

**AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 10 a.m. CDT**

**Texas Law Center – Stewart Morris Board Room
1414 Colorado Street
Austin, TX 78701**

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Link to the April 4, 2023, Executive Committee Agenda and Materials:
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| 1. Call to Order | Laura Gibson | |
| 2. Roll Call | Trey Apffel | |
| 3. Remarks from the General Public*
<i>(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting.)</i> | | |
| 4. Report from the Executive Director
Discussion: General Report | Trey Apffel | (Materials) |
| 5. Report from the President
A. Discussion: General Report | Laura Gibson | (Materials) |
| B. Update on the At-Large Director appointment | | |

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C. Action: Consider and discuss approval of minutes of the January 10, 2023, Executive Committee meeting

6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Chad Baruch
Discussion: General Report
7. **Report from the President-elect** Cindy Tisdale **(Materials)**
A. Discussion: General Report
B. Budget Committee
Discussion:
1) Update on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24
2) SBOT Financial Trends and Projections
C. Committee Review Task Force
Action: Consider and discuss approval of task force recommendations regarding standing committees
8. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Sylvia Borunda Firth
A. Discussion: General Report
B. Update on Building Planning Special Committee pertaining to the 1415 Lavaca Building
9. **Executive Committee** Sylvia Borunda **(Materials)**
Nominations & Elections Subcommittee Firth/Santos Vargas
Discussion: Update on President-elect and District Director Elections
10. **Audit & Finance Committee** David Calvillo **(Materials)**
Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
11. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance** Robert Tobey
DCAAP Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report
12. **Section Representatives to the Board** Michael Smith
Discussion: General Report
13. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Senior Justice Debra Lehrmann
14. **Discussion:** Texas Young Lawyers Association Michael Ritter **(Materials)**
15. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel Ross Fischer

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16. **Discussion:** Report from Legal Counsel

Chris Ritter

- A. Closed Session** as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding *Bennett v. State Bar of Texas* (No. 4:21-cv-02829 (S.D. Tex.)), *Washington v. State Bar of Texas et al.* (No. 1:23-cv-00004-RP (W.D. Tex.)), *Robins v. State Bar of Texas et al.* (No. 4:23-cv-00404)(S.D. Tex.), *Harrison v. State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust* (No. 2023-07552)(55th District Court of Harris County), and tax law matters regarding fundraising for 1415 Lavaca; and as authorized by Texas Government Code 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

17. **Adjourn**

Laura Gibson

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Executive Committee should determine that a closed session of the Executive Committee 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. Gov't Code Ch. 551) will be held by the Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee meeting.

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