

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Marriott Marquis  
Houston, TX  
Thursday, June 21, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas met in a regular session on June 21, 2018, at the Marriott Marquis in Houston. Outgoing Chair of the Board Rehan Alimohammad called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., and Executive Director Trey Apffel called the roll. A quorum of voting Board members was present. Wendy Burgower led the invocation and Rudy Metayer led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

***Present:***

**Board Members:** Jerry Alexander, Chair Rehan Alimohammad, Christy Amuny, Jeff Chandler, Alison Colvin, Derek Cook, Robert Crain, Alistair Dawson, Leslie Dippel, Estrella Escobar, TYLA President-elect Victor Flores, Jarrod Foerster, Charlie Ginn, Shari Goldsberry, August Harris, Angelica Hernandez, Wendy Humphrey, Sarah Keathley, Neil Kelly, Tom Keyser, President-elect Joe Longley, Aldo Lopez, Rudy Metayer, Stephen Naylor, Chris Oddo, Amie Peace, TYLA President-elect Sally Pretorius, Curtis Pritchard, TYLA President Baili Rhodes, Lisa Richardson, Carmen Roe, Greg Sampson, Alan Sims, Dinesh Singhal, President-elect Randy Sorrels, President Tom Vick, Nicole Voyles, Brad Weber, Amy Welborn, James Wester, and James Woo

**Liaisons\*:** Judge Randy Clapp, Judge Barbara Hervey, and Justice Phil Johnson

**Section Representatives\*:** Erich Birch, Wendy Burgower, Elizabeth Copeland, Shelby Jean, Matthew Kolodoski, and Emily Miller

**Excused Absences:** *Michael Dokupil, Rice Horkey, David Kent, Bob McKnight, Fidel Rodriguez, Judge Scholer\*, Linda Thomas\**

(\* = nonvoting)

A. Presentations and Swearing-In of New Officers and Directors: Outgoing Chair of the Board Rehan Alimohammad thanked Trey Apffel, the Board, and all SBOT staff for all the work that they have done over the past year. Justice Phil Johnson administered the oath of office to incoming Chair Laura Gibson. Chair Gibson discussed the Board committees and Section/Standing Committee liaison assignments. Outgoing Chair Alimohammad then presented incoming Chair Gibson with the traditional copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Justice Johnson then administered the oath of office to incoming President-elect Randy Sorrels, and Mr. Sorrels made brief remarks. Chair Gibson called all the incoming directors, liaisons, and Section Representatives of the Board to come forward, and Justice Johnson administered the oath of office *en masse*.

Chair Gibson thanked outgoing President Tom Vick for the work he has done and his service to the lawyers of Texas over the past year.

B. Presentation to Incoming President: Incoming President Joe K. Longley addressed the board and discussed upcoming initiatives: "Where Are the Children?", related to immigration issues, and work on how to stop gun violence on campuses, in schools, in churches, and on the highways.

C. Texas Access to Justice Commission: Trish McAllister, gave an update on Access to Justice efforts in Texas, sponsorship of the upcoming ATJ Gala, the NOVA Volunteer Attorney Program (allowing inactive

lawyers to handle pro bono cases under certain requirements), legal aid efforts for the upcoming disaster season, and standardized CLEs so that all volunteers are trained in the same way.

D. Report from the Executive Director: Executive Director Trey Apffel thanked outgoing President Tom Vick for all his service over the past year and presented Mr. Vick with the gift from the board.

E. Legal Counsel: John Sirman had no report.

F. Texas Young Lawyers Association: TYLA Incoming President Sally Pretorius thanked the Board and staff and reported on various TYLA projects for the upcoming year. She noted that “Our Time, Our Year, Our Commitment” is the theme for this year, and that TYLA will be igniting passion for service in lawyers to get them involved and uniting TYLA with bar committees and other affiliates to take projects statewide. Ms. Pretorius reported that TYLA will be working on the following projects: “SHERO,” “Junior Judges,” Practice Series Podcast, “Compassion Fatigue Awareness,” “Proud To Be An American,” and local affiliate diversity tool kits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.