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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Date and Time:	10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.

RULEMAKING

2. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.5 (Deadline for Filing a Complaint), regarding the Commission's jurisdiction to accept a complaint allegation.
3. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.21 (Notice), regarding requirements for the Commission to send hearing notices to a respondent.
4. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules § 12.36 (Assessment of Civil Penalty) and a repeal of Ethics Commission Rules § 18.27 (Sworn Complaints), clarifying the facts that the Commission will consider when assessing a civil penalty in the complaint process.
5. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rules § 12.37 (Dismissal of Complaint After Public Disclosure), regarding the Commission's authority to dismiss a complaint filed by a complainant who publicly discloses confidential information regarding the complaint.
6. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.83 (Preliminary Review), regarding procedures for written questions sent to a respondent and procedures for preliminary review of a complaint.

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7. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.85 (Preliminary Review Hearing) and § 12.87 (Resolution of Preliminary Review Hearing), regarding procedures for preliminary review hearings.
8. General discussion of rules regarding confidentiality of sworn complaints and waiver of confidentiality, including Ethics Commission Rules § 12.7 (Confidentiality), and communications regarding sworn complaints between members of the Commission and Commission staff.

WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED RULES GOVERNING FORMAL HEARINGS

9. Briefing, discussion, and possible action on proposed rules governing the Formal Hearing process.
10. 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: Seana Willing, Executive Director.

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