

**REVISED AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Friday, April 19, 2024 – 9 a.m. CDT**

**The Tremont House
Tremont Ballroom
2300 Ship Mechanic St.
Galveston, TX 77550**

The presiding officer will be physically present at the meeting location listed above.

Members of the Public:
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Public comments will be received under agenda item 5.

Those who wish to address the Board of Directors in-person should fill out a speaker card at the beginning of the meeting and submit it to a staff member onsite. To sign up to speak remotely, please email boardofdirectors@texasbar.com or call (512) 427-1713 or (800) 204-2222 (toll free) before 5 p.m. CDT on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Please provide the agenda item number you wish to speak on.

Written comments regarding agenda items must be received by 5 p.m. CDT on Monday, April 15, 2024, for timely distribution to the Board of Directors before the meeting. Please submit written comments by email to boardofdirectors@texasbar.com and indicate the agenda item you are referring to.

Link to the April 19, 2024, Board of Directors Agenda and Materials:
www.texasbar.com/bodmaterials

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| 1. Call to Order | Kennon Lily Wooten | |
| 2. Roll Call | Trey Apffel | |
| 3. Invocation | Chad Baruch | |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Lori Kern | |
| 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 Resolution | Cindy Tisdale | |
| C. Discussion: General Report | | |

D. Chair of the Board Election

1) **Action:** Election of Chair of the Board for 2024-25

Candidates:

Elizabeth Sandoval Cantu (Edinburg)

Paul K. Stafford (Dallas)

2) Comments by Chair-elect

7. **Report from Executive Director** Trey Apffel **(Materials)**
Discussion: General Report
8. **Report from President** Cindy Tisdale **(Materials)**
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Action:** Consider and discuss approval of appointment of At-Large Director to the Board of Directors, for a three-year term, effective Annual Meeting 2024 and expiring Annual Meeting 2027:

Caren Lock (Lewisville)
- C. Update on Taskforce for Responsible AI in the Law**
- D. Building Planning Special Committee** Sylvia Borunda Firth
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of authorizing State Bar staff to move forward with design and construction planning
9. **Report from President-elect** Steve Benesh **(Materials)**
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Budget Committee**
1) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of State Bar of Texas 2024-2025 proposed budget for presentation to the Supreme Court
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of statutory membership fees increase effective fiscal year 2025-2026
3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of a plan to develop a recommendation on the amount, timing, and necessity of a referendum for a second membership fees increase
10. **Report from Immediate Past President** Laura Gibson
Discussion: General Report
11. **Executive Committee** Laura Gibson/Chad Baruch **(Materials)**
Nominations & Elections Subcommittee
- A. Discussion:** Update on President-elect and District Director Elections
- B. Action:** Consider and discuss approval of amendments to the State Bar Board Policy Manual pertaining to the nominations process for President-elect candidates

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- C. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of proposed amendments to the State Bar Rules pertaining to the nominations process for President-elect candidates

12. **Audit & Finance Committee**

Forrest Huddleston

(Materials)

- A. **Discussion:** Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements

- B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of:

- 1) Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending February 29, 2024
- 2) A one-year extension of PFM Asset Management’s contract for investment management services
- 3) Internal Audit Reports

Darlene Brown/
Liz Meyers

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 621a to update its reference to former Article 3773, Vernon’s Annotated Revised Civil States of the State of Texas, to the current law under Section 34.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code
- 3) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 18.1 regarding when a court of appeals must issue its mandate
- 4) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.4(h) regarding the existing obligation of parties to electronically bookmark an appendix and original proceeding record that is e-filed
- 5) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.4(j) clarifying that the obligation to include electronic bookmarks applies to all briefs and to petitions in original proceedings
- 6) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Administration Committee’s recommendation regarding the Court Rules Committee’s proposed amendments to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194.4 to add a comment stating that a party should not file a document or exhibit but must file a list that describes a document or exhibit that will or may be offered at trial

- B. **Performance Measures & Strategic Planning Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report

David Courreges

14. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee**
 - A. **DCAAP Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Robert Tobey
 - B. **Client Security Fund Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Kimberly Naylor
15. **Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda**
Discussion: Update on Committee activities and rule proposals M. Lewis Kinard **(Materials)**
16. **Public Services & Education Committee**
Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report G. David Smith
17. **Member Services & Education Committee**
 - A. **Professional Development Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Radha Thiagarajan
 - B. **New Directors Orientation Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Elizabeth Sandoval
Cantu
 - C. **Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Audie Sciumbato
 - D. **Technology Oversight Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Report Bill Kroger
18. **Section Representatives to the Board**
Discussion: General Report Sonya Hoskins
19. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/
Chief Disciplinary Counsel**
Discussion: General Report Judge Monica Gonzalez/ Seana Willing **(Materials)**
20. **Discussion:** Texas Access to Justice Commission Harriet Miers
21. **Discussion:** Texas Young Lawyers Association Laura Pratt **(Materials)**
22. **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
23. **Discussion:** Report from General Counsel Ross Fischer
24. **Discussion:** Report from Chief Legal Counsel Chris Ritter

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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), *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.), 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

25. **SBOT Mission Statement**

Shannon Quadros

26. **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.

SBOT MISSION

The mission of the State Bar of Texas is to support the administration of the legal system, assure all citizens equal access to justice, foster high standards of ethical conduct for lawyers, enable its members to better serve their clients and the public, educate the public about the rule of law and promote diversity in the administration of justice and the practice of law.