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## **AGENDA**

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| Date and Time: | 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2013          |
| Location:      | Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas |

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the Commission from the public.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
  - Executive session (Empower Texans, Inc., et al v. Texas Ethics Commission) – October 30, 2013;
  - Executive session (Texans for Free Enterprise v. Texas Ethics Commission) – October 30, 2013;
  - Executive session (personnel matters) – October 30, 2013;
  - AM public meeting – October 30, 2013; and
  - PM public meeting – October 30, 2013.
4. Discussion of electronic filing software project.
5. Discussion on staff compensation.

### **POLICY**

6. Discussion of restrictions on acceptance of gifts to elected officials and state employees.
7. Discussion of resolution regarding use of information regarding pending sworn complaints in campaign advertising.
8. Discussion of resolution regarding acceptance of per diem.
9. Discussion of schedule for future training events and access to training materials for those who cannot attend.

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## **RULEMAKING**

10. Public discussion and possible action on proposal and publication of a rule requiring the separate reporting of officeholder expenses for living in Austin, Texas.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption of the repeal of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 20.56 relating to reporting a pledge of a contribution.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal of revised campaign finance disclosure forms.
13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal in the Texas Register of Texas Ethics Commission Rule § 22.5 regarding contributions to direct campaign expenditure only committees and a form to implement the rule.
14. Public discussion and possible action on a petition for rulemaking relating to the issuance of a subpoena under § 571.137 of the Government Code.

## **ADVISORY OPINIONS**

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

15. Discussion of Opinion Requests AOR–581 and AOR–582: Questions regarding the reporting requirements for a registered lobbyist under section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.

These opinions construe section 305.005(m) of the Government Code.

16. Consideration of Draft Opinion AOR–583: Applicable reporting in a situation where an individual candidate files the campaign treasurer appointment required of candidates and also files form STA to create a specific-purpose committee to support the individual's candidacy.

This opinion construes Title 15 of the Election Code.

17. Comments by the Executive Director.
18. Comments by the Commissioners.
19. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
20. Adjourn.

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**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

Certifying Official: David A. Reisman, Executive Director  
Agency Liaison: Natalia Luna Ashley, Special Counsel

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