

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

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VICE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Cole Douglas
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Carly Roberts
JUVENILE COURT LIAISON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz

* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:16 am by President Ken Blanford

2. MEETING MINUTES

The October 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—KEN BLANFORD

The bylaws and articles of incorporation are in review, Lisa Kremer is taking the lead on this project.

The Judicial Qualifications Committee will now be evaluating the 3 candidates from Pierce County for the state Supreme Court.

King County Bar Association has an on-line judicial review process that TPCBA is looking into duplicating.

The Board is looking for nominations for Vice President and Trustees. So far, there is interest from 1 person for VP and 2 persons for Trustee. Please let the nominating committee know if you are aware of possible candidates.

The Bar Convention numbers are in and we brought in more gross revenues this year, but expenses were higher than in past years so there was virtually no profit.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

September minutes needs to be included in December agenda as there was no quorum in October to approve the minutes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

CREATION OF DAYCARE AT COURT HOUSE—JOHN CAIN

John is in the early phases of information gathering to see if a daycare can be added to the court house so that parties who do not have daycare have a place for their children during court proceedings.

John spoke with Carol Mitchell, Pierce County Senior Counsel for Justice Services, who suggested a voucher program using an existing daycare, perhaps on bus line 2 as it is convenient to the court house. André volunteered to check with the RJC daycare to find out what he can about how it operates. Carly suggested we might look into the church that Tacomaprobono and the TPCBA rent space from as there is an existing church nursery that could potentially be utilized during the week. John requested the board consider making a commitment to provide some seed money to kick start the project.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—PRESIDING COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

Philip Thornton was hired as the newest Commissioner and Alicia Burton was appointed by the Governor to fill Judge Hickman's position. Commissioner Thornton starts his training on December 9th.

For the rotations starting in January:

Commissioner Kiesel	Western State
Commissioner Henderson	100
Commissioner Farmer	Juvenile Offender Court
Commissioner Gelman	ex parte
Commissioner Lindsay	DV screener
Commissioner McInville	Remann Hall
Commissioner Johnson	Presiding, room 407
Commissioner Adams	Criminal/ CD2
Commissioner Thornton	117/DV

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—COLE DOUGLAS

The mentoring event was well attended, fun, and successful.

The section is holding elections and will have new officers elected by their December meeting.

FAMILY LAW REPORT—ANTHONY ZORICH

The Habitat for Humanity event was well attended.

The Family Law Board is meeting with the family court judges to discuss their GAL letter and recommendations.

TACOMAPROBONO—HEATHER SWANN

There is still time to donate 2 hours in 2019.

There is a new clinic, the pre-eviction clinic.

March 12th is the kick off for the Run for Equal Justice and the run is on May 3rd.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—CARLY ROBERTS

The holiday party is on December 5th at Blake and Oratai Kremmer's house in Brown's point.

The group is shifting focus away from Happy Hours to more family friendly, non-alcohol based activities.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

There will be a Sidebar in Tacoma on 11/20, the Board is invited even if not a SU alum. It will be at Pacific Grill Events Center.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lisa would like a discussion of the Articles and Bylaws added to the December agenda.

John would like the daycare discussion added to the December agenda.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.