

**AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 10:00 am

*Via Telephonic Open Meeting Pursuant to Governor's March 16, 2020,
Temporary Suspension of Certain Open Meetings Provisions**

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Meeting URL: <https://texasbar.zoom.us/j/759024475>

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(Bridge will open at 9:45 am – recording will begin at 10:00 am)

Link to March 26, 2020, Executive Committee Agenda and Materials:

www.texasbar.com/bodmaterials

*Action by Governor Greg Abbott pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.016
(<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-allows-virtual-and-telephonic-openmeetings-to-maintain-government-transparency>)

1. **Call to Order** Randy Sorrels
2. **Roll Call** Trey Apffel
3. **Remarks from the General Public***
(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the teleconference. The time allotted will be 3 minutes per individual.)
4. **Report from the Executive Director** Trey Apffel (Encl)
 - A. **Discussion:** General Report, including overview of State Bar of Texas response, operations, and events during COVID-19 situation
 - B. Update on 1415 Lavaca
5. **Report from the President** Randy Sorrels (Encl)

Discussion:

 - A. General report, including member and public service and outreach during COVID-19 response
 - B. Update on the At-large Director appointment
 - C. April Board resolution in support of judicial independence

D. Action: Consider approval of emergency delegation of authority to the Executive Director to take actions as needed in response to COVID-19

E. Action: Consider ratification of the Ad Hoc Submission Committee's decision to grant permission to file amicus brief in *In Re C.J.C* (No. 19-0694) in the Texas Supreme Court

F. Action: Consider approval of minutes of the January 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting

6. **Report from the Chair of the Board**

Jerry Alexander

A. Discussion: General Report

B. Action: Consider approval of the use of online voting for election of Board chair during April 2020 board meeting teleconference

7. **Report from the President-Elect**

Larry McDougal

(Encl)

A. Discussion:

1) General report, including update on how the State Bar can help lawyers serve their clients during the coronavirus crisis

2) Creation of workgroup on the Texas Opportunity and Justice Incubator

B. Budget Committee

Action: Consider approval of SBOT 2020-21 proposed budget for presentation to the Supreme Court of Texas

8. **Report from the Immediate Past President**

Joe K. Longley

Discussion: General Report

9. **Executive Committee**

Nominations & Elections Subcommittee

Joe K. Longley/Laura Gibson

(Encl)

Discussion: Update on President-elect and District Director Elections, including suspension of in-person campaigning by President-elect and District Director candidates in response to COVID-19 crisis

10. **Administration Committee**

James Wester

Administration Subcommittee

Discussion: Update on study of potential

IOLTA deposit exemption for advanced flat fees below a certain amount

11. **Audit & Finance Committee** Jarrod Foerster (Encl)
Discussion:
 - A. Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
 - B. Internal Audits Reports
12. **Member Services & Education Committee Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee** Leslie Dippel
Discussion: General Report
13. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Emily Miller
Discussion: General Report
14. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/ Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** Seana Willing
15. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Justice Debra Lehrmann
16. **Discussion:** TYLA Update Victor Flores
17. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel Ross Fischer
18. **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, including regarding all pending or any contemplated litigation (including regarding *McDonald et al. v. Sorrels et al* (No. 19-cv-00219 in the Western District of Texas), *Rosalinda Solis v. Interra Sky 4801 Woodway, L.L.C* (No. 2019-18261 in the District Court of Harris County), and *LawHQ v. Willing* (No. 20-cv-00085 in the Western District of Texas); and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s)
 - B. **End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session**
 - C. **Action**, if needed, on items discussed in closed session
19. **ADJOURN**

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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.