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Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Tremont House – Tremont Ballroom North
2300 Ship's Mechanic Row
Galveston Island, TX
September 28, 2007 – 9:00a

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1. **Call to Order** — Travis Vanderpool
2. **Roll Call** — Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation**

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

5. **Report from the Chair of the Board** — Travis Vanderpool
   A. **Discussion**:
      1) General Report
      2) Solicitation of candidates to serve as Chair of the Board, 2008-2009
   B. **Action:** Consider approval of –
      1) Consent Agenda items **(Consent Tab)**

6. **Report from the President** — Gib Walton
   A. **Discussion:**
      1) General Report
      2) Update on "Let's Do Justice for Texas!" Initiative
      3) Update on Court Administration Task Force
      4) Task Force to Study Malpractice Insurance Disclosure Rules **(Tab 1)**
      5) Report on Disaster Hotline Issues

   B. **Action**:
      1) Consider approval of Resolution pertaining to waiver of Dues and MCLE Requirements for Military attorneys serving in combat zones

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.

2) Grievance Oversight Committee Report and Comments of Commission for Lawyer Discipline and the Board of Directors **(Tab 2)**

3) Vote on the Nominee for State Commission on Judicial Conduct, for a six year term effective November 19, 2007 through November 20, 2013:

Tom Alan Cunningham (Houston)
David C. Duggins (Austin)

7. **Report from the President-elect** — Harper Estes
A. **Discussion:** General Report

B. **Budget Subcommittee**
Discussion: General Update and Timeline

8. **Discussion**: Update on Bar-related Entities Task Force — Martha Dickie

9. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/ Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** — Betty Blackwell/ John A. Neal **(Tab 3)**
Discussion: General Update

10. **Administration Committee** — Rocky Robinson
A. **Discussion:** General Report
1) Lobby Structural Redesign

B. **Action**: Consider and discuss approval of –
1) Changes to the Real Estate Strategic Plan (including budgetary changes), if any
2) Revision of Policy Manual Section 9.01.02(B) regarding Executive Director's authority to compromise claims
3) Delegation of authority to the Executive Committee for approval of window replacement project

11. **Audit & Finance Subcommittee** — Bill Kroger **(Tab 4)**
A. **Discussion:**
1) Financial Reports and General Review of Financial Statements
2) Update on Financial Audit and new Director of Accounting

3) Investment Overview — Susan Anderson

B. **Action:** Consider Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report

C. **Action**: Consider approval of –
1) PFM Group (Susan Anderson) and University of North Texas Center for Public Management as Investment Trainers for Public Funds Investment Act Training
2) Broker and Primary Dealer List for Investments for 2007-08
3) Revisions to Investment Policy
4) Internal Audit Plan

12. **Discipline/CAAP Committee** — Bob Miller
Discussion: Discipline/CAAP and Client Security Fund Subcommittees

13. **Executive Committee** — Gib Walton
Discussion: Nominations & Elections, Policy Manual and Strategic Planning Subcommittees; Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors

a. **Nominations & Elections Subcommittee** — Martha Dickie/Bob Black
A. **Discussion:** General Report

B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of – **(Tab 5)**
1. Policy relating to expense stipend to State Bar Officers
2. Board policy amendments relating to the election of President-elect

b. **Strategic Planning Subcommittees** — Cindi Barela
Discussion: General Report

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

a. **Appeals Grant Review Subcommittee** — Rodolfo Garcia **(Tab 6)**
Discussion: Report of Grants Received
1) "Justice 101: A Client's Guide to the Litigation Process"

(Sponsor: Texas Young Lawyers Association $54,200)
2) "Lets Do Justice For Texas" (Sponsor: State Bar of Texas $65,000)

b. **Professional Development Subcommittee** — Van Hilley
Discussion: General Report

15. **Public Services & Education Committee** — Henry Simpson
A. **Discussion:** Legal Services and Legislative Policy Subcommittees

B. **Action:** Consider approval of Malpractice insurance requirement for State Bar Lawyer Referral Service participants **(Tab 7)**

16. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** — Pat Allison
Discussion: Sections Update

17. **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 Sam Sparks
D. Judicial Section Liaison — Judge Brian Quinn
E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison — R.E. Thompson

18. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** — Bill Miller
Discussion: General Update

19. **Discussion:** Report from the Deputy Executive Director — Michelle Hunter

20. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel — Elizabeth Rogers
A. ***Closed Session*** as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 for the purpose of consultation with General Counsel regarding pending litigation
B. ***End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session***

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.

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