

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 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 *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Josh Bromley
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
JUVENILE COURT LIAISON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
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* 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 September and November 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—KEN BLANFORD

The DAC Advisory Board has an opening and Ken will recommend Don Winskill to fill the vacancy.

There is presently only one nomination for Vice President of TPCBA. Please encourage interested parties to self-nominate, as our bylaws require two candidates for each open position. We are still looking for additional nominations for the open Trustee positions.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

The Lincoln Day Banquet is in the planning stage. Judge Whitener has agreed to speak. The banquet is on February 21st. Jayme inquired if anyone had any suggestions to make the banquet better.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

After discussion about the proposed budget a motion was made to add \$4,000 to the expenses as a line item to Tacomaprobono. The motion was seconded. The motion passed 7 to 2.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CREATION OF DAYCARE AT COURT HOUSE—JOHN CAIN AND ANDRÉ PEÑALVER

André spoke with King County about the Kent Regional Justice Daycare. It is located in the court house and is a secure facility—people must be buzzed in. It is largely supported by jurors donating the juror fees. King County is participating in a study at the University of Washington regarding the daycare. André suggested it might be prudent for us to wait for the study results before proceeding ahead with further investigation and planning.

Spokane County also has a drop in daycare program, although theirs is not located in the courthouse. André does not have any additional details about the Spokane program, yet, as he has not spoken with Spokane.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/locations/mrjc/childcare.aspx>

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/471/Childrens-Waiting-Room>

Both drop in daycare programs are run by the Children's Home Society.

John indicated he has spoken with an experienced grant writer who could, for a fee of \$1,000, assist in the preparation of a grant to see funds for a future daycare.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

The amended budget was moved, seconded, and approved.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

BOG REPORT—BRIAN TOLLEFSON

The Supreme Court voted not to accept the MCLE Boards recommended APR amendment (that WSBA members complete at least three credits, one credit each, of their six required ethics credits in the topics of equity, inclusion and the mitigation of bias; mental health and addiction; and technology education focusing on digital security) based largely on the Bar's commitment to offer free CLES covering these topics.

The Superior Court Judge's Association has recommended that the Supreme Court amend CR71 to require attorneys to deliver a copy of their notice of withdrawal to the assigned Trial Judge if the withdrawal is 90 days or less to trial. They also recommend that the amendment require Attorneys to provide certain information to the former client upon withdrawal, i.e. a copy of the case schedule, where to find the local rules, etc.

The Superior Court Judge's Association has also recommended that the Supreme Court amend CR 3 as there is now a conflict between CR 3 and HB 1066 regarding the filing of a collection case.

The Washington Equal Justice Coalition has requested the Supreme Court publish the proposed mandatory malpractice insurance rule for comment. The Court agreed and published.

There may be a change coming to corporate law in an attempt to increase gender equity in public corporations—Senate Bill 5412.

House Bill 1788 is still alive as this is the second year of the biennium. The Senate version varies quite a bit from the House version. It is unknown if the bill will be taken up again in the upcoming session.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—JOSH BRUMLEY

Casino Night 2020 is scheduled for June 12th at the Historic 1625. The mentoring event was well attended, fun, and successful.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The TPCBA annual membership meeting is January 16, 2020.

The Lincoln Day Banquet is February 21, 2020.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7:15 am at Harvester.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.