

Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. CDT

*Via Telephonic Open Meeting Pursuant to Governor's March 16, 2020,
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1. **Call to Order** Sylvia Borunda Firth
2. **Roll Call** Trey Apffel
3. **Remarks from the General Public***
(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting. The time allotted will be 3 minutes per individual.)
4. **Report from the Executive Director** Trey Apffel (Encl)
Discussion: General Report
5. **Report from the President** Sylvia Borunda Firth (Encl)
A. Discussion:

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- 1) General Report, including update on presidential initiatives
- 2) Updates on the Presidential Task Force on Diversity Equity and Inclusion; Criminal Court Proceedings Task Force; Public Protection, Grievance Review, and Client Security Fund Task Force; and the Workgroup on the Texas Opportunity and Justice Incubator
- 3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the creation of a Redistricting Task Force, including approval of its roster
- 4) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the creation of a Building Planning Special Committee, including approval of its roster

B. Action: Consider approval of minutes of the April 6, 2021, Executive Committee meeting

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

Santos Vargas

Discussion: General Report

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

Laura Gibson

Discussion:

- 1) General Report
- 2) FY 2022-2023 Budget Committee Update

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

Larry McDougal

Discussion: General Report

9. **Executive Committee**

A. Nominations & Elections Subcommittee

Charlie Ginn/Larry McDougal

(Encl)

- 1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the recommendation of nominees for 2022-23 SBOT president-elect:

Jose “Joe” Escobedo Jr. (Edinburg)

Cindy V. Tisdale (Granbury)

- 3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed amendments to Board Policy pertaining to electronic signatures and principal place of practice

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- B. Policy Manual Subcommittee** Adam Schramek
Discussion: General Report
10. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance** Diane St. Yves (Encl)
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed Rule 1.18 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct (TDRPC), pertaining to duties to prospective clients
3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed Rule 13.05 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP), pertaining to the termination of a custodianship for the cessation of practice
11. **Audit and Finance Committee** David Calvillo (Encl)
Discussion:
1) Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
2) Update on Financial and Internal Audits
12. **Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee** Christina Davis
Discussion: General Report
13. **Administration Committee** Rebecca Steely Brooker
Discussion: General Report
14. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Kathryn Murphy
Discussion: General Report
15. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Justice Debra Lehrmann
16. **Discussion:** TYLA Update Jeanine Novosad Rispoli (Encl)
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 pending or contemplated litigation, including *McDonald v. Longley* (No. 20-5448, ---F. 4th---(5th Cir. 2021); No. 1:19-cv-219-LY (W.D. Tex.)), and Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s)

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B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

C. Action, if needed, on items discussed in closed session

19. **ADJOURN**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board should determine 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. The board reserves the right to take action in open session on any item discussed in closed session.

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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