Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hilton Austin – 500 E. 4th St., Salon AB
Austin, TX 78701
Friday, April 12, 2013 – 9:00am

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

2. **Roll Call** — Michelle Hunter

3. **Invocation**

4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** — Virginia Campbell

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: General Report

   B. Action: Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items — **(Consent Tab)**

   C. Chair of the Board Election — **(Tab 1)**
   1) **Action:** Election of Chair of the Board for 2013-14

   Candidate:
   Cindy Tisdale

   2) Comments by Chair-Elect

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

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3) **Action:** Appointment of Minority Members to the Board of Directors, for three-year terms, effective Annual Meeting 2013 and expiring Annual Meeting 2016

Regina Bynote Jones (Houston)
Andrew Wallace (Dallas)

4) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval for SBOT to file neutral amicus in the Court of Criminal Appeals

5) **Action:** Consider and discuss ratification of Ad Hoc Emergency Legislative Response Committee approval of request to comment on Rules for Justice Court Cases

8. **Report from the President-Elect** — Lisa Tatum
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Budget Committee **(Tab 3)**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve SBOT 2013-14 proposed budget for presentation to the Supreme Court

C. Committee Review Task Force **(Tab 4)**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve task force recommendations pertaining to standing committees

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 5)**
Report on President-elect and District Director Elections

11. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** — Ron Bunch/Linda Acevedo **(Tab 6)**
Discussion: General Report

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

13.	**Administration Committee** **A. Discussion:** General Report	Jo Ann Merica	
	B. Employment/Salary/Evaluation Subcommittee **Discussion:** General Report	Tim Kelly	
	C. Performance Measures and Strategic Planning Subcommittee **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve updated SBOT Strategic Plan	Greg Dykeman	
14.	**Audit and Finance Committee** **A. Discussion:** Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements	Barrett Reasoner	**(Tab 7)**
	B. Action: Consider, discuss and accept - 1) Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2013		
15.	**Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Program Committee** **A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee** 1) **Discussion:** General Report 2) **Action**: Consider, discuss and approve revision to Section 3.08.02 of the Policy Manual concerning Client Security Fund	Virginia Campbell	**(Tab 8)**
	B. DCAAP Subcommittee **Discussion:** General Report	Ricky Richards	
16.	**Member Services and Education Committee** Appeals-Grant Review, New Directors Orientation, Professional Development, Insurance/Member Benefits, and Technology Oversight Subcommittees		
	A. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee Discussion: General Report	Becky Baskin Ferguson	
	B. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee 1) **Discussion**: General Report 2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve establishing a State Bar group to obtain group health insurance	Steve Schechter	

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

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee — Cindy Tisdale
Discussion: General Report

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee — Christina Melton Crain
Action: Consider and discuss approval of additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any

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

19. **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

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

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

End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

22. **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.

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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.]