

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Westin Austin at The Domain
11301 Domain Dr.
Austin, TX 78758
Friday, April 21, 2017 – 9:00am

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| 1. | Call to Order | Joe Escobedo, Jr. |
| 2. | Roll Call | Michelle Hunter |
| 3. | Invocation | Mary Abbott Martin |
| 4. | Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Estrella Escobar |
| 5. | Remarks from the General Public*
<i>(Sign in sheet available for public comment)</i> | |
| 6. | Report from the Chair of the Board | Joe Escobedo, Jr. |
| | A. Discussion: General Report | |
| | B. Action: Consider, discuss and approve Consent Agenda Items | (Consent Tab) |
| | C. Ad Hoc Submission Committee
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve committee's decision not to approve IP Section amicus request | (Tab 1) |
| | D. Chair of the Board Election
1) Action: Election of Chair of the Board for 2017-18 | (Tab 2) |
| | <i>Candidates:</i>
Rehan Alimohammad (Sugar Land)
Ann Greenberg (Austin)
Gary L. Nickelson (Fort Worth)
Andrew Tolchin (Angleton) | |
| | 2) Comments by Chair-Elect | |

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7. **Report from the President** Frank Stevenson
- A. Discussion:**
- 1) General Report (Tab 3)
 - 2) Update on Presidential Initiatives
 - 3) Presentation of Resolutions
- B. Discussion:** Sunset Review Update Trey Apffel
8. **Report from the President-Elect** Tom Vick
- A. Discussion:** General Report
- B. Action:** (Tab 4)
- 1) Consider, discuss and approve appointment of State Bar Executive Director Search Committee for the purpose of recommending qualified candidates for State Bar Executive Director for consideration and selection by the Board pursuant to section 81.029 of the State Bar Act.
 - 2) Consider, discuss and approve delegating to the State Bar Executive Director Search Committee the authority and power to take reasonable and necessary actions to accomplish its purpose.
- C. Budget Committee** (Tab 5)
- Action:** Consider, discuss and approve SBOT 2017-18 proposed budget for presentation to the Supreme Court of Texas
- D. Committee Review Task Force** (Tab 6)
- Action:** Consider, discuss and approve task force recommendations pertaining to standing committees
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 7)
- Discussion:** Report on President-elect Candidates and District Director Elections
- B. Policy Manual Subcommittee**
- Discussion:** General Report Travis Torrence

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| 11. Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update
Discussion: General Report | John Neal/Linda Acevedo | (Tab 8) |
| 12. Texas Young Lawyer Association
Discussion: General Report | Sam Houston | |
| 13. MCLE Committee
Action: Consider, discuss and approve changes to Article XII State Bar Rules and MCLE Regulations | Nathan Anderson | (Tab 9) |
| 14. Administration Committee
A. Discussion: General Report
B. Employment/Salary/Evaluation Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report on Texas Center for Legal Ethics | Pat Maher | |
| 15. Audit and Finance Committee
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

B. Action: Consider, discuss and accept quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2017

C. Action: Consider, discuss and approve a one year extension of PFM Asset Management’s contract for investment management services | Barbara Bass | (Tab 10) |
| 16. Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Program Committee

A. DCAAP Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

B. Client Security Fund Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Greg Sampson

Rice Horkey | |
| 17. Member Services and Education Committee

A. Professional Development Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

B. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Joe Indelicato

John Jansonius | |

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C. Technology Oversight Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

Rebecca Simmons

18. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee

Sylvia Firth

(Tab 11)

1) **Discussion:** General Report

2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve performance guidelines for juvenile proceedings

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee

Gary Nickelson

Action: Consider and discuss approval of additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any

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

Pat Maher

Discussion: Sections Update

20. **Report from the Texas Bar Foundation**

Buck Files

Discussion: General Report

21. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports

A. Supreme Court Liaison

Justice Phil Johnson

B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison

Judge Barbara Hervey

C. Federal Judicial Liaison

Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos

D. Judicial Section Liaison

Judge Kerry Russell

E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison

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 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 a personnel matter

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

C. Action, if needed, on items discussed in closed session

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24. Adjournment

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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