

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Texas Law Center – Stewart Morris Board Room
1414 Colorado St.
Austin, TX 78701
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – 10:30am

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1. **Call to Order** Trey Apffel
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Remarks from the General Public**
(Sign in sheet available)
4. **Action:** Consider approval of Minutes of the January 8, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Trey Apffel (Encl)
5. **Report from the President** Trey Apffel
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors
 - B. Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve ratification of actions of the Ad-Hoc Emergency Legislative Response Committee taken pursuant to Policy Manual Section 8.01.07(C):
 - 1) Approval of the State Bar’s support of SB 534 (Encl)
 - 2) Authorizing the Native American Law Section to take a position in support of HB 825 in the name of the section (Encl)
6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Roger Key
Discussion: General Report

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7. **Report from the President-elect** Allan DuBois
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Budget Committee** (Encl)
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve –
1) SBOT 2015-16 proposed budget for
Presentation to the Supreme Court
- C. Committee Review Task Force** (Encl)
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve the task force
recommendations pertaining to standing committees
8. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Lisa Tatum
Discussion: General Report
9. **Administration Committee** Laura Gibson
Discussion: General Report
10. **Audit & Finance Committee** Tom Riney (Encl)
Discussion: Financial Reports & General Review of
Financial Statements
11. **Executive Committee**
Discussion: Nominations & Elections, Policy Manual
Subcommittee
- A. Nominations & Elections Subcommittee** Lisa Tatum/Cindy Tisdale (Encl)
Discussion: Update on President-elect Candidates
and District Elections
- B. Policy Manual Subcommittee** Diane DeVasto
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve proposed
revisions to Policy Manual Sections 1.04.03 (*Minority
Director Nominating Committee*); 4.01.04 (*Standing
Committee Member Terms*); 4.04.02 (*Standing Committee
Organizational Meeting*); 7.05 (*Texas Bar Journal*);
7.08 (*Member Benefits*); and 8.01.10 (*Amicus Curiae Briefs*)
12. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee** Larry McDougal
Discussion: DCAAP and Client Security Fund
Subcommittees

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13. **Member Services & Education Committee**
Discussion: Appeals-Grant Review, New Directors Orientation, Professional Development, Insurance/Member Benefits and Technology Oversight subcommittees
- A. Professional Development Subcommittee** Gary Nickelson
Discussion: General Report
- B. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee** David Chamberlain
Discussion: General Report
14. **Public Services & Education Committee**
Discussion: Affordable Legal Services and Legislative Policy Subcommittees
- A. Legislative Policy Subcommittee** Jaime Balli
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any
15. **MCLE Committee** Jason Honeycutt (Encl)
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve proposed changes to State Bar Rules and MCLE Regulations concerning elimination of the MCLE age exemption
16. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Justice Phil Johnson
17. **Discussion:** TYLA Update Rebekah Steely Brooker
18. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director Michelle Hunter
19. **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 to deliberate concerning personnel matter(s)
- B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session**

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20. Adjournment

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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