

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 21, 2020
via Zoom

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
VICE PRESIDENT *	Amanda Searle
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Jennifer Andrews
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	John Cummings
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
TRUSTEE *	Heather Swann
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Gina Auter
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION LIAISON	Laura Rodgers
MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Lisa Mansfield
TACOMAPROBONO	Jennifer Ammons
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Carly Roberts
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Judge Stanley Rumbaugh
	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
OTHER:	Laurie Davenport, TPC Bar Foundation
	Diane Clarkson, DPA Pierce County

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

None

* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am by President Jamey McCormick.

2. MEETING MINUTES

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

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAYME MCCMORMICK

Jamey led a discussion about how to address both the Annual Meeting in January 2021 and the Lincoln Day Banquet in February 2021 in light of Covid-19 restrictions. Even though our bylaws call for both meetings the consensus was that we should pause on any large in-person meetings. We can hold the Annual Meeting via Zoom and find another way to address the business of the Lincoln Day Banquet.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

Nothing in addition to the Lincoln Day Banquet.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—KEN BLANFORD

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG & KIT KASNER

The reports were in the consent agenda for people to review.

The budget called for \$55,000 in CLE income that will be substantially reduced this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. This is a big loss of income. Kit is looking to sell additional advertising in the Bar News in hopes to increase that revenue source.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRY OVER ITEMS

Nothing to report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION—JOHN CUMMINGS

John introduced 5 motions, and each was discussed and voted on.

1. I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees endorse and sign the open letter of the Washington Women Lawyers and Minority Bar Association dated July 9, 2020.

The first motion was moved, seconded, and passed.

2. I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees adopt the Proposal of the WSBA Diversity Committee dated June 18, 2020.

A motion for a friendly amendment was made, seconded, and passed. The motion now reads:

I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees adopt the Proposal of the WSBA Diversity Committee dated June 18, 2020, to the extent applicable to our local bar and with a recommendation that our membership obtain 1 CLE every three years in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The motion as amended, was moved, seconded, and passed.

3. I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees direct the President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association to send a letter to the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association encouraging them to adopt the Proposal of the WSBA Diversity Committee dated June 18, 2020.

A motion for a friendly amendment was made, seconded, and passed. The motion now reads:

I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees direct the President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association to send a letter to the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association encouraging them, if they have not already done so, to adopt the Proposal of the WSBA Diversity Committee dated June 18, 2020.

The motion as amended, was moved, seconded, and passed.

4. I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees send an open letter to Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors calling on Governor Carla Higginson to resign from the Board of Governors in light of problematic statements she has made as a Governor, including but not limited to the statements she made at the Board of Governors meeting on June 26, 2020.

The motion was moved, seconded, and failed.

5. I, John Cummings, move the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Board of Trustees resolve that Black lives matter and send an open letter of support to the Tacoma-Pierce County Minority Bar Association and the minority Bar Associations of the Washington State Bar Association committing the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association to meaningfully pursuing anti-racist work as individuals and as a Board of Trustees.

The motion was moved, seconded, and passed.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing to report.

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS—CURRENT STATE OF OPERATIONS

SUPERIOR COURT--JUDGE STANLEY RUMBAUGH

No report as the meeting went long and Judge Rumbaugh had to leave.

COMMISSIONERS—COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

No report as the meeting went long and Commissioner Kiesel has to leave.

9. UPDATES FROM THE SECTIONS

Because the meeting went long Jamey asked for a reports by email.

10. UPDATE FROM TACOMAPROBONO

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11. UPDATES FROM BOARD LIAISONS

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12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing.

13. NEXT MEETING

No meeting in August.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 15th, time and location to be determined.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.