

DRAFT
OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, September 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 September 25, 2020, via Zoom. Chair Charlie Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, and Executive Director Trey Apffel called the roll. A quorum of voting Board members was present. Director Rob Crain delivered the invocation, and Director Shari Goldsberry led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Present:

Board Members: 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, Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth, Steve Fischer, TYLA Immediate Past President Victor Flores, Lucy Forbes, Chair Charlie Ginn, Shari Goldsberry, 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, Todd 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 Patrick Yeary

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

Excused Absences: Marc Gravely
(* denotes nonvoting)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS {**Exhibit A**}¹:

C1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Materials) Approval of minutes of Board meetings conducted on:
June 24-25, 2020
July 27, 2020
September 10, 2020

C2. ITEMS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Approval of appointments to the following entities:

- a. Delegates to the 2020 Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference:**
President Larry P. McDougal
Immediate Past President Randall O. Sorrels
President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth
Chair of the Board John Charles “Charlie” Ginn

Executive Director Trey Apffel
TYLA President Britney E. Harrison

b. At-large Directors Nomination Committee

Wendy-Adele Humphrey, chair
Andres E. Almanzán
Britney E. Harrison
Michael C. Smith
Kimberly Pack Wilson

c. Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda:

For a term effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024:
M. Lewis Kinard (Dallas)

d. Real Estate Forms Committee, for an unexpired term effective August 18, 2020, through

Annual Meeting 2021:
Sara Dysart, Chair (San Antonio)

C3. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS/DIVISIONS:

- a. Construction Law Section Updated Bylaws
- b. School Law Section Updated Bylaws

C4. OTHER ITEMS:

(Materials)

a. Approval of resolutions honoring:

Hon. Rolland Howell “Sandy” Bielstein, Richmond (in memoriam)
Ralph L. Gonzalez, Richmond
Richard L. “Dick” Tate, Richmond
Hon. R. O’Neil Williams, Richmond

I. REPORTS:

A. Remarks from the General Public:

The board heard oral comments from 4 members of the public relating to Agenda Item 4.

B. Presentation of Resolutions:

President Larry McDougal presented presidential citations to: Hon. Rolland Howell “Sandy” Bielstein, Ralph L. Gonzalez, Richard L. “Dick” Tate, and Hon. R. O’Neil Williams. **{Exhibit A}**¹

C. Swearing in of New Public Member:

Justice Debra Lehrmann swore in new public member Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier of San Antonio.

D. Report from the Supreme Court Liaison:

Justice Debra Lehrmann reported that the court has not convened in person since March and that everything, including oral arguments and conferences, is being done remotely by Zoom. Justice Lehrmann reported that the court has 18 new law clerks, that Justice Green retired on August 31. She shared the sad news that former Justice Eugene A. Cook III died on August 23. She provided an update on the COVID emergency orders: the bar dues deadline was to be extended to October 31;

statute of limitation deadlines were extended until September 15; the court has extended pleading requirements and eviction cases until December 15. Justice Lehrmann reported that the July bar exam was postponed and would be offered September 9 and again in October. She also reported that the court adopted new Office of Court Administration protocols.

E. Report from the Performance Measures & Strategic Planning Committee:

Director Shari Goldsberry thanked everyone who participated in the board retreat and reported that Elizabeth Derrico is going through all of the information that was provided to her by the board. The draft of the new strategic plan will be considered at the January 2020 board meeting.

F. Report from the Chair of the Board:

Chair Charlie Ginn welcomed and introduced the new public member Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier to the board. He reported on the director outreach and communications, and that the Volunteer and Staff Guide and new annual reports of the State Bar and Commission for Lawyer Discipline are now available. Chair Ginn reminded the board to stay active on Board Effect. Finally, he reported that any second-year director interested in serving as chair next year should send in a letter of intent by December 11. Discussion ensued.

Director Kate Bihm made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2020, Board meeting and the Consent Agenda Items. Director Lucy Forbes seconded. No discussion; motion carried. {Exhibit A}¹

The board recessed at 10:27 am and returned at 10:35 am.

G. Report from the Executive Director:

Executive Director Trey Apffel thanked the directors, State Bar members, and the public for their input, relating that these efforts will help ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion issues stay at the forefront of the bar's work going forward. Chris Ritter presented a TLAP program report. **{Exhibit B}**

H. Discussion: Texas Access to Justice Foundation:

Justice Deborah Hankinson thanked the Supreme Court for appointing her the chair of the foundation and reported that as of September 1, the Foundation's board is made up of a majority of people of color as well as individuals with diverse backgrounds and ideas. She thanked various board members, the State Bar, and the Supreme Court for making their board appointments. Justice Hankinson reported on the Foundation's fundraising efforts and the CARES Act.

I. Report from the President:

President Larry McDougal reported that the State Bar appoints two members of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. A vacancy became available when director Steve Fischer resigned from the Commission. The appointment process is outlined in a 2017 Texas Supreme Court Order. There were three nominees up for the position. Discussion ensued. **{Exhibit C}**

Chair Ginn conducted the election of the appointee to the Commission on Judicial Conduct. By online voting, Clifton Roberson (Tyler) was elected to serve an unexpired term beginning November 20, 2020, and ending in 2025.

Kenda Culpepper gave an update on the Presidential Task Force on Criminal Court Proceedings. She reported that the Task Force met for nine weeks and on August 25, it submitted 14 broad interim recommendations to the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Office of Court Administration.

President McDougal gave an update on the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca St.

- J. Closed Session: At 12:23 pm, the Board of Directors recessed the open meeting and reconvened in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel, to include discussion regarding 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), *Rosalinda Solis v. Interra Sky 4801 Woodway, L.L.C* (No. 2019-18261 in the District Court of Harris County), *Samantha Carter v. Vuk Vujasinovic, et al* (No. 3:20-cv-01199-L-BT in the Northern District of Texas), and *LawHQ v. Willing* (No. 20-cv-00085 in the Western District of Texas); Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca St. in Austin; and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s). With the exception of Board liaisons and section representatives, all other individuals including non-essential staff and other guests excused themselves from the closed session.
- K. Open Session: At 1:39 pm, the open session of the State Bar Board of Directors meeting reconvened. During the closed session, only matters relating to seeking advice of board counsel 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), *Rosalinda Solis v. Interra Sky 4801 Woodway, L.L.C* (No. 2019-18261 in the District Court of Harris County), *Samantha Carter v. Vuk Vujasinovic, et al* (No. 3:20-cv-01199-L-BT in the Northern District of Texas), and *LawHQ v. Willing* (No. 20-cv-00085 in the Western District of Texas); Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca St. in Austin; and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s) were discussed.

- L. Report from the President continued:

President McDougal made a motion that the board approve the purchase by the State Bar of real property at 1415 Lavaca St. in Austin for a purchase price still under negotiation as discussed in closed session, and to authorize the Ad Hoc Real Estate Subcommittee to incur due diligence expenses as discussed. Director Schramek seconded. No discussion; motion carried. {Exhibit C}

President McDougal made a motion that the board delegate to the executive director the authority to seek an amendment to the current year's budget from the Supreme Court in order to complete the purchase of 1415 Lavaca St. Director Jason Smith seconded. No discussion; motion carried.

The board recessed 1:41 pm and returned at 2:02 pm.

President McDougal made a motion that the board create the Task Force on Public Protection, Grievance Review and the Client Security Fund, including the approval of its roster. Director Cortes Marés seconded. No discussion; motion carried.

President McDougal made a motion that the board create a Courthouse Access Badge Workgroup, including approval of its roster. Director Agosto seconded. No discussion; motion carried.

President McDougal made a motion that the board ratify the Ad Hoc Submission Committee's decision to approve the filing of an amicus brief by the Business Law Section. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

President McDougal gave an update on the presidential diversity plan, at-large director selection, the Commission for Judicial Conduct, president-elect petition candidate, and board implicit bias training as well as the MCLE Committee's study of implicit bias training.

M. Report from the President-elect:

President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth provided an update on the Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Justice in Leadership Workgroup, and the Listening Session that was to take place on October 7. She also reported that the Budget Committee had its first meeting to discuss the State Bar's current financial position, the budget process, and the timeline for preparation of the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. President-elect Borunda Firth reported that the Budget Committee was to meet on December 10 via Zoom to talk with State Bar division and department directors about their particular areas of the budget. **{Exhibit E}**

N. Report from the Immediate Past President:

Immediate Past President Randy Sorrels thanked President McDougal for offering suggestions to further the diversity and inclusion efforts of the State Bar. He shared that he believes the Together We Dine program is a great program and encouraged the membership to attend. Sorrels called on Director Andrew Tolchin to address the board regarding his request that the MCLE Committee study and report to the board regarding the possibility of authorizing credit for CLE courses on the subjects of mental health and substance abuse. **{Exhibit F}**

Immediate Past President Sorrels made a motion that the board approve the request to the MCLE Committee to study and report to the Board regarding the possibility of categorizing CLE courses on the subjects of mental health and substance abuse as eligible for "Legal Ethics /Professional Responsibility" credit. Director St. Yves seconded. No discussion; motion carried.

O. Report from the Court of Criminal Appeals:

Judge Kevin Yeary thanked the board for its open line of communication on matters important to the administration of justice in the state of Texas. He also reported that on September 22, the Court of Criminal Appeals marked its 129th anniversary as the court of last resort for all criminal cases in Texas. Judge Yeary reported that the Court has been working remotely and utilizing online tools like Zoom to conduct conferences and to host oral arguments. He also reported that the court administered the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund, and that the Court has made a mental health resource guide available on the Court's website. Judge Yeary reported that he sits on the Rules Advisory Committee and encouraged the board to reach out to make comments about proposed rules.

P. Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel:

Chief Disciplinary Counsel Sean Willing reported on behalf of the Commission Chair Gena Bunn. Ms. Willing reported that investigatory hearings and evidentiary trials continue to be conducted by Zoom and that there are some district court trials and appeals that are proceeding based on where the courts are able to conduct proceedings remotely in accordance with OCA protocols. She also reported that CDC offices are fully operational, working remotely, and that the 2019-20 annual report of the CFLD is available. Ms. Willing reported that there were 66 complaints that were resolved for 56 sanctions, including three disbarments, two resignations in lieu of discipline, 11 suspensions, 14 private reprimands, and 26 referrals to the Grievance Referral Program. **{Exhibit G}**

Q. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee:

Immediate Past Chair Jerry Alexander reported on the Nominations and Elections Committee's selection of two president-elect candidates: Sara Dysart and Laura Gibson. Each president-elect candidate was introduced and then addressed the board. **{Exhibit F}**

Immediate Past Chair Jerry Alexander made a motion that the board approve Sara Dysart of San Antonio and Laura Gibson of Houston as the State Bar candidates for president-elect for the 2021 election. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion, motion carried.

- R. Closed Session: At 2:59 pm, the State Bar Board of Directors recessed the open meeting and reconvened in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purposes of consulting with legal counsel to deliberate regarding the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca Street in Austin. With the exception of Board liaisons and section representatives, all other individuals including non-essential staff and other guests excused themselves from the closed session.
- S. Open Session: At 3:11 pm, the open session of the State Bar Board of Directors meeting reconvened. During the closed session, only matters relating to seeking advice of board counsel to deliberate regarding the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca Street in Austin were discussed.
- T. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee continued: Immediate Past President Randy Sorrels reported that based on the current circumstances, the State Bar is proposing accepting electronic signatures on petitions for this particular election cycle. He reported that electronic signatures would be something like an Adobe Acrobat signature, where a candidate's petition form is signed with a program that is clearly the signer's own signature. This would be acceptable for this election cycle only. {Exhibit F}

Immediate Past President Randy Sorrels made a motion that electronic signatures on petitions for president-elect and director will be acceptable during the current election cycle, provided electronic signatures are facsimiles of the signers' own signatures. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. Discussion ensued; motion carried.

- U. Report from the Policy Manual Subcommittee: Director Adam Schramek reported on three issues that are under consideration: a code of conduct for officers and directors, standards of impeachment and removal of those officers and directors, and policies relating to increasing candidate vetting. Mr. Schramek also reported on updates to the Policy Manual Sections 3.02.07(D) and 3.07.01(A). {Exhibit G}

Director Adam Schramek made a motion that the board amend Policy Manual Section 3.07.02 to allow the State Bar executive director to be one of the persons eligible for reimbursement of spouse or companion airfare cost. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. Discussion ensued; motion carried.

Director Adam Schramek made a motion that the board amend Policy Manual Section 3.07.01 to change the requirement such that any changes to the reimbursement policies and procedures made by the executive director shall be submitted to the Board Audit and Finance Committee within 30 days of such changes. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

- V. Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance: Director Steve Naylor reported on various disciplinary rule proposals, and a recommendation for the board to consider approving a procedure for a rules vote (a referendum) to submit to the Supreme Court of Texas. He also reported on the communications plan for the bar moving forward to educate its members about the rule proposals. {Exhibit H}

Director Naylor made a motion to approve Proposed Rule 1.05 (c)(10), Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, relating to confidentiality of information and clients contemplating suicide. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Director Naylor made a motion to approve proposed amendments to Rule 8.03, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and Rules 1.06 and 9.01, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, relating to reporting professional misconduct and reciprocal discipline for federal court or federal agency discipline. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. Discussion ensued; motion carried.

Director Naylor made a motion to approve the following items as contained in the board resolution: (1) Petition the Supreme Court of Texas to order a referendum on the proposed amendments approved by the State Bar Board; (2) The proposed ballot form for a referendum, as included in Appendix A of this resolution, and that the ballots be distributed to eligible members of the State Bar of Texas in paper ballot format, and electronic ballot; and (3) That the referendum begin on February 2, and end on March 4, 2021. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

W. Client Security Fund:

Director Rob Crain reported that the Subcommittee met on September 21 and reviewed 13 applications for a total of \$43,905.90. He reported that to date for this fiscal year, the Subcommittee has approved applications totaling over \$142,000. Director Crain reported that the subcommittee members unanimously voted to add an additional meeting this year to consider more applications, to review and modify longstanding practices of the committee, to potentially extend the assistance provided by the fund, and to more efficiently handle the current significant inventory of applications.

X. Audit & Finance:

Director Alistair Dawson gave an update on financial reports, a general review of financial statements, and an update on the financial and internal audits. Barry Baughier was invited to provide the board with an investment overview. **{Exhibit I}**

Director Dawson made a motion to accept the August 2020 State Bar quarterly investment reports. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Director Dawson reported that that according to the Public Funds Investment Act, the board must approve the state bar's Public Funds Investment Act trainers on an annual basis. Included in the board packets was a write up of the training offered by Texas State University. On behalf of the Audit & Finance Committee, Director Dawson made a motion to approve this entity to provide Public Funds Investment Act training for State Bar staff. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Director Dawson made a motion to adopt the current PFM dealer-broker list for investments. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Director Dawson made a motion to approve the adoption of the State Bar of Texas Investment Policy. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Director Dawson made a motion to adopt the proposed changes to Policy Manual Section 2.06.08 regarding purchase orders. Coming from a committee, no second was needed.

Discussion ensued; motion carried.

Y. Report from the Legislative Policy Program:

Section Representative Emily Miller reported that the subcommittee met to consider proposals submitted from the following sections: Business Law, Entertainment and Sports Law, Family Law, Juvenile Law, LGBT Law, and Real Estate Probate and Trust Law or REPTL. On the final day of meetings, the subcommittee heard from members and representatives from other sections who wished to speak against or to comment on the proposals. Ms. Miller reported that the subcommittee did not have any requests to oppose legislation and that their recommendations to the board are to either allow these sections to support the legislation or to remain neutral. She reported that the subcommittee recommends support of 26 of the proposals, and to remain neutral on one proposal. Ms. Miller reported that one proposal was withdrawn by the REPTL section. {**Exhibit L- *See Legislative Policy Subcommittee Report at www.texasbar.com/bodmaterials for subject matter of each proposal**}

Section Representative Miller made a motion to adopt the Legislative Policy Subcommittee's recommendation that the 27 proposals included in the report comply with Section 8.01.03 of the Policy Manual. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Section Representative Miller made a motion to adopt all of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee's recommendations, with the exception of those any board member wished to discuss individually. Proposals 16 and 17 were removed from the motion for discussion. Coming from a committee, no second was needed. No discussion; motion carried.

Motion to adopt the Legislative Policy Subcommittee's recommendations on proposals 16 and 17.

Discussion ensued regarding LGBT Section proposals 16 and 17; motion carried.

**2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM – PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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#	PROPOSAL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
BUSINESS LAW SECTION		
1	<i>Relating to non-fraud private causes of action under the Texas Securities Act.</i>	<i>Support</i>
ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS LAW SECTION		
2	<i>Relating to the identification of digital goods in commerce; authorizing both injunctive relief and a remedy under Chapter 17, Business and Commerce Code.</i>	<i>Support in the name of the Entertainment and Sports Law Section.</i>
FAMILY LAW SECTION		
3	<i>Relating to amicus attorneys and attorney ad litem</i>	<i>Support</i>
4	<i>Relating to a finding of the date of marriage.</i>	<i>Support</i>
5	<i>Relating to the duties of court reporters.</i>	<i>Neutral</i>
6	<i>Relating to the issuance of a protective order by default.</i>	<i>Support</i>
7	<i>Relating to juries in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.</i>	<i>Support</i>

8	<i>Relating to the payment and collection of child support and spousal maintenance.</i>	<i>Support</i>
9	<i>Relating to possession of and access to a child under the age of three years.</i>	<i>Support</i>
10	<i>Relating to the protection of certain information from disclosure in suits affecting the parent-child relationship and to service of process in those suits on a party whose information is protected from disclosure.</i>	<i>Support</i>

11	<i>Relating to spousal maintenance.</i>	<i>Support</i>
12	<i>Relating to possession of and access to a child.</i>	<i>Support</i>
13	<i>Relating to a substantial and material change of circumstances under the Family Code.</i>	<i>Support</i>
14	<i>Relating to access to a residence or former residence to retrieve personal property by persons who are parties to certain suits and decrees.</i>	<i>Support</i>
JUVENILE LAW SECTION		
15	<i>Relating to appointment of judges under the Texas Government Code.</i>	<i>Support</i>
LGBT LAW SECTION		
16	<i>Proposing a constitutional amendment to repeal the unconstitutional provision of the state constitution (1) providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and (2) prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.</i>	<i>Support</i>
17	<i>Relating to certain statutory changes to reflect and address same-sex marriages and parenting relationships and to the removal of provisions regarding the criminality or unacceptability of homosexual conduct.</i>	<i>Support</i>
REAL ESTATE, PROBATE AND TRUST LAW SECTION		
(REAL ESTATE PROPOSALS)		
18	<i>Relating to non-substantive revisions to sections of the Texas Property Code referencing Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes. (Common Interest Communities)</i>	<i>Support</i>
19	<i>Relating to substantive revisions to sections of the Property Code referencing Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes. (Property Code Clean-Up)</i>	<i>Support</i>

20	<i>Relating to non-substantive revisions to sections of the Property Code removing archaic references and clarifying delivery by tenant of a forwarding address. (Landlord Tenant)</i>	<i>Support</i>
(PROBATE AND TRUST PROPOSALS)		
21	<i>Relating to trusts.</i>	<i>Support</i>
22	<i>Relating to guardianships.</i>	<i>Support</i>
23	<i>Relating to decedent's estates.</i>	<i>Support</i>
24	<i>Relating to durable powers of attorney.</i>	<i>Support</i>
25	<i>Relating to the making of an anatomical gift.</i>	<i>Support</i>
26	<i>Relating to the authority granted under and form of a medical power of attorney.</i>	<i>Support</i>
27	<i>Relating to the order of persons who may consent to remove a decedent's remains interred in a cemetery from a plot in the cemetery.</i>	<i>Support</i>
28	<i>Relating to virtual notarization.</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>

Z. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee to Select At-Large Directors:

Director Wendy-Adele Humphrey provided an update on the December 1st deadline to submit nominations to the State Bar. Ms. Humphrey reported on the nomination and review process done by the Committee, and thanked her committee members. **{Exhibit K}**

AA. Report from the Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee:

Director Andy Almanzán reported that the Subcommittee received a request by the Diversity in the Profession Standing Committee of the Bar, which sought authorization to seek grant funding from the Texas Bar Foundation. The grant will fund a project called “**Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship.**” He reported that this scholarship facilitates the transition into the legal profession for law students from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in the profession by helping defray the financial burden of preparing for the Texas Bar Exam. Director Almanzán reported that the Appeals and Grants Subcommittee unanimously approved this request. He added that no State Bar funds would be used for this program. **{Exhibit L}**

BB. Report from the Professional Development Committee:

Director Rebekah Brooker reported that TexasBarCLE has converted all live seminars to a webcast format through the end of the 2020 calendar year and that since June 1, TexasBarCLE has provided \$225,460 in complimentary CLE to legal aid lawyers and has delivered over \$1.4 million in free online CLE courses to Texas lawyers. Ms. Brooker

reported that the Board PDP subcommittee will meet jointly with the CLE committee on October 27 to discuss new topics for CLE programs and publications, finances, and operations.

CC. Report from the Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee:

Director Carmen Roe reported on the Texas Bar Private Insurance Exchange and the Subcommittee's annual goals.

DD. Report from the Technology Oversight Committee:

Director Christina Davis provided an update on: the deployment of Microsoft 365 to all State Bar staff, a new Dell data backup system has been installed, and that the audio-visual renovations at the Texas Law Center are in the final stages. Ms. Davis reported that there are a few projects slated for the next calendar year: the replacement of the virtual server, redesigning the look and feel of the Texasbar.com website, and the development of a new event registration site for the Annual Meeting and Poverty Law Conference.

EE. Section Representatives to the Board Committee:

Section Representative Emily Miller reported that the Sections are continuing to do great work by providing web-based trainings and publications, and that a number of sections have held or plan to hold free implicit bias trainings for members. Ms. Miller reported that the new chair and treasurer's orientation was held in August and provided an update on the Animal Law Section review.

FF. Texas Young Lawyers Association:

TYLA President Britney Harrison provided an update on the current TYLA projects: "Court the Vote", attorney wellness triathlon, 'Iconic Women in Legal History', 'Practice Area 101' podcast, and the newly created Racial Justice Committee.

GG. Judicial Section Liaison:

Judge Les Hatch introduced himself to the board and gave an update on the Judicial Section Annual Meeting.

HH. Federal Judicial Liaison: No report.

II. Out of State lawyer Liaison: No report.

JJ. Report from General Counsel: No report.

KK. Report from Legal Counsel: No report.

LL. For Information Only: State Bar Committee Projects and Objectives Report {EXHIBIT M}

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Director Crain. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Exhibits referenced in these minutes are available online at www.texasbar.com/board