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Agenda

STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center– Yellow Rose Ballroom
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, TX 76051
January 25, 2008 – 9:00am

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1. **Call to Order** — Travis Vanderpool
2. **Roll Call** — John Edwards
3. **Invocation** — Rabbi Howard Wolk
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags**

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

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

7. **Report from the President** — Gib Walton
   A. **Discussion:**
      1) General Report
      2) Update on "Let's Do Justice for Texas!" Initiative and YouTube competition
      3) Proposed Texas Bar CLE policy change — David E. Keltner
      4) Update on Task Force on Malpractice Insurance Disclosure — **(Tab 1)**
      5) Update on Task Force on Court Administration
      6) Costa Rica CIVITAS/LRE Trip
      7) Texas Legal Protection Plan Contribution to Summer Internship Program

   B. **Action**: Consider and discuss approval of –
      1) Military Law Section resolution — **(Tab 2)**

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

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B. **Budget Subcommittee**
Action: Consider and discuss approval of –
1) SBOT 2008-09 proposed budget for publication in Texas Bar Journal with notice of public hearing **(Tab 3)**

9. **Report from the Immediate Past President** — Martha Dickie
Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Report on Grievance Referral Program — Jeff Hitt

10. **Report from the UPL Committee** — Rodney Gilstrap/James Rader

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

B. **Action:** Consider approval of nominees for 2008-2009 SBOT President-elect: **(Tab 4)**

(Claude Ducloux)
(Roland Johnson)

C. Comments from President-elect nominees
(ten minutes per candidate)

12. **Commission for Lawyer Discipline/ Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update** — Betty Blackwell/ John A. Neal
Discussion: General Update **(Tab 5)**

13. **Administration Committee** — Rocky Robinson
A. **Discussion:**
1) General Report
2) Advisor Coordination Subcommittee — Carolyn F. Moore

B. **Action**: Consider and discuss approval of –
1) Changes to the Real Estate Strategic Plan (including budgetary changes), if any

14. **Audit & Finance Subcommittee** — Bill Kroger
A. **Discussion:**
1) Financial Reports and General Review of Financial **(Tab 6)**

Statements

B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of –
1) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Reports for Quarters ending August 31, 2007 and November 30, 2007
2) Acceptance of Financial Audit for FY ending May 31, 2007
3) Acceptance of Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2007
4) Placing $150,000 Lawyer Referral fee into CSF Corpus

15. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Program Committee** Bob Miller
A. **Discussion:** General Report

B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of –
1) Proposed changes to Article III of the State Bar Rules and to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct

16. **Executive Committee** Gib Walton
Discussion: Policy Manual and Strategic Planning Subcommittees; Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors

a. **Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors** Ed Fernandes
Discussion: General Report

17. **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
1) **Discussion:** Report of Grants Received **(Tab 7)**
a. "Play by the Rules: Texas Laws for Youth" (Sponsor: Law Related Education Department and Law Focused Education Committee)
b. "When Babies Cry" (Sponsor: Child Abuse and Neglect Committee)
c. 2008-09 Calendar "Justice For All" (Sponsor: Texas Lawyers' Care)

2) **Action:** Consider approval of subcommittee's recommendations regarding the following appeal –

a. Texas Board of Legal Specialization: Jerry W. Melton – regarding suspension of Criminal and Family Law Certification

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

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

19. **Report from the Texas Bar Foundation** — David R. McAtee II

20. **Discussion:** Chair of the Board Election — Travis Vanderpool
A. Announcement of candidates for Chair of the Board, 2008-2009
1) Comments from the Chair of the Board Candidates *(four minutes per candidate)*

B. **Action:** Consider and discuss approval of method of voting to be used in the Chair of the Board elections during the April Board meeting *(show of hands or by written ballot)*

21. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** — Pat Allison **(Tab 8)**
Discussion: Sections Update

22. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
A. Supreme Court Liaison — Justice Dale Wainwright **(Tab 9)**
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

23. **Texas Young Lawyers Association** — William W. Miller, Jr.
Discussion: General Update

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

25. **Discussion:** Report from the General Counsel — Elizabeth Rogers **(Tab 10)**

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26. **Discussion:** Annual Meeting Resolutions Committee Request for Sergeant-at-Arms for Resolutions Committee meeting at the State Bar Annual Meeting — Travis Vanderpool

27. **For Information Only**: Access to Justice Commission Report **(Tab 11)**

28. **For Information Only:** Mid-Year State Bar Section Reports **(Tab 12)**

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.

29. **ADJOURN**

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

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