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## EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

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Date and Time:	1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2019
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Presentation of Certificates of Outstanding Service awards to Former Commissioners Chase Untermeyer and Tom Ramsay.
3. **Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys, and Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.**
4. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:
  - A. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas; Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; and Cause No. 18-0580: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas.
  - B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252: *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. State of Texas Ethics Commission; Natalia Luna Ashley, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission; Tom Ramsay, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; et al.*; in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-17-00770-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Tom Ramsay in his individual capacity, et al.*; in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
  - C. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 345<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis

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County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-16-00872-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.

5. Discussion to seek legal advice regarding referrals and orders under Subchapter F (Enforcement), Chapter 571, Texas Government Code.
6. Discussion to seek legal advice regarding procedures for advisory opinion requests received by the Texas Ethics Commission.
7. Discussion to seek legal advice regarding requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
8. Discussion of personnel matters specifically related to applicants for, and possible appointment to the position of, Executive Director and/or ratification and appointment of Interim or Acting Executive Director.
9. Discussion to seek legal advice regarding authority and methods to collect delinquent obligations owed to the Commission.
10. **Reconvene in open session and possible appointment and/or ratification by vote on Item 8.**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS, REDUCTIONS, APPEALS OF FINES**

11. Discussion and possible action on appeals of determinations made under Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following individual:

1. Daniel “Dan” Wyde (JCOH 58687)

12. 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: Ian Steusloff, Interim Executive Director.

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