

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VIE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Jordan Couch for Andrew Pugsley
CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON	Laura Rodgers
VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES	Heather Swann
PC MINORITY BAR LIAISON	Mark Brady
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Aryna Anderson
COLLABORATIVE LAW LIAISON	Leslie Bottimore
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LIAISONS	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
JUVENILE COURT LIAISON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
OTHER:	Lawyer, David Snell

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich

\* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:22 am by President Ken Blanford. As this is the first meeting of the new bar year, introductions were made by all.

2. JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January 2019 minutes were reviewed, moved, and seconded. The minutes were approved as presented. However, later in the meeting Leslie Bottimore advised she mis-spoke at the

January meeting and the upcoming Collaborative Law visit will be at Seattle University School of Law rather than UW School of Law.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

Meetings will start promptly at 7:15 and end at promptly at 8:15 as Ken is mindful that all members have other obligations to attend to. Please be on time.

All the Trustees will liaison with Bar Committees, so please email Ken your preferences or you will be assigned a Committee.

Please remember to think before you speak or email as you represent the TPCBA.

If you need to be absent, please feel free to provide a report in writing in advance of the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Nothing to report.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

SUPERIOR COURT REPORT--JUDGE JOHNSON

Please check each Department for their availability on snow days.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT--JORDAN COUCH

The last meeting was cancelled due to snow. They are planning for the year. Law Day is the first week in May. The Section is working on scheduling a time and location for head shots to be taken for New/Young Lawyers and anyone else interested in a new head shot.

#### CRIMINAL AW SECTION REPORT--LAURA RODGERS

There are changes to the criminal law courtroom procedures. A bond grant program exists in King County for indigent defendants, the section would like to bring the grant program to Pierce County. The Section is working on a social event and is starting lunch-time CLEs.

#### VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES--HEATHER SWANN

VLS had their first meeting of the Bar year with introductions and the beginning of a plan for the year. They are rolling out "Give 2 in 2019."

#### COLLABORATIVE LAW--LESLIE BOTTIMORE

Their training was rescheduled to May 3rd and 4th. The Collaborative Professionals of Washington Annual Forum is in March.

#### WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS--ARYNA ANDERSON

Section is doing great.

#### 9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Casey and Ken began exploring the possible expansion of Court badges to allow out-of-county attorneys access and to raise funds for the TPCBA.

Ken's goal is to balance the budget and the only way to accomplish is to raise income or cut expenses (or both)

There was an active shooter false alarm at the Court House last week.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester

BOT Retreat,

#### 11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 a.