Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

San Luis Resort – Grand Ballroom AB
5222 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77551
Friday, January 25, 2013 – 9:00am

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in this meeting. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the State Bar by informing Candiss Held at 1/800-204-2222 or 512/427-1463 (x1416) or RELAY Texas (1-800-735-2989), in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the State Bar will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nondisabled individuals enjoy.

1. **Call to Order** — Frank Stevenson

2. **Roll Call** — Michelle Hunter

3. **Invocation**

4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** — Greg Dykeman

5. **Remarks from the General Public***
   (Sign in sheet available for public comment)

6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** — Frank Stevenson
   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 2013-14 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)*

SBOT MISSION
The mission of the State Bar of Texas is to support the administration of the legal system, assure all citizens equal access to justice, foster high standards of ethical conduct for lawyers, enable its members to better serve their clients and the public, educate the public about the rule of law and promote diversity in the administration of justice and the practice of law.

7. **Report from the President** — Buck Files
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Presidential Initiatives

B. Action: Consider discuss and approve -
1) Consider and discuss ratification of Ad Hoc Submission Committee approval of request to file an Amicus Brief pursuant to Policy Manual Section 8.02.04(C) **(Tab 2)**

8. **Report from the President-Elect** — Lisa Tatum
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Committee Review Task Force

B. Budget Committee **(Tab 3)**
Action: Consider and discuss approval of SBOT 2013-14 proposed budget for publication in the Texas Bar Journal

9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** — Bob Black
Discussion: General Report

10. **Executive Committee**
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee — Bob Black/Beverly Godbey **(Tab 4)**
1) **Discussion:** General Report

2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve the candidates for 2013-2014 SBOT President-elect:

(E.A. "Trey" Apffel, III, League City)
(Larry W. Hicks, El Paso)

3) Comments from President-elect Candidates
(five minutes per candidate)

4) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve proposed amendments to Section 1.03 Elected Directors and 2.01 Election of President-elect of Board Policy Manual

11. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** — Ron Bunch/Linda Acevedo **(Tab 5)**
Discussion: General Report

12. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** — C.E. Rhodes
Discussion: General Report

13. **Administration Committee** — Jo Ann Merica
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Employment/Salary/Evaluation Subcommittee — Tim Kelly
Discussion: Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.074 for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding master agreements with Bar-related entities

C. *End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session*:
Action: Consider, discuss and approve recommendations of legal counsel regarding master agreements with Bar-related entities

14. **Audit and Finance Committee** — Barrett Reasoner **(Tab 6)**
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

B. Action: Consider, discuss and adopt -
1) Revisions to Investment Policy
2) Financial Audit for FY ending May 31, 2012
3) Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2012
4) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending November 30, 2012

15. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Committee**
A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee — Virginia Campbell
Discussion: General Report

B. DCAAP Subcommittee — Ricky Richards
Discussion: General Report

16. **Member Services and Education Committee**

A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee — Toni Nguyen **(Tab 7)**
Discussion: Report on Grant authorization requests received:
1) "Vote For Me, I Was First" (Sponsor: State Bar Communications Division/Presidential Initiative)
2) "Leadership SBOT Class Projects" (Sponsor: State Bar Communications Division)

3) Jury Service Educational Video (Sponsor: State Bar Jury Service Committee)

B. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee — Becky Baskin Ferguson
Discussion: General Report

C. Professional Development Subcommittee — Sylvia Cardona
Discussion: General Report

D. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee — Steve Schechter
Discussion: General Report

E. Technology Oversight Subcommittee — Luis Garcia
Discussion: General Report

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee — Cindy Tisdale **(Tab 8)**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve -
1) Supplementary Guidelines and Standards from the Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters Committee for the Mitigation Function of Defense Teams in Texas Death Penalty Cases
2) Proposal from the Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters Committee regarding creation of a Law Student Pro Bono College

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee — Christina Melton Crain **(Tab 9)**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve -
1) Additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any
2) Permission for Sections to take a position under Policy Manual 8.01

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

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

20. **Jury Services Standing Committee** — Sylvia Cardona
Discussion: General Report

21. **Texas Access to Justice Commission** — Harry Reasoner
    Discussion: General Update

22. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
    A. Supreme Court Liaison — Justice Phil Johnson
    B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison — Judge Michael Keasler
    C. Federal Judicial Liaison — Judge Micaela Alvarez
    D. Judicial Section Liaison — Judge Alfonso Charles
    E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison — Harry Paul (Hap) Weitzel

23. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director — Michelle Hunter

24. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel — John Sirman

25. **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.]