

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Hilton Palacio Del Rio – La Vista Room
200 S. Alamo St.
San Antonio, TX 78205
Friday, January 24, 2014 – 9:00am

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1. **Call to Order** Cindy Tisdale
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags**
5. **Remarks from the General Public***
(Sign in sheet available for public comment)
6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Cindy Tisdale
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Report on Board Member Outreach Efforts
 - B. Action:** Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items (Consent Tab)
 - C. Chair of the Board Election** (Tab 1)
 - 1) **Discussion:** Announcement of candidates for 2014-15 Chair of the Board
 - a. Comments from the Chair of the Board Candidates
(four minutes per candidate)
 - b. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of method of voting to be used in the Chair of the Board Elections during the April Board Meeting *(show of hands or by written ballot)*

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7. **Report from the President** Lisa M. Tatum
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Presidential Initiatives
3) Update on State Bar Task Force on Aging Lawyer Issues
8. **Report from the President-Elect** Trey Apffel
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Budget Committee (Tab 2)
Action: Consider and discuss approval of SBOT 2014-15 proposed budget for publication in the Texas Bar Journal
9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Buck Files
Discussion: General Report
10. **Executive Committee** Buck Files/Frank Stevenson (Tab 3)
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
1) **Discussion:** General Report

2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve the candidates for 2014-2015 SBOT President-elect:

Allan DuBois (San Antonio)
Beverly Godbey (Dallas)

3) Comments from President-elect Candidates
(*five minutes per candidate*)
11. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** Guy Harrison/Linda Acevedo (Tab 4)
Discussion: General Report
12. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** Kristy Blanchard
Discussion: General Report
13. **Administration Committee** John Kazen
A. Discussion: General Report
14. **Audit and Finance Committee** Roger Key (Tab 5)
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

B. Action: Consider, discuss and adopt -

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- 1) Financial Audit for FY ending May 31, 2013
- 2) Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2013
- 3) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending November 30, 2013

15. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Committee**

(Tab 6)

A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee

Judge Jo Ann Reyes

- 1) **Discussion:** General Report

- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed change to the Board Policy Manual regarding corpus of the Client Security Fund

16. **Member Services and Education Committee**

A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee

Daniel Horowitz

(Tab 7)

- 1) **Discussion:** Report on Grant authorization requests received:

a. “The Rights of Shelter Residents with Disabilities”
(Sponsor: State Bar Disability Issues Committee)

b. “Justiceville, USA”
(Sponsor: Law Focused Education Inc.)

- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the subcommittee’s recommendations on the following appeals:

- a. Jack Manning – regarding denial of application for certification in Residential Real Estate Law by TBLS
- b. Tanner Neidhart – regarding denial of application for certification in Criminal Law by TBLS
- c. Natalie Webb – Regarding denial of application for certification in Family Law by TBLS

B. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee

Sara Dysart

Discussion: General Report

C. Professional Development Subcommittee

Gary Nickelson

Discussion: General Report

D. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee

Tim Kelly

(Tab 8)

- 1) **Discussion:**
 - a. Update on Texas Bar Private Insurance Exchange
 - b. State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust

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2) **Action:**

- a. Consider approval of amendments to trust agreement, State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust
- b. Consider, discuss and approve appointment of trustees to the State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust

Lisa M. Tatum

David Chamberlain (Austin)
Tim Kelly (Austin)
Michele Wong Krause (Dallas)

E. Technology Oversight Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Michele Wong Krause

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Cori Harbour-Valdez

(Tab 9)

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Ike Vanden Eykel

18. **Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors**
Discussion: General Report

Jaime Balli

19. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee**
Discussion: Sections Update

Michele Wong Krause

20. **MCLE Committee**
Action: Consider and discuss approval of proposed changes to the MCLE Regulations

Edward Trey Bergman III

(Tab 10)

21. **Texas Lawyers Assistance Program**
Discussion: Update on Sheeran Crowley Trust

Dan Garrigan/Darren Bertin

22. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
A. Supreme Court Liaison
B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison
C. Federal Judicial Liaison
D. Judicial Section Liaison
E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison

Justice Phil Johnson
Judge Michael Keasler
Judge Ron Clark
Judge Penny Roberts
Harry Paul (Hap) Weitzel

23. **Discussion:** Oil and Gas Section Update

M.C. Cottingham “Cottie”
Miles

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24. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director Michelle Hunter
25. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel John Sirman

A. Discussion: Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.074, for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, and to deliberate concerning a personnel matter

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

26. **ADJOURN**

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice the board should determine that a closed or executive session of the board should be held or is required in relation to an item noticed in this meeting notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act will be held by the board at the 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 or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.084 of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

- Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- Section 551.072 – For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- Section 551.074 – For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

The board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the board and/or to aid in the effectiveness of the meeting.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

- a. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- b. at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof, as the board shall determine.

[* Comments from the public may be taken throughout the Board meeting.]

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