

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 9:00am*

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

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas met on June 25, 2020, via telephonic open meeting pursuant to the Governor's March 16, 2020, temporary suspension of certain open meetings provisions. Outgoing Chair of the Board Jerry Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and Executive Director Trey Apffel called the roll. A quorum of voting Board members was present. Director Alan Sims led the invocation and Director Derek Cook led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

***Present:***

***Benny Agosto, Immediate Past Chair Jerry Alexander, Jeff Allison, Andy Almanzán, Chad Baruch, Kate Bihm, Rebekah Brooker, David Calvillo, Luis Cardenas, Derek Cook, Rob Crain, Christina Davis, Alistair Dawson, Michael Dokupil, President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth, Steve Fischer, TYLA Immediate Past President Victor Flores, Lucy Forbes, Chair Charlie Ginn, Shari Goldsberry, Marc Gravely, August Harris, TYLA President Britney Harrison, Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Michael Hurst, Yolanda Cortés Mares, President Larry McDougal, Carra Miller, Lydia Mount, Steve Naylor, TYLA President-elect Jeanine Rispoli, Carmen Roe, Adam Schramek, Mary Scott, David Sergi, Alan Sims, Jason Smith, Immediate Past President Randy Sorrels, Diane St. Yves, Andrew Tolchin, Santos Vargas, Michael Vasquez, Amy Welborn, James Wester, and Kim Pack Wilson.***

***Liaisons\*:*** Judge Les Hatch, Denise Hoggard, Justice Debra Lehrmann, Judge David Morales, and Judge Kevin Yeary.

***Section Representatives\*:*** Carlos Cardenas, Deborah Cordova, Matthew Kolodoski, Emily Miller, Kathryn Murphy, and Michael Smith

*(\* = nonvoting)*

A. Remarks from the General Public:

Rudy Metayer addressed the board on agenda item 5.

- B. Presentations and Swearing-In of New Officers and Directors: Outgoing Chair of the Board Jerry Alexander thanked Trey Apffel, the Board, and all SBOT staff for all the work that they have done over the past year. Justice Debra Lehrmann administered the oath of office to incoming Chair Charlie Ginn. Chair Ginn reported on the Board committees and Section/Standing Committee liaison assignments.

Justice Lehrmann then administered the oath of office to incoming President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth, and Ms. Borunda Firth made brief remarks. Chair Ginn called all the incoming directors, liaisons, and section representatives of the board to come forward, and Justice Lehrmann administered the oath of office *en masse*.

Chair Ginn thanked outgoing President Randy Sorrels for the work he has done and his service to the lawyers of Texas during his term in office.

- C. Presentation to Incoming President: Incoming President Larry McDougal addressed the board and

discussed upcoming initiatives for the board and for State Bar staff.

- D. Report from the Executive Director: Executive Director Trey Apffel thanked outgoing President Randy Sorrels for all his service over the past year.
- E. Legal Counsel: John Sirman had no report.
- F. General Counsel: Ross Fischer welcomed the new directors to the board.
- G. Texas Young Lawyers Association: TYLA Incoming President Britney Harrison thanked the Board and staff and reported on various TYLA projects for the upcoming year.
- H. Texas Access to Justice Commission: Trish McAllister gave an update on Access to Justice efforts in Texas, sponsorship of the upcoming ATJ Gala, the New Opportunities Volunteer Attorney Pro Bono Program, and ongoing legal aid efforts.

**Director Diane St. Yves moved for adjournment and Director David Sergi seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.**

