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AGENDA

Date and Time: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Location: Room E1.010, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. Communication to the commission from the public.
3. Comments by the commissioners.
4. Comments by the executive director.
5. Approve minutes of the October 26, 2007, meeting and the November 13, 2007, meeting.
6. Discussion, and possible action regarding the Standards of Conduct Policy of the Texas Ethics Commission; David A. Reisman, Executive Director.
7. Presentation and discussion regarding the budget and financial operations of the Texas Ethics Commission; Mike McElhaney, Director of Finance and Administration.
8. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for late filing of campaign finance reports, lobby reports, or personal financial statements.
9. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce late-filing penalties in connection with certain corrected reports or to determine whether certain corrected reports as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law.
10. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of Ethics Commission Rule § 26.2 (Public Officer of a Political Subdivision Newsletters), relating to a newsletter of an officer of a political subdivision.
11. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of the following Ethics Commission Rules: (1) an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 34.43 (Compensation and Reimbursement Threshold), relating to lobby registration requirements; (2) the repeal of Ethics Commission Rule § 34.19 (Conflicts of Interest), relating to a lobbyist representation of lobby clients; and (3) the repeal of Ethics Commission Rules §§

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- 34.61 (Registration Fee) and 34.62 (Temporary Increase in Registration Fees) relating to lobby registration fees.
12. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
 13. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 20.13(d) (Out-of-State Committees), relating to filing requirements for out-of-state committees and Ethics Commission Rule § 20.29(c) (Information About Out-of-State Committees), relating to acceptance of political contributions from an out-of-state committee.
 14. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that relate to the Texas Facilities Commission.
 15. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that would require the Comptroller to disclose to the Texas Ethics Commission a contribution from a vendor.
 16. Public discussion and possible action on the proposal and publication in the Texas Register of rules implementing conflict of interest provisions of H.B. 3560, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, that relate to conflict of interest requirements for the chief clerk or any other employee of the Comptroller.
 17. Presentation of the Nominating Committee report regarding the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Texas Ethics Commission.
 18. Adjourn.

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, General Counsel

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