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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time:	9:05 a.m., Friday, March 22, 2019
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Discussion regarding dates for next Texas Ethics Commission meeting.
3. Discussion regarding per diem applicable to Commission members.
4. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – December 13, 2018
 - Public Meeting – December 13, 2018
 - Public Meeting – December 14, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS, REDUCTIONS, APPEALS OF FINES

5. Discussion and possible action to waive or reduce the late-filing penalty in connection with a corrected report or to determine whether the corrected report as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law for the following individual and political committee:
 1. Elizabeth Graham, Treasurer, Texas Right to Life PAC (GPAC)(00016515)
 2. Richard West “Bo” French (00070859)

RULEMAKING **Rules for Adoption**

6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rule § 34.77, regarding the requirement that a

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lobbyist registered with the Texas Ethics Commission disclose a registration made under the Foreign Agent Registration Act.

7. Discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rule § 18.31, regarding adjustments to reporting thresholds under Government Code § 571.064 based on the rate of inflation.
8. Discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rule § 16.12, regarding facial compliance reviews.
9. Discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas register of new Ethics Commission Rule § 24.18, regarding the designation of a corporation's political contributions made to a general-purpose committee for administrative expenses under § 253.100(a) of the Election Code.

ADVISORY OPINION(S)

10. Discussion and possible action regarding procedures for advisory opinion requests received by the Texas Ethics Commission.
11. Advisory Opinion Request No. SP-14: Whether a public officer may use government resources for political advertising.

This opinion request construes Section 39.02 of the Penal Code and Section 255.003(a) of the Election Code.

12. Advisory Opinion No. SP-16: Whether the secretary of state is a statewide officeholder for purposes of Title 15 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes Sections 253.034, 253.042, 254.0391, 254.0612, and 254.0912 of the Election Code.

OTHER POLICY MATTERS

13. Reports more than 30 days late: Discussion and possible action regarding the imposition of an additional fine on the following filers:

Personal Financial Statements

1. Julian Ybarr, Jr. (00070645)
2. Seth Andrew Sutton (00082500)

14. Update on accepting payments of fines by credit card.
15. Update on legislative action concerning the Commission's budget.
16. Discussion of and possible action on any unfinished business from March 21, 2019, Public Meeting.
17. 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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