

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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Ethics Advisory Opinion Question

Whether a member of the Texas House of Representatives may accept office space contributed by a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Whether a member of the Texas House of Representatives may continue to use contributed office space for a district office through the moratorium on political contributions prescribed by Section 253.034 of the Election Code. (AOR-709.)

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Whether a judge may use political contributions to pay for reasonable travel expenses associated with attending a naval ceremony as an invited local dignitary. (AOR-719.)

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Whether the use of a corporate aircraft may be provided to members of the legislature to attend an event at which the legislators will address an audience and learn about issues facing a West Texas border city. (AOR-720.)

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At what moment does a particular permitting or enforcement matter come within the "official responsibility" of a TCEQ commissioner for purposes of the Section 572.054(b) revolving door prohibition? Does a TCEQ commissioner "participate" in all matters for which a TCEQ investigation was conducted or an application/registration was received before the commissioner left office or only those matters that were presented to the commissioners for consideration? (AOR-721.)

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Whether a part-time legislative staff member may accept outside employment assisting a registered lobbyist. (AOR-722.)

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