

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
via Zoom

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
VICE PRESIDENT *	Amanda Searle
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	John Cummings
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
TRUSTEE *	Heather Swann
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Gina Auter
YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION*	Jordan Couch
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION	Dee Sontag
PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Desiree Hosannah
TACOMAPROBONO	Carly Roberts/Jennifer Ammons
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	Professor John Weaver, Ret.
WSBA LIAISON	Brett Purtzer
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
GUESTS	Diane Clarkson

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE *	Jennifer Andrews
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* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by President Jamey McCormick.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The November 2020 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAYME MCCMORMICK

The draft of the proposed Bylaws were presented for discussion. The primary purpose of this review and the proposed changes is to provide indemnification pursuant to statute as our prior bylaws predated the statute. Secondly to remove language from the Bylaws that are really more policies and that should be in TPCBA Policies and Procedures rather than Bylaws. The discussion also included the makeup of the trustees (whether there should be term limits) and what actions, if any, the Board should consider take to encourage/support equity and diversity in our board. We would like to vote on the Bylaws in January so if anyone has any specific proposed changes please email Heather Young.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—KEN BLANFORD

Nothing to report.

4. FINANACIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

The November Financial report was included in the consent agenda for people to review.

The 2021 proposed budget, as drafted by the Executive Director and Executive Committee was presented to the Board for vote. The 2021 proposed budget was conservative and hopeful at the same time as the Executive Director and Executive Committee really do not know how Covid-19 will continue to impact revenue and expenses. The proposed 2021 budget did not include a line item for the Young Lawyers as they did not have an opportunity to spend their 2020 allocation and it is unlikely due to the pandemic that they would be spending a 2021 allocation. It also did not include an allocation for Tacomaprobono as TPB was requesting to separate and form their own legal entity. The Executive Committee invited a discussion and comment on the proposed budget. After a discussion Heather Swann moved to include a \$4,000 donation/line item to Tacomaprobono in line with the 2020 budget. The motion was seconded and passed. Next a motion was brought to approve the 2021 budget as amended. The motion was seconded and passed 6 to 5, with Ron Culpepper, Heather Swann, Jamey McCormick, John Cummings, Jordan Couch, and André Peñalver voting for and Heather Young, Amanda Searle, Ken Blanford, John Cain, and Gina Auter voting against.

5. TACOMAPROBONO

Tacomaprobono has been working on reorganizing their structure into a separate 501(c)(3) which will create a legal firewall between the two groups (TPCBA and TPB). The operations will appear to look the same to the outside but it's an internal re-organization. They have new by-laws which have been approved by their Tacomaprobono Board of Directors. The transition is well underway with insurances, approval of IRS tax status, etc. Carly Roberts requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) which is an agreement to maintain the strong

relationship between the two groups, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and Tacomaprobono by supporting each other's programs. The MOA was approved.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Budget and MOA were both voted on and passed/approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRY OVER ITEMS

Nothing to report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Section and Liaison reports are appended to the end of these minutes.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The 2021 Lincoln Day Banquet will be a virtual event next year on either February 11th or 18th. Judge Cuthbertson, Ret., will be the guest speaker and is available both days. The tentative program will be 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. for the virtual social and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the program, awards and speaker. The committee is looking into a platform called REMO which is the program the WWL used for one of their events. This platform will allow 500 guests, sponsors, banners, etc. and cost is around \$850.

Members were reminded that board nominations are open and to encourage members to send in their nominations form.

10. NEXT MEETING

Annual Membership Meeting by Zoom, Thursday, January 14, 2021 at noon.
Next Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom, Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

From Professor John Weaver, SU Law School Liaison:

Seattle University Law School's new Flex JD Program

Schedule

Time to complete: 3.5 years (10 terms)

- Includes three summer terms
- 25-35 hours/week time commitment for class preparation, assignments, and participation

Online classes and coursework (for online-only and hybrid-online courses)

- Our professors have designed the program to take full advantage of online tools to provide you with a learning experience that blends the best of our traditional campus-based education with the unique opportunities presented by online learning
- Weekly activities with rapid feedback and multiple assessment opportunities during each term help you measure your progress and ensure that you master critical knowledge and skills
- Weekly live online classes with faculty and fellow students (scheduled at convenient times for working professionals) that replicate the traditional law school classroom experience
- Regular video office hours with faculty ensure that if you need assistance, your professors are just a click away

Required on-campus sessions (for all hybrid-online courses)

- Each fall and spring semester throughout the program's 3.5-year duration will incorporate in-person classes over 2-3 weekends.
- Dates for the 2021-22 academic year:
 - Aug 19-21, 2021
 - Oct 9-10, 2021
 - Dec. 4-5, 2021
 - Feb. 12-13, 2022
 - April 23-24, 2022
- Classes meet in beautiful Sullivan Hall, the law school's world-class facility on the campus of Seattle University
- Classes will build upon your online learning and offer engaging opportunities to synthesize and apply what you have learned
- In-person sessions scheduled to coincide with a variety of social and extra-curricular opportunities to deepen your connection with your professors, fellow students, the campus community, the legal profession, and the city of Seattle.

Course delivery

Course work is delivered in a hybrid-online format, combining online learning and limited, in-person classes:

- Asynchronous remote learning allows students to complete assignments on their own time.

- Synchronous classes (typically one hour per week, per class) allow live interaction with professors and classmates.
- Just two to three intensive, in-person sessions per semester held at Sullivan Hall each fall and spring.
- Summer course work conducted entirely online.

For more information go to

<https://law.seattleu.edu/admission/degree-programs/flex-jd>