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OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION EXTENDS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE DEADLINE AND ISSUES ADVISORY OPINIONS REGARDING REVOLVING DOOR LAW

At its meeting today, the Ohio Ethics Commission extended the financial disclosure filing deadline for those disclosure filers whose deadline would ordinarily be April 15, 2013. That deadline was extended by the Commission to May 15, 2013 in recognition of its new electronic filing system which will be available in early 2013.

Commission Chairman Merom Brachman commended the staff focus on fast-tracking a new choice for 2013 for filers to submit their statements on-line, aiming at the greatest number who report under the law. He added, "Having this extra 30 days until May 15 will help filers input data for timely disclosure submissions."

Further, to allow the public the necessary time to review forms from candidates for elective office who file financial disclosures before next May's primary election, their deadline is not changed and they will still need to file 30 days before the election (by April 8, 2013).

The Commission also adopted two hypothetical advisory opinions regarding revolving door law exceptions.

The first hypothetical ([Advisory Opinion 2012-03](#)) explains two newly enacted exceptions to the Revolving Door Law that apply to non-elected state and local officials and employees who accept employment at another state agency or subdivision of their same local public agency.

The second hypothetical ([Advisory Opinion 2012-04](#)) explains a separate exception to the Revolving Door Law that applies to a former public employee when he or she is retained by the former public agency or by a third party employer if the former public employer determines that his or her work for the new employer will assist the former public employer.

In other business, the Commission heard reports on financial disclosure, public outreach and communication efforts and confidential reports on pending investigations.

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