chief'  
Ballweg, Cole H.  
Harrison, Rose M.  
Louie, Gary A.  
McDonald, Ty F.  
Osborn, Christopher D. 'Chris'

19. 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 persons:

Button, Robert G.  
Cartier, Shelley W.  
Faircloth, Wayne  
Fallon, Patrick E.  
Gilbreath, Cecelia B.  
Hughes, D. Bryan  
Humes, Eric & Tammy

Maloney, Michael  
Marquez, Marisa  
Midgley, Leslie  
Previti Austin, Daphne J.  
Schaefer, Matthew R.  
Texas Home School Coalition Association  
Walker, Mark. W.

20. Comments by the Executive Director.

21. 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,  
Executive Director

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