

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Hilton Austin
Austin, TX
Thursday, June 26, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas met in a regular session on June 26, 2014 at the Austin Hilton. Outgoing Chair of the Board Cindy Tisdale called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m., and Executive Director Michelle Hunter called the roll. A quorum of voting Board members was present. Hap Weitzel led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Present:

Board Members: David Alders, Robert Aldrich, Incoming President Trey Apffel, Jaime Balli, J. Benjamin Barlow, Barbara Bass, Brent Benoit, TYLA Immediate Past President Kristy Blanchard, Larry Boyd, TYLA President Rebekah Steely Brooker, Amy Bryan, E. Leon Carter, David Chamberlain, David Chaumette, Curry Cooksey, Diane DeVasto, President-elect Allan DuBois, Sara Dysart, Richard Elliott, Joe Escobedo, Sylvia Firth, Laura Gibson, Robert Guest, Joe “Rice” Horkey, Jr., Joe Indelicato, Louis Iselin, Regina Bynote Jones, Andy Kerr, Incoming Chair of the Board Roger Key, Larry McDougal, Mary Abbott Martin, Brian Miller, Susan Nelson, Gail Plummer, Ruben Robles, Ford Sasser III, Denise Scofield, Lance Sharp, Outgoing President Lisa M. Tatum, Outgoing Chair of the Board Cindy Tisdale*, TYLA President-elect Barrett Thomas, Andrew Wallace

Liaisons*: Judge David Evans, Justice Phil Johnson, Judge Michael Keasler, Judge Penny Roberts, Hap Weitzel

Section Representatives*: Alison Colvin, Tina Green, Pat Maher, Gary Nickelson, Scott Rothenberg, Grant Scheiner

Excused Absences: Frank Carroll, Judge Ed Kinkeade*, Florentino Ramirez, Tom Riney, Dr. David Teuscher

(* = nonvoting)

A. Presentations and Swearing-In of New Officers and Directors: Outgoing Chair of the Board Cindy Tisdale presented incoming Chair Roger Key with the traditional copy of *Robert’s Rules of Order*. Incoming Chair Roger Key presented Tisdale with the traditional crystal gavel for her service.

Justice Phil Johnson administered the oath of office to incoming Chair Key, who made remarks and discussed the committee assignments.

Justice Johnson then administered the oath of office to incoming President-elect Allan DuBois. Chair Key called all the incoming directors, liaisons, and Section Representatives of the Board to come forward, and Justice Johnson administered the oath of office *en masse*. President-elect Allan DuBois made remarks. Chair Key presented incoming President Trey Apffel with the traditional rosewood gavel, and Trey made remarks on his presidential initiatives involving communications, including Texas Bar Connect and other social media platforms, and introduced the legal research service Fastcase, which will be provided for free to members. He also noted that several presidential initiatives from the recent past will be continued, including “*I was the first. Vote for Me!*”, “*Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay!*”, and Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans. Chair Key also thanked outgoing President Lisa Tatum for her service over the past year.

B. Texas Access to Justice Commission: Trish McAllister, Executive Director of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, gave an update on access to justice efforts in Texas and the contributions campaign on the dues statements. She noted that Justice Eva Guzman will be the new liaison to the ATJ Commission.

C. Texas Young Lawyers Association: TYLA President Rebekah reported on various TYLA projects for the upcoming year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.