

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Georgetown Sheraton Hotel- San Gabriel Ballroom E
1101 Woodlawn Ave.
Georgetown TX 78628
Friday, April 26, 2019 – 9:00am

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| 1. Call to Order | Laura Gibson | |
| 2. Roll Call | Trey Apffel | |
| 3. Invocation | Greg Sampson | |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Curtis Pritchard | |
| 5. Remarks from the General Public*
<i>(Sign in sheet available for public comment)</i> | | |
| 6. Presentation of Resolutions | Joe K. Longley | |
| 7. Swearing in of new Public Member, Jeffrey Allison (Houston) | Justice Debra Lehrmann | |
| 8. Report from the Chair of the Board | Laura Gibson | (Tab 1) |
| A. Discussion: General Report | | |
| B. Action: Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items | | (Consent Tab) |
| C. Action: Consider, discuss, and approve referral to Policy Manual Subcommittee for consideration and drafting of policies regarding: the spokesperson for the State Bar, director email accounts, recusal of directors, and international travel | | |
| D. Chair of the Board Election | | |
| 1) Action: Election of Chair of the Board for 2019-20 | | |
| Candidates: | | |

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Jerry Alexander (Dallas)
Alison Colvin (Brownsville)
Leslie Dippel (Austin)
Neil Kelly (Houston)

2) Comments by Chair-Elect

9. **Report from the Executive Director** Trey Appfel **(Tab 2)**
A. Discussion: General Report
- B.** Update on Attorney General Opinion Request (RQ-0265-KP), *Fleck v. Wetch*, 585 U.S. ___(2018), and *McDonald et al. v. Longley et al.*, 1:19-cv-00219, W.D. Tex. (2019)
10. **Report from the President** Joe K. Longley **(Tab 3)**
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Action:** Appointment of at-large director to the Board of Directors, for three year terms, effective Annual Meeting 2019, and expiring Annual Meeting 2022
- Andrés E. Almanzán (El Paso)**
Luis M. Cardenas (Edinburg)
11. **Report from the President-Elect** Randy Sorrels **(Tab 4)**
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Budget Committee**
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve 2019-20 proposed State Bar budget for presentation to the Supreme Court of Texas
- C.** Courthouse Access Badge Task Force Update
- D.** SBOT Board of Directors Social Media Engagement Team Update
12. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Tom Vick
Discussion: General Report
13. **Executive Committee** Tom Vick/ Rehan Alimohammad **(Tab 5)**
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
Discussion: Report on President-elect and District Director elections

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- B. Policy Manual Subcommittee** Estrella Escobar
Discussion: General Report
14. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance** (Tab 6)
A. DCAAP Subcommittee Curtis Pritchard
1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed amendments relating to Rules 1.05 (g) and 1.16 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct
- 3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed amendments relating to Rule 1.05 (c) (9) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct
- 4) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of timeline of submission of proposed disciplinary rules to the Supreme Court of Texas
- B. Client Security Fund Subcommittee** Lisa Richardson
Discussion: General Report
15. **Audit and Finance Committee** Jarrod Foerster (Tab 7)
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
- B. Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve a one-year extension of PFM Asset Management’s contract for investment management services
- C. Action:** Consider, discuss and accept:
1) Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2019
2) Internal Audits for fiscal year ending May 31, 2018 Darlene Brown
16. **Public Services and Education Committee** Jeff Chandler
A. Legislative Policy
1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any

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- B. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee** Nicole Voyles
Discussion: General Report
17. **Member Services and Education Committee** (Tab 8)
Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee Greg Sampson
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of custodian attorney appointment form and related documents
18. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief** Noelle Reed/ Seana Willing (Tab 9)
Disciplinary Counsel Update
Discussion: General Report
19. **Administration Committee**
A. Administration Committee Christy Amuny
Discussion: General Report
B. Performance Measures and Strategic Planning Subcommittee Fidel Rodriguez
Discussion: General Report
20. **Member Services and Education Committee**
A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee Chris Oddo (Tab 10)
1) **Discussion:** General Report on Grant Authorization Request Received:
“What Lawyers Do” by Law Focused Education Inc.
B. Professional Development Subcommittee Sarah Keathley
Discussion: General Report
C. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee Alison Colvin
Discussion: General Report
21. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Erich Birch
Discussion: Sections Update
22. **Report from the Texas Bar Foundation** Steve Benesh
Discussion: General Report
23. **Texas Young Lawyer Association** Sally Pretorius
Discussion: General Report
24. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports

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| A. Supreme Court Liaison | Justice Debra Lehrmann |
| B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison | Judge Barbara Hervey |
| C. Federal Judicial Liaison | Judge Karen Gren Scholer |
| D. Judicial Section Liaison | Judge Randy Clapp |
| E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison | Judge Linda Thomas |

25. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel Ross Fischer
26. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel John Sirman

A. Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel, including regarding pending or contemplated litigation (*Patricia Baskette v. Prudential Insurance Company and State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust*, 5-18-cv-01150-OLG, W.D. Tex. (2018); *McDonald et al. v. Longley et al.*, 1:19-cv-00219, W.D. Tex. (2019); and *Rosalinda Solis v. Interra Sky 4801 Woodway, L.L.C* (No. 2019-18261 in the District Court of Harris County); and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s)

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

C. Action, if needed, on items discussed in closed session

27. **Adjournment**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed session as authorized by Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 551) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 – 551.084, inclusive, of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Items on the agenda will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda above. Comments from the public may be taken throughout the Board meeting.

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