

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Texas Law Center – Stewart Morris Board Room
1414 Colorado St.
Austin, TX 78701
Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 10:30am

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1. **Call to Order** Lisa M. Tatum
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Remarks from the General Public**
(Sign in sheet available)
4. **Action:** Consider approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Lisa M. Tatum (Encl)
5. **Report from the President** Lisa M. Tatum
 - A. **Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors (Encl)
 - B. **Action:** Consider, discuss and accept the Aging Lawyers Task Force Report Terry Tottenham (Encl)
6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Cindy Tisdale
Discussion: General Report
7. **Report from the President-elect** Trey Apffel
 - A. **Discussion:** General Report
 - B. **Budget Committee**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve –
 - 1) SBOT 2014-15 proposed budget for Presentation to the Supreme Court (Encl)

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8. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Buck Files
Discussion: General Report
9. **Administration Committee** John Kazen
Discussion: General Report
10. **Audit & Finance Committee** Roger Key
Discussion: Financial Reports & General Review of Financial Statements (Encl)
11. **Executive Committee**
Discussion: Nominations & Elections, Policy Manual Subcommittee
- A. Nominations & Elections Subcommittee** Buck Files/Frank Stevenson
Discussion: Update on President-elect Candidates and District Elections (Encl)
12. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee** Judge Jo Ann Reyes
Discussion: DCAAP and Client Security Fund Subcommittees
13. **Member Services & Education Committee** Gary Nickelson
Discussion: Appeals-Grant Review, New Directors Orientation, Professional Development, Insurance/Member Benefits and Technology Oversight subcommittees
- A. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee** Tim Kelly
Discussion: General Report
14. **Public Services & Education Committee** Cori Harbour-Valdez
A. Discussion: Affordable Legal Services and Legislative Policy Subcommittees
- B. Action:** Consider, discuss and approve Access to Justice Commission Strategic Plan (Encl)
15. **Section Representative to the Board Committee**
Action: Consider, discuss and approve –
- 1) Name change of Section of Taxation to Tax Section Gary Nickelson

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| 2) Name change of Justice of the Peace Section to Justice of the Peace Courts Sections | Gary Nickelson | |
| 3) Recommendation regarding proposed Legislative and Election Law Section | Scott Rothenberg | (Encl) |
| 16. Discussion: Supreme Court Liaison | Justice Phil Johnson | |
| 17. Discussion: TYLA Update | Kristy Blanchard | |
| 18. Discussion: Report from the Executive Director | Michelle Hunter | |
| 19. Discussion: Report from the Legal Counsel | John Sirman | |

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

- pending litigation, including *Citizens Against The Bar, Jamar Osborne, and Mikal Osborne v. State of Texas, Texas Board of Law Examiners, Travis County, Supreme Court of Texas, Julia E. Vaughn, and Buck Files* (1:13-cv-00528-LY, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas) and *John V. McShane v. Mary L. Greiner* (DC-13-07712, 298th District Court of Dallas); and
- contemplated litigation involving a State Bar of Texas employee

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

20. **Adjournment**

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.

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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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