

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 9:00 a.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.

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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 20, 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 | Craig Cherry |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags | Kenda Culpepper |
| 5. Remarks from the General Public
<i>(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting.)</i> | |
| 6. Swearing-in | Senior Justice Debra
Lehrmann |
| A. Chair of the Board | |
| 1) Incoming Chair of the Board Paul K. Stafford | |

- 2) General Remarks and Appointment of Board Committees, Advisors, and Alternate Advisors to State Bar Sections and Committees for 2024-25 Paul K. Stafford **(Materials)**

B. President-elect

- 1) Incoming President-elect
2) General Remarks Santos Vargas

C. New Directors

2024-25 Incoming Directors, Liaisons, and Section Representatives

7. **Presentation to Incoming President** Paul K. Stafford
Discussion: General Remarks Steve Benesh
8. **Report from Executive Director** Trey Appfel
Discussion: General Report
9. **Discussion:** Texas Young Lawyers Association Hisham Masri
10. **Discussion:** Report from General Counsel Ross Fischer
11. **Discussion:** Report from Chief 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), *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)
- B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session**
- C. Action**, if needed, on items discussed in closed session
12. **SBOT Mission Statement** Matthew Hill
13. **Adjourn** Paul K. Stafford

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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.