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Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hyatt Regency Lost Pines – Lost Pines 6-7-8
575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road
Lost Pines, TX 78612
Friday, April 27, 2007 – 9:30a.m.

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1. **Call to Order** — Robert A. Black
2. **Roll Call** — John Edwards
3. **Invocation** — Flint Sparks

4. **Remarks from the General Public***
   (Sign in sheet available for public comment)

5. **Report from the Chair of the Board** — Robert A. Black
   A. **Discussion**: General Report
   B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of Consent Agenda items — **(Consent Tab)**

6. **Report from the President** — Martha Dickie
   A. **Discussion:**
      1) General Report
      2) Comments from Louisiana State Bar President — Marta Schnabel
      3) "Practicing from the Shadows" Pins — Bill Burch
      4) Legislative Update

   B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of – — **(Tab 1)**
      1) Texas Bar Foundation Agreement
      2) Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism Bylaws
      3) Recommendations from the Task Force on Retention of Women and Minorities in the Profession
      4) Report and Recommendations from the Accounting Standards Review Work Group — Travis Vanderpool
      5) Report and Recommendations on Mentoring from the — William D. Elliott/Roland Johnson

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Professionalism Committee

6) Report and Recommendations from the Habeas Counsel Task Force — F. R. (Buck) Files, Jr. **(Handout)**

7) Report and Recommendations from the Mental Health Task Force including approval of request to the State Bar Membership department and the Supreme Court of Texas to add language to Bar Cards — Lloyd M. Garland, M.D.

8) Appointment of Minority Members to the Board of Directors, for three-year terms, effective Annual Meeting 2007 and expiring Annual Meeting 2010

Theresa Chang (Houston)
Lisa Tatum (San Antonio)

7. **Report from the President-elect** — Gib Walton

A. **Discussion:** General Report

B. **Budget Subcommittee** **(Tab 2)**

Action: Consider and discuss approval of the 2007-08 SBOT budget for presentation to the Supreme Court

8. **Chair of the Board Elections** — Robert A. Black **(Tab 3)**

A. **Action:** Election of Chair of the Board for 2007-08 *(by written ballot)*

Candidates:

John Ellis
Bob Miller
Michael Smith
Travis Vanderpool

B. Comments by Chair designate

9. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/ Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** — Betty Blackwell/ John A. Neal **(Tab 4)**

Discussion: General Report

10. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** — Karin Crump

Discussion: General Report

11. **Administration Committee** — Ron Bunch — **(Tab 5)**
    A. **Discussion:** Update on Subcommittee Activities

    B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of –
    1) Changes to the Real Estate Strategic Plan (including budgetary changes), if any
    2) Employment/Salary/Evaluation Subcommittee Succession Plan/Career Ladder

12. **Finance Committee** — Michael Connelly — **(Tab 6)**
    A. **Discussion:** Financial Reports & General Review of Financial Statements

    B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of –
    1) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending February 28, 2007
    2) PFM Group (Susan Anderson) and University of North Texas Center for Public Management as Investment Trainers for Public Funds Investment Act Training for 2007-08
    3) Broker and Primary Dealer List for Investments for 2007-08

13. **Discipline/CAAP Committee** — Lisa M. Tatum
    Discussion: Discipline/CAAP and Client Security Fund Subcommittees

14. **Executive Committee** — Martha Dickie
    Discussion: Nominations & Elections Subcommittee, Policy Manual and Strategic Planning Subcommittees; Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors; Referendum Task Force

    a. **Policy Manual Subcommittee** — Laura Sharp — **(Tab 7)**
    Action: Consider and discuss approval of **–**
    1) Revision of State Bar Mission Statement
    2) Revision of Policy Manual Section 5.08 regarding Section Representatives to the Board Committee Terms and Vacancies
    3) Revision of Policy Manual Section 1.13 regarding Section Representatives to the Board serving on Board committees
    4) Revision of Section 5.02 concerning Section Finances

b. **Strategic Planning Subcommittee** — Laura Sharp **(Tab 8)**
Action: Consider and discuss approval of 2007-08 SBOT Strategic Plan

15. **Member Services & Education Committee** — Michael Smith
Discussion: Appeals-Grant Review, New Directors Orientation, Professional Development, and Technology Oversight subcommittees

a. **Appeals Grant Review Subcommittee** — Lloyd Garland, M.D. **(Tab 9)**
Discussion: Report of Grants Received
1) "Sign Up Fund" (Sponsor: State Bar Disability Issues Committee $40,000)

b. **New Director's Orientation Subcommittee** — Cynthia Barela
Discussion: Update on June 8-9, 2007 Orientation

c. **Professional Development Subcommittee** — F. R. (Buck) Files, Jr.
Discussion: General Report

d. **Technology Oversight Subcommittee** — Michael Smith
Discussion: General Report

16. **Public Services & Education Committee**
A. **Legal Services Subcommittee** — Henry Simpson
Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Malpractice Insurance requirement for State Bar Lawyer Referral Service participant

B. **Legislative Policy Subcommittee** — Mike Atkins
Action: Consider and discuss approval of additions or changes to the SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Subcommittee, if any

17. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** — Judy L. Ney
A. **Discussion:** General Report

B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of updated Council of Chairs Handbook **(Tab 10)**

18. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
    A. Supreme Court Liaison — Justice Dale Wainwright
    B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison — Judge Lawrence E. Meyers
    C. Federal Judicial Liaison — Judge A. Joe Fish
    D. Judicial Section Liaison — Judge Barbara Walther
    E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison — R.E. Thompson

19. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director — John Edwards

20. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel — Elizabeth Rogers

If during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the State Bar Board of Directors should determine that a closed or executive session of the State Bar Board of Directors should be held or is required in relation to an item noticed in this meeting notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act will be held by the State Bar Board of Directors at that date, hour, and place given in this notice or soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the State Bar Board of Directors may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.084 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to

Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law: pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer, or privileged communication.

Section 551.072 – For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Section 551.074 – For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board and/or to aid in the effectiveness of the meeting.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

a. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
b. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

21. **ADJOURN**

[* Comments from the public may be taken through the Board meeting.]

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