

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VICE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
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	Aryna Anderson
COLLABORATIVE LAW LIAISON	Leslie Bottimore
JUVENILE COURT LIAISON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
DISTRICT COURT	Presiding Judge Judy Rae Jasprica
WSBA LIAISON, 6 TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE	Judge Brian, Tollefson, Ret.

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
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* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:15 am by President Ken Blanford.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The July 2019 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

Please read the WSBA Bar Structure Committee Report and the Minority Report/Dissent.

Judicial Evaluations will be performed in 2020. The Committee is working on the framework of the evaluation so there will be no surprises for the Judges when it takes place.

Please let the Board know if you or anyone you know is interested in running for a position on the Board.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

There will be more Judicial Qualification evaluations coming up in the future.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

Please let Heather, Ken, or Jamey know if anyone has any input into next year's budget as we will be starting the planning soon.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

BAR CONVENTION—STEVE MERRIVAL

Convention is this weekend. All the rooms are rented and it will be a full house.

PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—PRESIDING COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

Judge Sabrina Ahrens' swearing in is later in the week.

The Court is now reviewing the applications for the open Commissioner position.

DISTRICT COURT-- PRESIDING JUDGE JUDY RAE JASPRICA

Construction on the new courtrooms on the 5th and 6th floor began on 9/11. Demolition of the 925 building started on 9/16.

There is Pro Tem training for District Court offered on 10/11.

LFO Reconsideration Day is 9/25, for Superior, District, and Municipal Courts. There are 600 people signed up to arrive at 8:30 a.m. and 400 signed up to arrive at 12:30 p.m. It will be very busy in the courthouse that day.

FAMILY LAW REPORT—ANTHONY ZORICH

The section's service project will be on 11/2 working with Habitat for Humanity.

The committee is still working on a proposal for GAL training, specific to Pierce County. They are working on a report to the GAL committee with recommendations.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—COLE DOUGLAS

The next swearing in ceremony is 10/1.

There will be a mentoring event on 10/17 at Coles Bar and Grill in Ruston.

CRIMINAL LAW—LAURA RODGERS

The section members are not engaging and participating. At the last monthly meeting/CLE only 3-4 people attended. She will likely not schedule any more monthly meetings. The members need to participate and engage if they want their voice heard to effectuate any changes.

The annual criminal law CLE has some amazing speakers this year.

TACOMAPROBONO—HEATHER SWANN

The committee continues its work on a bylaw review and search for a replacement Director. The committee is also working on community outreach.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—ARYNA ANDERSON

The Board is changing this month, Carly Roberts and Miranda Baner are the new co-Presidents. Carly will be the new liaison to the Board.

The next Happy Hour is 9/26. The Woman of the Year is 10/8 and the recipient is Laurie Davenport.

The state wide WWL event is in Seattle on 10/11.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

SU has resumed classes for the year and has 227 new students, 33 part-time. Gonzaga is back in session as well. UW will be resuming classes shortly.

The National Board of Bar Examiners is looking for input on bar exams. He will forward the communication to the Board if anyone wishes to comment.

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE

Collaborative law has been around for 29 year.

WSBA LIAISON, 6TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE--JUDGE BRIAN, TOLLEFSON, RET.

The WSBA has a new Director of HR, Felix Neals, and a new CFO, Jorge Perez.

The recently passed Non-Retaliation Policy is being re-looked at.

The Bar Structures Work Group report has been published.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 am.