

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Omni Hotel  
Fort Worth, TX  
Thursday, June 16, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas met in a regular session on June 16, 2016 at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. Outgoing Chair of the Board David Chamberlain 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. Amy Bryan led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

***Present:***

**Board Members:** Rehan Alimohammad, Christy Amuny, Barbara Bass, Micah Belden, Amy Bryan, Alan Carmichael, Jeff Chandler, Ongoing Chair of the Board David Chamberlain\*, Immediate Past President Allan DuBois, Estrella Escobar, Incoming Chair of the Board Joe Escobedo, Jr., Sylvia Firth, Laura Gibson, Ricky Gonzalez, August Harris, Angelica Hernandez, Rice Horkey, TYLA President Sam Houston, Joe Indelicato, John Jansonius, Sarah Keathley, Mary Martin, Rudy Metayer, Brian Miller, Gary Nickelson, Curtis Pritchard, TYLA President-elect Baili Rhodes, Lisa Richardson, Ruben Robles, Fidel Rodriguez, Jr., Greg Sampson, Lance Sharp, Scott Sherwood, Rebecca Simmons, Scott Stolley, President Frank Stevenson, TYLA Immediate Past President Barrett Thomas, Andrew Tolchin, Travis Torrence, President-elect Tom Vick, Brad Weber, Michael Wynne

**Liaisons\*:** Judge Barbara Hervey, Justice Phil Johnson, Tim Mountz, Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos, Judge Kerry Russell

**Section Representatives\*:** Erich Birch, Wendy Burgower, Philip Mack Furlow, Tina Green, Pat Maher, Audrey Moorehead

***Excused Absences:*** Leon Carter, Carter Crow, Ann Greenberg, Chris Oddo

(\* = nonvoting)

A. Presentations and Swearing-In of New Officers and Directors: Outgoing Chair of the Board David Chamberlain presented incoming Chair Joe Escobedo, Jr. with the traditional copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Justice Phil Johnson administered the oath of office to incoming Chair Escobedo, who asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims of the tragedy in Orlando this month. Chair Escobedo also discussed the Board committees and Section/Standing Committee liaison assignments.

Justice Johnson then administered the oath of office to incoming President-elect Tom Vick, and Vick made brief remarks. Chair Escobedo 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*.

Chair Escobedo thanked outgoing President Allan DuBois for the work he has done and his service to the lawyers of Texas over the past year.

B. Report from Incoming President: Incoming President Frank Stevenson reported that the State Bar is moving forward with the creation of the Texas Opportunity & Justice Incubator, or TOJI, to train new lawyers and expand access to justice for low- and moderate-income Texans. A commitment of \$200,000 is included in the State Bar budget for 2016-17. As part of the Annual Meeting, the State Bar will host an incubator roundtable with stakeholders to discuss the initiative and ways to collaborate. He and State Bar staff visited the ABA Standing Delivery Committee and the Justice Entrepreneur Project (JEP) in Chicago in February in

order to research their incubator model. Staff also participated in a national incubator conference in April to gather more information about incubators.

C. 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, the ATJ Gala, the Texas Trial Academy, law school poverty simulations, and the pro bono website.

D. Texas Young Lawyers Association: TYLA Incoming President Sam Houston thanked the Board and staff, and reported on various TYLA projects for the upcoming year. He noted that “Be Impactful” is the theme for this year, and TYLA will be developing a pipeline diversity program which encourages young people across the state to consider becoming a lawyer, titled “*I Was the First. You Can Be a Lawyer Too!*”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.