



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
6:00 PM
City Hall, Room 2005
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL** (3 minutes to speak)
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 29, 2014, REGULAR MEETING**
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Update from staff regarding ethics training for City employees (Staff).
- b. Proposal to post all Commission complaints, orders, and sanctions in an additional, centralized manner online, including report from staff (Kaplan, Staff).
- c. Update regarding Commission candidate forums from working group, staff, and League of Women Voters, including report on forum participation by candidates who signed campaign contracts and planning of upcoming runoff forums (McCormick, City Staff, League of Women Voters Staff).
- d. Statements of financial information, including report from working group, possible forms amendments, and possible recommendation to Council regarding amendment of City Code, Chapter 2-7, Article 5 (Financial Disclosure) (Kaplan, Einhorn).
- e. The powers, duties, and functions of the Commission and the City Auditor, including City Council Resolution No. 20141016-033, report from working group, and possible recommendation to Council regarding proposed Chapter 2-3 (City Auditor) and Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) City Code amendments (Kaplan, Einhorn, Sassin, and Staff).

4. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Possible action to file complaints on the Commission's own initiative against candidates who signed campaign contracts but who failed to participate in all Commission-produced candidate forums as required by City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) (McCormick, Staff).

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on matters specifically listed on this agenda (Private Consultation with Attorney-Section 551.071). The commission may not conduct a closed meeting without the prior approval of the city attorney.

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