## **TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**

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## **AGENDA**

Date and Time:

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Location:

Room #244, Texas Workforce Commission Building

101 E. 15th Street, Austin, Texas

- 1. Call to order; roll call.
- 2. Approve minutes of the January 31, 2013, commission meeting.
- 3. Public discussion and possible action on the current standards and compliance for lobbyist registration and reporting.
- 4. Briefing and discussion on the impact of ethics legislation in the 2013 legislative session:
  - a. Status of Ethics Commission legislative recommendations;
  - b. Status of Ethics Commission Sunset Bill(s): HB 2737 and SB 219; and
  - c. Summary of pending legislation.
- 5. Public discussion and possible action on the creation of internal procedures for detailed review of serious sworn complaint violations including allocation of personnel and budgetary resources.
- 6. Discussion of Ethics Commission guidance to officeholders who are running for reelection in a district with new boundaries.
- 7. AOR 578: Whether a person who was elected to the position of justice of the peace of a particular precinct and who was subsequently appointed to the position of justice of the peace of a different precinct holds the office to which he was appointed for purposes of section 255.006 of the Election Code.

This opinion construes section 255.006 of the Election Code.

- 8. Discussion of procedures for review, discussion and issuing advisory opinion requests.
- 9. Public discussion and possible action on the adoption or proposal and publication in the Texas Register of an amendment to Ethics Commission Rule § 50.1 (Legislative Per Diem) relating to the legislative per diem required to be set under Article III, Section 24a, of the Texas Constitution.
- 10. Communication to the commission from the public.
- 11. Comments by the commissioners.
- 12. Comments by the executive director.
- 13. Creation of a subcommittee of commissioners on simplification of disclosure filing forms.
- 14. Creation of a subcommittee of commissioners on electronic filing software system.
- 15. Public discussion and possible action on upcoming commission meeting topics.
- 16.. 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, Special Counsel

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