

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. CDT

Hilton Anatole
2201 N. Stemmons Fwy.
Dallas, TX 75207
Wedgwood Ballroom

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 in-person during this meeting 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 Tuesday, June 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 Friday, June 14, 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 June 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 | Rudolph “Rudy” K. Metayer | |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Dwight McDonald | |
| 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
A. Action: Consider and discuss approval of Consent Agenda Items | Kennon Lily Wooten | (Materials) |

B. Discussion:

- 1) General Report and Overview of the Bar Year
- 2) Presentation of Outstanding Third Year Director Award
- 3) Presentation of Public Member Award

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

B. Discussion: General Report

C. Update on Taskforce for Responsible AI in the Law

D. Action: Consider and discuss approval of referral of the Taskforce for Responsible AI in the Law report to the Administration Committee for review and potential recommendations to the Board | Cindy Tisdale | (Materials) |
| 9. | Report from President-elect
A. Discussion: General Report

B. Action: Consider and discuss approval of continuation of the Taskforce for Responsible AI in the Law, including approval of its roster

C. Action: Consider and discuss approval of the continuation of the Building Planning Special Committee, including approval of its roster, and grant authority to the committee to work with State Bar staff regarding decisions regarding remodeling, repairs, and uses of space in the 1415 Lavaca Building

D. Budget Committee
Discussion: General Report | Steve Benesh | (Materials) |
| 10. | Report from Immediate Past President
Discussion: General Report | Laura Gibson | |
| 11. | Executive Committee
Nominations & Elections Subcommittee
Discussion: Update on 2024 State Bar Elections | Laura Gibson/Chad Baruch | (Materials) |
| 12. | Audit & Finance Committee
Discussion: Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements | Forrest Huddleston | (Materials) |
| 13. | Administration Committee
A. Administration Committee
Discussion: General Report | Dwight McDonald | |

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| | 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. | Member Services & Education Committee
A. New Directors Orientation Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Elizabeth Sandoval Cantu | |
| | B. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Audie Sciumbato | |
| | C. Professional Development Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Radha Thiagarajan | |
| 16. | Public Services & Education Committee
Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | G. David Smith | |
| 17. | Section Representatives to the Board
Discussion: General Report | Sonya Hoskins | |
| 18. | Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Discussion: General Report | Judge Monica
Gonzalez/Seana Willing | (Materials) |
| 19. | Discussion: Texas Access to Justice Commission | Harriet Miers | |
| 20. | Discussion: Texas Young Lawyers Association | Laura Pratt | (Materials) |
| 21. | Discussion: Liaison Reports
A. Supreme Court Liaison
B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison
C. Judicial Section Liaison
D. Federal Judicial Liaison
E. Out of State Lawyer Liaison | Senior Justice Debra
Lehrmann
Judge Jesse McClure III
Chief Justice Rebeca
Martinez
Judge Jason Pulliam
Rakhi Israni | |
| 22. | Discussion: Report from General Counsel | Ross Fischer | |
| 23. | Discussion: Report from Chief Legal Counsel
Closed Session: | Chris Ritter | |

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- A. As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the general counsel and the evaluation, duties, and compensation of the executive director. Cindy Tisdale
- B. **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.), *Robins v. State Bar of Texas, et al.* (No. 202418660) (129th District Court, Harris County), *Turnbull v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline, et al.* (No. D-1-GN-24-002025) (201st District Court, Travis County), legal matters related to 1415 Lavaca, and as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matter(s)

C. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

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

- 24. **For Information Only:** End of Year Reports **(Materials)**
State Bar Committee and Section Reports
- 25. **SBOT Mission Statement** Noelle Hicks
- 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.