

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Waterway Marriott Hotel – Waterway 1,2,3
1601 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
Friday, January 22, 2016 – 9:00am

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1. **Call to Order** David Chamberlain
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation** Susan Nelson
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** Frank Carroll
5. **Remarks from the General Public***
(*Sign in sheet available for public comment*)
6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** David Chamberlain
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Report on Board Member Outreach Efforts
 - 3) Update on Lawyer’s Civility Oath
 - B. Administration of Lawyer’s Oath**
 - C. Action:** Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items (Consent Tab)
 - D. Chair of the Board Election** (Tab 1)
 - 1) **Discussion:** Announcement of candidates for 2016-17 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

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during the April Board Meeting (*show of hands or by written ballot*)

7. **Report from the President** Allan DuBois
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Presidential Initiatives
3) Update on St. Mary’s University School of Law MCLE Accreditation

B. Action: Consider approval of SBOT resolution concerning ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services regarding model regulatory objectives resolution (Tab 2)
8. **Report from the President-Elect** Frank Stevenson
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Budget Committee (Tab 3)
Action: Consider and discuss approval of SBOT 2016-17 proposed budget for publication in the Texas Bar Journal
9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Trey Apffel
Discussion: General Report
10. **Executive Committee** Trey Apffel/Roger Key (Tab 4)
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
1) **Discussion:** General Report

2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve the candidates for 2016-17 SBOT President-elect:

Michael Smith (Marshall)
Tom Vick (Weatherford)

3) Comments from President-elect Candidates
(*five minutes per candidate*)
11. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** John Neal/Linda Acevedo (Tab 5)
Discussion: General Report
12. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** Barrett Thomas
Discussion: General Report

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13. **Administration Committee** Andy Kerr
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Employment/Salary/Evaluation Subcommittee** Pat Maher (Tab 6)
1) **Discussion:** Update on affiliated entity, Texas Legal
2) **Action:** Consider approval of changes to Texas Legal bylaws and certificate of formation
14. **Audit and Finance Committee** Brent Benoit (Tab 7)
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
- B. Action:** Consider, discuss and accept -
1) Financial Audit for FY ending May 31, 2015
2) Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2015
3) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending November 30, 2015
15. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Committee**
A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee Gail Plummer
Discussion: General Report
- B. DCAAP Subcommittee** Frank Carroll
Discussion: General Report
16. **Member Services and Education Committee**
- A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee** Richard Elliott (Tab 8)
1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the subcommittee’s recommendations on the following appeals:
a. Baili Rhodes – Regarding denial of application for certification in Family Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization
b. James Whalen – Regarding denial of application for Certification in Criminal Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- B. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee** Diane DeVasto
Discussion: General Report
- C. Professional Development Subcommittee** Susan Nelson
Discussion: General Report

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D. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Curry Cooksey

E. Technology Oversight Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Grant Scheiner

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Leon Carter

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

John Jansonius

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

Joe Escobedo

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

Alison Colvin

20. **Discussion: Access to Justice Commission**

Harry Reasoner

21. **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 Fred Biery
Judge Patrick Pirtle
Tim Mountz

22. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director

Michelle Hunter

23. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel

John Sirman

A. Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, sections 551.071 and 551.074 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, and/or to deliberate concerning personnel matter(s)

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

24. **ADJOURN**

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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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