

**AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. CDT**

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

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 3.

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Written comments regarding agenda items must be received by 5 p.m. CDT on Friday, August 30, 2024, for timely distribution to the Executive Committee members 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 September 5, 2024, Executive Committee Agenda and Materials:

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| 1. | Call to Order | Steve Benesh |
| 2. | Roll Call | Trey Appfel |
| 3. | Remarks from the General Public
<i>(Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting.)</i> | |
| 4. | Report from Executive Director
Discussion: General Report | Trey Appfel (Materials) |
| 5. | Report from President
A. Discussion: General Report | Steve Benesh (Materials) |
| | B. Action: Consider and discuss approval of minutes of the March 21, 2024, Executive Committee meeting | |

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- C. Update on the Building Planning Special Committee
Discussion: General Report Sylvia Borunda Firth
6. **Report from Chair of the Board** Paul K. Stafford
A. **Discussion:** General Report
B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of referral of the Texas Supreme Court's Preliminary Approval of Rules Governing Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals and Licensed Court-Access Assistants to the Administration Committee for consideration of possible comments as requested by the Court and to be reported to and considered by the State Bar Board of Directors at its next meeting
7. **Report from President-elect** Santos Vargas
Discussion:
1) General Report
2) FY 2025-26 Budget Committee Update
3) Committee Review Taskforce Update
8. **Report from Immediate Past President** Cindy Tisdale
Discussion: General Report
9. **Executive Committee** Cindy Tisdale/Kennon **(Materials)**
Nominations & Elections Subcommittee Lily Wooten
Discussion: General Report
10. **Administration Committee** Elizabeth Sandoval **(Materials)**
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Discussion: Report regarding the Texas Supreme Court's Preliminary Approval of Rules Governing Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals and Licensed Court-Access Assistants
11. **Audit & Finance Committee** Forrest Huddleston **(Materials)**
Discussion:
1) Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
2) Update on Financial and Internal Audits
12. **Minimum Continuing Legal Education Committee** Yolanda Cortes Mares **(Materials)**
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the MCLE Committee's recommendation to change Section 2.1.2 of the Texas MCLE Regulations on accredited CLE activities to include credit for attorney participating in moot court/mock trial competitions
13. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance** Jeff Cochran
DCAAP Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report

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14. **Section Representatives to the Board** Jerry Bullard
Discussion: General Report
15. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Senior Justice Debra Lehrmann
16. **Discussion:** Texas Young Lawyers Association Hisham Masri **(Materials)**
17. **Discussion:** Report from General Counsel Ross Fischer
18. **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.), *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), *Alford v. State Bar of Texas, et al.* (No. 4:24-CV-01679), 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
19. **Adjourn** Steve Benesh

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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