

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Called Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2020 – 9:00am

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

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Written comments will be accepted until the time of the meeting.

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Link to the July 27, 2020, Board of Directors Agenda and Materials:

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1. **Call to Order** Charlie Ginn
2. **Roll Call** Trey Apffel
3. **Invocation** Emily Miller
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** Wendy-Adele Humphrey
5. **Comments from the President** Larry McDougal **(Materials)**
6. **Remarks from the General Public***
(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the teleconference. Time allocations will be made based on the number of people who sign up to speak, and speakers will be notified beforehand.)

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7. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Charlie Ginn **(Materials)**
- A. Discussion** to include executive director, officer, and director comments, regarding State Bar President’s July 10, 2020, online commentary and other commentary, including online commentary by officers and directors
- B. Closed Session** pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 to seek advice of board counsel regarding rights and remedies and board governance issues, including conduct of board officers and directors and filling of vacancies
- C. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session**
- D. Possible Action:**
- 1) Regarding State Bar President
 - 2) Regarding presidential or board initiatives
 - 3) In response to online commentary by directors
8. **Report from the President-Elect** Sylvia Borunda Firth **(Materials)**
- Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the creation of a State Bar of Texas Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
9. **Report from General Counsel** Ross Fischer
10. **Report from Legal Counsel** John Sirman
- A. Closed Session** as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel, to potentially include discussion regarding State Bar President and all pending or any contemplated litigation (including regarding *McDonald et al. v. Sorrels et al* (No. 20-50448 in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals)); 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
11. **SBOT Mission Statement** Charlie Ginn
12. **Adjourn**

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If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board determines 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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