

Proposed Revision to Policy Manual

Special Committees & Task Forces

Purpose:

To bring this provision into compliance with the State Bar Act. Tex. Govt. Code section 81.122, which vests the Executive Committee with the authority to consider and approve the creation of "additional standing and special committees of the state bar." A 'task force' is an ad-hoc "special committee-" appointed to carry out a specific task. Accordingly, the Executive Committee should adhere to the criteria set forth in section 81.123 to determine whether the creation of a "task force" should be approved.

[1.14.04 Special Committees and Task Forces.](#) In accordance with Tex. Govt. Code 81.123, the creation of any special committee, including task forces, and their membership are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Before the Executive Committee can approve the creation of any special committee or task force, the Executive Committee must determine the fiscal impact creating the committee or task force would have on the budget and must determine whether any other existing committee or task force would be better suited to meet the proposed purpose.

~~1.14.0405. Special Board Committees and Task Forces. From time to time, t~~[Subject to section 1.14.04,](#) the President,~~in consultation with the Chair,~~ may ~~establish and appoint members to propose to the Executive Committee~~ special Board committees or task forces to consider particular issues, programs, or initiatives, and to advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning those issues, programs, or initiatives. Special Board committees and task forces may include non-Board members in addition to members of the Board as the President [and Executive Committee](#) may deem appropriate, and, if so provided by the President, these non-Board members may vote on issues before the special Board committees or task forces. The duration of such special Board committees or task forces shall coincide with the President's tenure in office, ~~but may be continued by the succeeding President(s) who may appoint new members if necessary or desired.~~

~~1.14.05-06 President-Elect Task Forces. Subject to section 1.14.04, The the~~ President-elect,~~in consultation with President and the Chair,~~ may [propose to the Executive Committee](#) ~~establish and appoint members to~~ special task forces to consider particular issues, programs, or initiatives, and to advise and make recommendations to the Board concerning those issues, programs, or initiatives. Such task forces may consist of non-Board members and/or Board members as the President-elect [and Executive Committee](#) may deem appropriate. The duration of such special task forces shall coincide with the President-elect's tenure in office [as President-elect.](#) ~~and, unless sooner terminated, shall continue through his or her tenure in the office of President. Such special task forces may be continued by the succeeding President(s) who may appoint new members if necessary or desired.~~

~~1.14.06-07~~ **Scope of Authority.** Board committees, special Board committees, and task forces serve to advise and make recommendations to the Board on activities, business, and policy of the Board and the State Bar in furtherance of the objectives and purposes of the State Bar. They do not have final authority to supervise or control public business or public policy of the Board or the State Bar. All actions taken by a Board committee are subject to the review and approval of the Board.

1.14.0708. Meetings of Board Committees, Special Board Committees, Task Forces. Meetings of each Board committee or special Board committee or task force may be called by the chair of the committee or task force. Such meetings may be held in person or by teleconference as the chair of the committee or task force determines appropriate, and members may cast their votes on matters before the committee or task force in person, by phone, or electronically. Meetings of Board committees or special Board committees or task forces are not open to non-members, although the committee or task force, by majority vote, may request or allow non-members to attend in furtherance of its charge.