

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 17, 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 *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	John Cummings
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
TRUSTEE *	Heather Swann
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Gina Auter
PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Desiree Hosannah
TACOMAPROBONO	Carly Roberts/Jennifer Ammons
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	Professor John Weaver, Ret.
WSBA LIAISON	Brett Purtzer
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION*	Joshua Brumley
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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 October 2020 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAYME MCCMORMICK

The Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation should be ready for discussion next month. We are working on some proposed language to include in the dues renewal notice that will authorize the updates to the bylaws by renewing dues.

Tacomaprobono is moving towards the final stages of reorganizing. The Board will need to approve the plan at our December meeting.

We are looking for a speaker for the Lincoln Day Banquet, contact Amanda Searle with any suggestions.

Budget planning for next year is at the beginning stages.

The nominations form for TPCBA elections has been sent out by Kit several times. We are looking for nominations for Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three Trustees. Nominations are due by year's end. No one has self-nominated yet.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

Nothing in addition to the Lincoln Day Banquet.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—KEN BLANFORD

Nothing to report.

4. FINANACIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG & KIT KASNER

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

In spite of Covid the overall numbers for 2020 are similar to 2019, slightly over budget as we typically receive an infusion of revenue at year's end due to membership dues beginning to come in for next year. Through October we are about \$25,000 in deficit spending.

Kit shared that the Guardianship CLE grossed \$12,000. She does not yet have a net figure to report. There is still an Ethics CLE and Tort CLE upcoming that will bring in some additional revenue.

Diane Clarkson has pledged \$1,000 towards the Lincoln Day Banquet. She has already donated \$500 of the \$1,000.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRY OVER ITEMS

Nothing to report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing to report.

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS

SUPERIOR COURT—COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

Nothing new to report.

9. UPDATES FROM THE SECTIONS

FAMILY LAW SECTION—GINA AUTER

The Family Law Section continues to meet via Zoom and there is good attendance at the monthly meetings/CLEs. The meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

10. UPDATE FROM TACOMAPROBONO—CARLY ROBERTS & JENNIFER AMMONS

They continue to work on eviction prevention.

The DV pilot project now has a name: The Domestic Violence Survivor Advocacy Project. The plan is to empower clients to seek assistance by providing information about the project in the courtroom. The project will be located in the corner of room 101.

The work station is up and running to allow clients to zoom and file documents if they do not have technology access at home.

They have received some CARES Act funding and will be using it to hire lowbono attorneys to assist domestic violence survivors.

The Bar Foundation and Tacomaprobono have voted to restructure. They are still working in a memorandum of understanding with TPCBA to keep the strong relationship between the two. They are planning on having their bylaws updated by Thanksgiving to be ready to present in December as they want to start the new legal structure on 1/1/2021. Evan Marques is assisting with the transition/restructure.

11. UPDATES FROM BOARD LIAISONS

MINORITY BAR—DESIREE HOSANNAH

The Minority Bar is partnering with Legal Pathways and UWT to mentor students interested in becoming attorneys. They are looking for TPCBA to partner with them in this endeavor.

WSBA—BRETT PURTZER

Brett shared an update on the BOG efforts to address diversity and equity in light of the statements made by Governor Higginson at a June meeting. The BOG is addressing the statements with education and training, some of which has already taken place and some of which is being developed in a mindful way. There was then a discussion about asking Brett to take back to the BOG that our Board is interested in knowing if training on diversity and inclusion would or could be offered to the membership at large rather than just to this current group of Governors. Brett indicated he would take the request back to the BOG.

LAW SCHOOL—PROFESSOR JOHN WEAVER, RET.

SU and UW will continue with on-line learning. SU is also partnering with Legal Pathways and a local high school to provide mentoring.

SU hired Eduardo Peñalver (originally from Puyallup, and Trustee André Peñalver's brother) as it's next President.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—JENNIFER ANDREWS

The PCWWL Holiday party will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> and it will be on a virtual platform with Brooke and Brian Johnson of Better Cocktails at Home. Jennifer will provide more details as they are firmed up.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Law Library is open to members, one or two at a time. You should call ahead.

13. NEXT MEETING

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

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.