

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Hilton Anatole – Wedgwood Ballroom
2201 N. Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – 1:30pm

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Outgoing/Incoming Boards, 2016-17 and 2017-18

1. **Call to Order** Joe Escobedo, Jr.
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation** Andrew Tolchin
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** Rehan Alimohammad
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. Action: Consider, discuss and approve Consent
Agenda Items (Consent
Tab)
B. Discussion:
 - 1) General Report and Overview of Bar Year
 - 2) Presentation of Outstanding Third Year Director
7. **Report from the President** Frank Stevenson
A. Discussion:
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Update on Presidential Initiatives
 - 3) Sunset Review Update
 - 4) Presentation of Resolution
 - 5) **Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve support of
resolution by ABA Commission on Veterans Legal
Services regarding discharge upgrades for certain
military veterans (Tab 1)

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B. Discussion: Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code section 551.074 for the purpose of discussing the evaluation, duties, and compensation of the Executive Director and the appointment of an Interim Executive Director

C. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

Action: Consider, discuss, and approve recommendations regarding compensation and duties of the Executive Director and recommendation regarding the appointment of an Interim Executive Director

8. **Report from the President-Elect** Tom Vick
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) SBOT 2017-18 Budget
3) Report on the Executive Director Search Committee progress and timetable
4) **Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve the addition of Joe K. Longley as a member of the Executive Director Search committee
9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Allan DuBois
Discussion: General Report
10. **Executive Committee** David Chamberlain/Allan DuBois (Tab 2)
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve limits on reimbursement of campaign expenses for 2017 president-elect candidates
11. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** John Neal/Linda Acevedo (Tab 3)
Discussion: General Report
12. **Texas Young Lawyer Association** Sam Houston
Discussion: General Report
13. **Administration Committee** Pat Maher
A. Discussion: General Report
14. **Audit and Finance Committee** Barbara Bass (Tab 4)

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A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

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

A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee Rice Horkey
Discussion: General Report

B. DCAAP Subcommittee Tina Green
Discussion: General Report

16. **Member Services and Education Committee**

A. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee Tina Green
Discussion: General Report

B. Professional Development Subcommittee Joe Indelicato, Jr.
Discussion: General Report

C. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee John Jansonius
Discussion: General Report

D. Technology Oversight Subcommittee Rebecca Simmons
Discussion: General Report

17. **Public Services and Education Committee**

A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee Sylvia Firth (Tab 5)
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve revision to Article XIII, State Bar Rules (Volunteer Attorney Pro Bono Program)

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee Gary Nickelson
Discussion: General Report

18. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Pat Maher
Discussion: Sections Update

19. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
 A. Supreme Court Liaison Justice Phil Johnson
 B. Federal Judicial Liaison Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos
 C. Judicial Section Liaison Judge Kerry L. Russell
 D. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison Tim Mountz

20. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director Michelle Hunter

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21. **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 regarding pending litigation (Gegenheimer v. Stevenson et al.) and 551.074 to deliberate concerning personnel matter(s).

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

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

22. **For Information Only:** End of Year Reports (Tab 6/7)
State Bar Committee and Section Reports

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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