

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Friday, September 26, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. CDT

State Bar of Texas
Texas Law Center – Room 101
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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Link to the September 26, 2025, Board of Directors Agenda and Materials:

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| 1. Call to Order | Britney E. Harrison | |
| 2. Roll Call | Trey Apffel | |
| 3. Invocation | Diana Gomez | |
| 4. Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flag | Cade W. Browning | |
| 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 | Britney E. Harrison | (Materials) |
| A. Action: Consider and discuss approval of Consent Agenda Items | | |
| B. Presentation of Resolution | Santos Vargas | |

C. Discussion:

- 1) General Report
- 2) Solicitation of candidates to serve as Chair of the 2026-27 Board of Directors

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| 7. | Report from Executive Director
Discussion: General Report | Trey Apffel | (Materials) |
| 8. | Report from President
Discussion: General Report | Santos Vargas | (Materials) |
| 9. | Report from President-elect
Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) General Report2) FY 2026-27 Budget Committee Update | G. David Smith | |
| 10. | Report from Immediate Past President
Discussion: General Report | Steve Benesh | |
| 11. | Executive Committee
A. Nominations & Elections Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Steve Benesh/Paul Stafford | (Materials) |
| | B. Policy Manual Subcommittee <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discussion General Report2) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding removing obsolete State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 1.04.01 and associated references in definitions (15) and (29)(E) and renumbering the definitions accordingly3) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding editing State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 1.15.02 regarding presidential appointments4) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding editing State Bar Board Policy Manual Sections 1.26(D), 6.04.02(A), 7.05.04(B), and 7.09 for consistency5) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding editing State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 2.01.07(C) for compliance6) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding editing State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 3.01.01 to reflect current bar dues7) Action: Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding editing State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 3.02.06(A) and (B) to reflect current policies and clarify the difference between minimum and assigned reserves | Shannon Quadros | (Materials) |

- 8) **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of the Policy Manual Subcommittee’s recommendation regarding removing State Bar Board Policy Manual Section 1.19.05 through Section 1.19.12 for simplification and compliance
12. **Administration Committee**
Performance Measures & Strategic Planning Subcommittee Steve Alfonso Chiscano
Discussion: General Report
13. **Audit & Finance Committee** August Watkins Harris III **(Materials)**
A. Discussion:
1) Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
2) Update on Financial and Internal Audits
B. Investment Overview Nathan Smith
C. Action: Consider and discuss approval of the State Bar’s quarterly investment report for May 2025
D. Action: Consider and discuss approval of the adoption of PFM Broker/Dealer List for investments
E. Action: Consider and discuss approval of the adoption of the State Bar of Texas investment policy
14. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee**
Client Security Fund Subcommittee Stephen J. Venzor
Discussion: General Report
15. **Member Services & Education Committee**
A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee Rosalind V.O. Perez **(Materials)**
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider and discuss whether to approve the recommendation of the Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee regarding the decision of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization denying the application of Judge Maria Aceves for certification in Civil Trial Law
B. Professional Development Subcommittee Chris Nickelson
Discussion: General Report
C. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee Rudolph “Rudy” K. Metayer
Discussion: General Report
16. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Brandy Wingate Voss
Discussion: General Report
17. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** Alyson A. Martinez **(Materials)**
Discussion: General Report

18. **Discussion: Liaison Reports**
- A. **Supreme Court Liaison** Senior Justice Debra Lehrmann
 - B. **Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison** Judge Jesse F. McClure III
 - C. **Judicial Section Liaison** Judge Victor Villarreal
 - D. **Federal Judicial Liaison** Judge Robert W. “Trey” Schroeder III
 - E. **Out of State Lawyer Liaison** Sundeep K. “Rob” Addy **(Materials)**
19. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/Chief Disciplinary Counsel** Sally Pretorius/Seana Willing **(Materials)**
Discussion: General Report
20. **Discussion:** Texas Center for Legal Ethics Patrice Childress/Brad Johnson
21. **Discussion:** Texas Access to Justice Commission Harriet Miers
22. **Discussion: Report from General Counsel** Ross Fischer
23. **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 *Turnbull v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline, et al.* (03-25-00328-CV) (3rd Court of Appeals); *Robins v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline, et al.* (No. 15-25-00144-CV, 15th Court of Appeals); legal matters related to 1415 Lavaca; legal matters related to the State Bar's Information Technology system security; 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
24. **For Information Only:** State Bar Committees Projects and Objectives Report **(Materials)**
25. **Adjourn** Britney E. Harrison

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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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