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# **MEETING AGENDA**

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2022
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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- 1. Call to order; roll call.
- 2. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys, and Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.
  - A. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:
    - i. 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.
    - 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 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.
    - iii. Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003269, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 459th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas.
    - iv. Cause No. 21-00140: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Robert L. "Bob" Hall, III*, in the 294<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Van Zandt County, Texas.

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- B. Discussion of pending and contemplated litigation regarding the collection of imposed penalties.
- C. Discussion of personnel matters.
- D. Reconvene in open session.
- 3. Discussion regarding dates for next quarterly Commission meeting.
- Approve minutes for the following meeting:
  Public Meeting December 9, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF FINES

- 5. Discussion and possible action on appeals of determinations made under Ethics Commission Rules §§ 18.11, 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following filers:
  - 1. Kelli Johnson (00080581)
  - 2. Borris Miles (00052983)
- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination of a campaign treasurer appointment for the following inactive individuals and political committees:

## **Individuals**

- 1. Michael D. Antalan (00084550)
- 2. Earl W. Davis II (00084868)
- 3. Undrai Fizer (00081828)
- 4. Michelle D. Hammel (00084446)
- 5. Rumaldo Solis (00080104)
- 6. Jessica M. Pallett (00080599)
- 7. Likeithia D. Williams (00084533)
- 8. Christopher Lauren Graham (00082437)
- 9. Theresa Bui Creevy (00083849)
- 10. Edward W. Espinosa (00084876)

#### **Political Committee**

- 11. We Love Aubrey, Matt Armstrong, Treasurer (00085069)
- 12. Erath County Republican Party (CEC), Kimberly J. Barrier, Treasurer (00042858)
- 13. Fight for Austin, Logan M. Cheney, Treasurer (00084984)

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- 14. Wendy R. Davis for Governor, Inc., Wendy R. Davis, Treasurer (00069581)
- 15. Hispanic PAC of Dallas, Victor Garza, Treasurer (00016060)
- 16. Focus on the Kids PAC, Victor Garza, Treasurer (00080650)
- 17. Bexar County Tejano Democrats SD 26, Juan Roberto Hernandez, Treasurer (00085019)
- 18. Keep Texas Great PAC, Ashley R. Kamrath, Treasurer (00084902)
- 19. Citizens For a Better Farmers Branch, Steve Michelson, Treasurer (00085074)
- 20. Fort Bend Breakfast Club Political Action Committee, Charles G. Rencher, Treasurer (00084955)

## ADVISORY OPINIONS

7. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-655: Whether the revolving door provision in Government Code section 572.054(b) prohibits a former employee of a regulatory agency who participated in canceling a request for proposal ("RFP") during her state service from receiving compensation for assisting with a response to a subsequent RFP for the same service or product.

This opinion construes section 572.054(b) of the Government Code.

8. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-657: Whether Chapter 572 of the Government Code prohibits a former employee of a regulatory agency from accepting certain employment.

This opinion construes sections 572.054 and 572.069 of the Government Code.

9. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-658: Whether section 572.069 of the Government Code prohibits a former employee of a regulatory agency from accepting employment from an affiliate of a person that was involved in procurements or contract negotiations in which the employee participated during her state service.

This opinion construes section 572.069 of the Government Code.

10. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-661: Whether the laws under the Commission's jurisdiction prohibit a former employee of a state agency from accepting employment at another state agency.

This opinion construes sections 572.054 and 572.069 of the Government Code.

### RULEMAKING

#### **Rule Adoption**

11. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.37, regarding virtual currency contributions.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

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: Anne Temple Peters, Executive Director.

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