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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m., Friday, December 14, 2018
Location:	Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Comments by Commissioners.
3. Discussion regarding the next Texas Ethics Commission meeting.
4. Update regarding Texas Ethics Commission Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2020-2021.
5. Presentation by Commissioner Mizell regarding ease of navigating through electronic version of meeting materials using iPads, tablets or laptops.
6. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - o Executive Session – October 3, 2018;
 - o Public Meeting – October 3, 2018; and
 - o Public Meeting – October 4, 2018.

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

7. Discussion and possible action on appeal of fines increased by the Commission, and 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: Amanda J. Marzullo (00065422).

For more information, contact Seana Willing, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800.

RULEMAKING**RULES FOR ADOPTION**

8. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 12.35, regarding frivolous complaints.
9. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rules § 26.1, regarding political advertising on the Internet.
10. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Texas Ethics Commission Rules § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
11. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new rule § 34.77, regarding the disclosure of foreign agent registration number on file with United States Attorney General.

PROPOSED RULES

12. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rules § 18.31, regarding adjustments to reporting thresholds based on rate of inflation under Government Code § 571.064.
13. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new Ethics Commission Rules §16.12, regarding facial compliance reviews.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

14. Discussion of Advisory Opinion Request No. SP-14: Whether a public officer may use government resources for political advertising.

This opinion request construes section 39.02(a)(2) of the Penal Code and 255.003 of the Election Code.

15. Update regarding Advisory Opinion Request No. SP-15: Whether an associate judge may wear judicial robes and use the title “associate judge” in political advertising.

This opinion request construes section 39.02 of the Penal Code and sections 255.003 and 255.006 of the Election Code.

OTHER POLICY MATTERS

16. Discussion and possible action on a petition for rulemaking concerning 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.
17. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of new and amended Ethics Commission rules regarding corporations and labor organizations making political expenditures to finance the establishment and administration of, and solicitation of political contributions to, a general-purpose committee and making political contributions to a political committee for supporting or opposing measures exclusively under §§ 253.096 and 253.100 of the Election Code.
18. Discussion and possible action on any unfinished business from December 13, 2018 Public Meeting.
19. 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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