

**OFFICIAL**  
**STATE BAR OF TEXAS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Special Called Meeting

**Friday, March 12, 2021 – 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 must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, for timely distribution to the Executive Committee members before the meeting. Please submit written comments by email to [boardofdirectors@texasbar.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@texasbar.com).

Link to the March 12, 2021, Executive Committee Agenda and Materials:  
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The Executive Committee met on Friday, March 12, 2021, via Telephonic Open Meeting Pursuant to Governor's March 16, 2020, Temporary Suspension of Certain Open Meetings Provisions. President Larry McDougal called the meeting to order at 9:01 am, and Executive Director Trey Apffel called the roll.

**Present:** Immediate Past Chair Jerry Alexander\*, Rebekah Brooker, Rob Crain, Alistair Dawson, President-elect Sylvia Borunda Firth, TYLA Immediate Past President Victor Flores, Chair Charlie Ginn, TYLA President Britney Harrison, Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Matthew Kolodoski\*, President Larry McDougal, Emily Miller\*, Immediate Past President Randy Sorrels, and James Wester.

Excused Absence: Justice Debra Lehmann\*, Steve Naylor, Carmen Roe, Diane St. Yves, and Michael Vasquez

*\*Nonvoting member*

I. Remarks from the General Public: There were no comments from the general public

II. REPORTS

A. Report from the Executive Director:

Executive Director Apffel on Deputy Executive Director Ray Cantu to provide a report on the procedure and provisions for petitions for district director. Mr. Apffel provided an update on the petition of Mr. Surendren K. Pattel for district 5. Mr. Apffel called on Surendren Pattel and Lori Kern to address the committee. Discussion ensued. {EXHIBIT A}<sup>1</sup>

B. **Closed Session: At 10:16 am, the Executive Committee 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 regarding legal issues related to the appeal by Surendran K. Pattel. With the exception of Board liaisons and Section representatives, all other individuals including the Executive Director, non-essential staff and other guests excused themselves from the closed session.**

<sup>1</sup> Enclosures are available at [www.texasbar.com/bodmaterials](http://www.texasbar.com/bodmaterials)

**Open Session:** At 10:45 am, the open session of the Executive Committee meeting reconvened. During the closed session, only matters relating to consultation with legal counsel regarding legal issues related to the appeal by Surendran K. Pattel. No action was taken in closed session.

TYLA Immediate Past President Victor Flores made a motion to deny the appeal of Surendran K. Pattel for nomination as a District 5 director. Seconded by Director Wendy-Adele Humphrey. No discussion' motion carried.

C. Report from General Counsel: No report.

D. Report from Legal Counsel: No report.

E. **Closed Session:** At 10:47 am, the Executive Committee 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); and Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding the potential purchase of real property at 1415 Lavaca St. 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.

**Open Session:** At 11:28 am, the open session of the Executive Committee meeting reconvened. During the closed session, only matters relating to consultation with legal counsel concerning contemplated litigation were discussed. No action was taken in closed session.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Director Crain. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.