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MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

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1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Discussion regarding dates for next quarterly Commission meeting.
3. Approve minutes for the following meetings:
 - Executive Session – March 20, 2024; and
 - Public Agenda – March 20, 2024.

RULEMAKING

Rule Adoption

4. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register of comprehensive amendments and reorganization of Chapter 12 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding Sworn Complaints and related procedures.
5. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and re-publication in the Texas Register of comprehensive amendments and reorganization of Chapter 6 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding the organization and administration of the Ethics Commission.
6. Discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to section 26.1 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding political advertising.

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Rule Publication

7. Discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of amendments to section 18.31 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, regarding adjustments to reporting thresholds.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

8. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-693: Whether a Texas Limited Liability Company that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Master Limited Partnership that is traded on the New York Stock Exchange is prohibited by Chapter 253 of the Election Code from making certain political contributions.
9. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-706: Whether an employee of a political subdivision who leases a residence to an employee may allow the employee to place a sign endorsing a candidate or a measure in the yard of the leased residence.

This opinion construes Section 255.003 of the Election Code.

10. Draft Advisory Opinion No. AOR-708: Whether a PFS filer who owns a law firm that holds settlement funds on behalf of a client must report the settlement funds on the filer's personal financial statement filed under Chapter 572 of the Government Code.

This opinion construes Section 572.023 of the Government Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF FINES AND TREASURER TERMINATIONS

11. Discussion and possible action on appeals of determinations made under 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 18.11, 18.25 and 18.26 relating to administrative waiver or reduction of a fine, for the following filers:

Staff Recommendation: 8-Day Correction Waiver

- A. LIA Network (00086791)

Staff Recommendation: Waiver

- B. Ayobami T. Abolaji (00084517)
- C. Anne L. Gardner (00042163)
- D. Lacey Hull (00084135)
- E. Clyde D. Loll (00085523)
- F. Cary L. Roberts (00033594)
- G. Gerald Zimmerer (00027075)

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Staff Recommendation: Reduction

- H. Karyn Brownlee (00083961)
- I. Stephanie A. Finleon Cortez, Former Campaign Treasurer, Vote Yes for LVISD Kids (Terminated) (00087523)
- J. Dale Galeazzi, Campaign Treasurer, Texas Produce Association PAC (00041550)
- K. Jessica Rose Huang (00087888)

Staff Recommendation: No Further Reduction or Waiver

- L. Evelyn L. Brooks (00086347)
- M. Todd B. Gallaher, Campaign Treasurer, NT City Accountability PAC (00087522)
- N. Carlos O. Garcia (00067251)
- O. Abraham George (00086486)
- P. Diane Herrera, Campaign Treasurer, Leander Area Republican Women (00085167)
- Q. Melissa N. Ortega, PhD (00086332)
- R. Lacy Wolf (00086639)

OTHER MATTERS

- 12. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. KP-0466, as it relates to personal financial statements required under Chapter 572 of the Government Code.
- 14. 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: J.R. Johnson, Executive Director.

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