

**AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Friday, January 26, 2024 – 9 a.m. CST**

**Hilton Palacio Del Rio – Salon B & C
200 S. Alamo
San Antonio, TX 78205**

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Link to the January 26, 2024, Board of Directors Agenda and Materials:

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| 1. Call to Order | Kennon Lily Wooten |
| 2. Roll Call | Trey Apffel |
| 3. Invocation | Kelly-Ann Clarke |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Kimberly Naylor |
| 5. Remarks from the General Public*
<i>(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting.)</i> | |
| 6. Report from Chair of the Board | Kennon Lily Wooten (Materials) |
| A. Action: Consider and discuss approval of Consent Agenda Items | |
| B. Presentation of Resolutions | Cindy Tisdale |
| C. Discussion: | |
| 1) General Report | |

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- 2) Announcement of candidates for 2024-25 Chair of the Board
 - a. Comments from the Chair of the Board Candidates (*five minutes per candidate*)
 - Elizabeth Sandoval Cantu (Edinburg)
 - Paul K. Stafford (Dallas)

D. Action: Consider and discuss approval of method of voting to be used for the Chair of the Board election during the April board meeting

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| 7. | Report from Executive Director
Discussion: General Report | Trey Apffel | (Materials) |
| 8. | Report from President
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Update on Building Planning Special Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discussion: General Report2) Action: Consider and discuss approval of authorizing SBOT staff to move forward with fundraising and creation of 501(c)(3) needed for same3) Action: Consider and discuss approval of authorizing SBOT staff to move forward with design and construction planning | Cindy Tisdale

Sylvia Borunda Firth | (Materials) |
| 9. | Report from President-elect
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Budget Committee
Action: Consider and discuss approval of SBOT 2024-25 proposed budget for publication in the <i>Texas Bar Journal</i> | Steve Benesh | (Materials) |
| 10. | Report from Immediate Past President
Discussion: General Report | Laura Gibson | |
| 11. | Executive Committee
Nominations & Elections Subcommittee

Discussion: General Report | Laura Gibson/Chad Baruch | (Materials) |
| 12. | Audit & Finance Committee
A. Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

B. Action: Consider and discuss approval of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Financial Audit and Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 20232) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarters ending August 31, 2023 and November 30, 2023 | Robert Tobey | (Materials) |

13. **Administration Committee**
- A. Administration Committee** Dwight McDonald (Materials)
- 1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Rule 10, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, regarding withdrawal of attorneys of corporations
- 3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Rule 12, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, regarding a court being permitted to institute a hearing ordering counsel to show authority
- 4) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Rule 44, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, regarding improved terms to clarify when a party may sue and be represented by “next friend”
- B. Facilities & Equipment Subcommittee** Sonya Hoskins
- 1) **Discussion:** General Report
- 2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of Dallas CDC Regional office space lease, or authorize the Executive Director to approve the lease if further negotiations are needed
14. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee**
- A. DCAAP Subcommittee** Robert Tobey
Discussion: General Report
- B. Client Security Fund Subcommittee** Kimberly Naylor
Discussion: General Report
15. **Member Services & Education Committee**
- A. Professional Development Subcommittee** Kenda Culpepper
Discussion: General Report
- B. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee** Alex Stelly, Jr. (Materials)
Discussion: Report on Grant Authorization Request Received: “Law School Hub” by Texas Young Lawyers Association
16. **Public Services & Education Committee**
- Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee** G. David Smith (Materials)
Discussion: General Report
17. **Ad Hoc Committee to Select At-Large Directors** Kelly-Ann Clarke
Discussion: General Report

18. **Section Representatives to the Board**
Discussion: General Report Sonya Hoskins
19. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/
Chief Disciplinary Counsel**
Discussion: General Report Hon. Monica Gonzalez/ (Materials)
Seana Willing
20. **Discussion:** Ombudsman Update Stephanie Lowe (Materials)
21. **Discussion:** Texas Access to Justice Commission Harriet Miers
22. **Discussion:** Texas Bar Foundation Hon. Patrick Keel
23. **Texas Young Lawyers Association**
Discussion: General Report Laura Pratt (Materials)
24. **Discussion: Liaison Reports**
 - A. Supreme Court Liaison Senior Justice Debra Lehrmann
 - B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison Judge Jesse McClure III
 - C. Judicial Section Liaison Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez
 - D. Federal Judicial Liaison Judge Jason Pulliam
 - E. Out of State Lawyer Liaison Rakhi Israni
25. **Discussion: Report from General Counsel** Ross Fischer
26. **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 *Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Association*, 86 F.4th 620 (5th Cir. 2023), *Harrison v. State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust* (No. 2023-07552) (55th District Court of Harris County), *Turnbull v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline, et al.* (No. 1:23-cv-00314) (W.D. Tex.), *Washington v. State Bar of Texas et al.* (No. 1:23-cv-00526-RP) (W.D. Tex.), *Yan v. State Bar of Texas et al.* (No 4:23-cv-758) (N.D. Tex.), *Butler v. State Bar of Texas et al.* (No. 4:23-CV-01070 (E.D. Tex.), the State Bar of Texas office lease in Dallas, and legal matters related to 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
27. **SBOT Mission Statement** Lawrence Morales II

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28. **Adjourn**

Kennon Lily Wooten

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. Gov't 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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