

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VIE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Cole Douglas
CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON	Laura Rodgers
VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES	Heather Swann
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Amber Austin
PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	Presiding Judge, Judy Jasprica
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
OTHER:	David Snell, Lawyer
	Sal Mungia, Chair, Access to Justice Board

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
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 7:20 am by President Ken Blanford.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The February 2019 minutes were reviewed, moved, and seconded. The minutes were approved with one spelling correction, Laura Rodgers's last name was missing the "d." The March 2019 Board retreat minutes were reviewed, moved, and seconded and approved as presented.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

Ken read the TPCBA Mission and reminded the Trustees/Liaisons that the Mission is our direction and this is where we will focus our energy for ideas, activities, etc.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

Judicial evaluations are taking place. Three have been completed, one in the works. The end of April is the deadline for providing information to the Governor for Judicial Appointments.

Jamey would like the Board to consider adopting a resolution that all Trustees and Liaisons will commit to participating in the Give 2 in 2019 Tacoma Pro Bono Campaign.

The Campaign for Equal Justice is organizing tours of the Northwest Detention Center, to provide information and to seek volunteers. The next tours are 5/2 and 6/18, both from 9-10:30 am with a debrief at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project office in downtown Tacoma.

The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project wants to connect with our CLE Committee.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Heather and Kit are exploring ways to reduce expenses, including reductions in copier lease and website hosting.

Heather is exploring the costs for Directors and Officers Insurance as well as Employment Practices Insurance as the TPCBA has neither at present.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NOT USED

7. NEW BUSINESS

SAL MUNGIA, CHAIR OF THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE BOARD

Sal provided an overview of the history of funding and eligibility for civil legal aid and encouraged all members to contribute to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

- Eligibility is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- There are three sources of funding: Federal, State, and Private (including IOLTA)
- 17% of Pierce County attorneys contributed last year to the Campaign for Equal Justice.
- Only about 22% of eligible persons, with legitimate civil legal needs are helped, given funding and staffing levels.

The Tacoma Wine/Beer and Justice is on July 18th at Pat Palace's place. Noah Purcell is speaking.

TacomaProBono night is at the Tacoma Art Museum on October 23rd.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

9. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

DISTRICT COURT REPORT--JUDGE JASPRICA

There will be 3 new District Court courtrooms built on the 5th floor in the space just of the elevator. The design is in the final stages and will include Attorney Interview Rooms and perhaps a Conference Room.

Probation is moving to the 6th floor of the County-City Building.

The Resource Center is moving to the 925 Tacoma Ave. Building. The Resource Center includes Worksource, DSHS, housing services, assessments, and the work crew.

The two first floor courtrooms will become Superior Court Commissioner courtrooms.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—COLE DOUGLAS

The next swearing-in ceremony is April 25th at 4:00 p.m. in room 100. Board attendance would be appreciated. Law Day is May 3rd; however, because of Judicial Conferences the activities will be the following week. Casino Night is 6/7.

CRIMINAL AW SECTION REPORT--LAURA RODGERS

Laura is acting as a Committee of one as there is a lack of section participation. She could use some help.

VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES--HEATHER SWANN

The Run for Equal Justice, part of the Tacoma City Marathon, is on May 5th.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Both Seattle University and Gonzaga were honored to each have one student listed in the Top 10 Law Students in National Jurist. If you need to hire, please consider reaching out to SU and they will help you with a search.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing reported.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 am.