

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Doubletree Suites Hotel –
1800 South 2nd St.
McAllen, TX 78503
Friday, January 20, 2017 – 9:00am

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1. **Call to Order** Joe Escobedo, Jr.
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation** Barbara Bass
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** Travis Torrence
5. **Remarks from the General Public***
(*Sign in sheet available for public comment*)
6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Joe Escobedo, Jr.
 - A. **Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - B. **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items (Consent Tab)
 - C. **Chair of the Board Election** (Tab 1)
 - 1) **Discussion:** Announcement of candidates for 2017-18 Chair of the Board
 - a. Comments from the Chair of the Board Candidates (*four minutes per candidate*)
 - 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of method of voting to be used in the Chair of the Board Elections during the April Board Meeting (*show of hands or by written ballot*)
 - D. **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve – (Tab 2)

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Tax Section request to comment to IRS

7. **Report from the President** Frank Stevenson
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Presidential Initiatives
- B. Discussion:** Sunset Review Update Trey Apffel
8. **Report from the President-Elect** Tom Vick
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Update on Committee Review Task Force
- B. Budget Committee** (Tab 3)
Action: Consider and discuss approval of SBOT 2017-18 proposed budget for publication in the Texas Bar Journal
9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Allan DuBois
Discussion: General Report
10. **Executive Committee**
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee Allan DuBois/David Chamberlain (Tab 4)
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve the candidates for 2017-18 SBOT President-elect:
Chad Baruch (Dallas)
Laura Sharp (Austin)
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** Sam Houston
Discussion: General Report
13. **Administration Committee** Pat Maher

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A. Discussion: General Report

B. Performance Measures and Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Amy Bryan

(Tab 6)

Action: Consider, discuss and approve updates to the State Bar of Texas Strategic Plan

14. **Audit and Finance Committee**

Barbara Bass

(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, 2016
- 2) Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2016
- 3) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending August 31, 2016 and November 30, 2016

15. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Committee**

A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee

Rice Horkey

Discussion: General Report

B. DCAAP Subcommittee

Greg Sampson

Discussion: General Report

16. **Member Services and Education Committee**

A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee

Brian Miller

(Tab 8)

1) **Discussion:** Report on Grant authorization request received: “*Teach Safe. Learn Safe. Be Safe.*”

B. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee

Tina Green

Discussion: General Report

C. Professional Development Subcommittee

Joe Indelicato, Jr.

Discussion: General Report

D. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee

John Jansonius

Discussion: General Report

E. Technology Oversight Subcommittee

Rebecca Simmons

Discussion: General Report

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

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A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Sylvia Firth

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee

Action: Consider, discuss and approve:

1) Additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any

Gary Nickelson

18. **Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors**

Discussion: General Report

Ruben Robles

19. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee**

Discussion: Sections Update

Pat Maher

20. **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 Barbara Hervey

Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos

Judge Kerry Russell

Tim Mountz

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

Michelle Hunter

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

John Sirman

A. Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding pending litigation (Gegenheimer v. Stevenson et al., Longley v. State Bar of Texas et al.) and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s)

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

23. **ADJOURN**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed session as authorized by Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 551) will be held by the Board at that 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 session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 – 551.084, inclusive, of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Items on the agenda will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda above. Comments from the public may be taken throughout the Board meeting.

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