

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
via Zoom

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Amanda Searle
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
VICE PRESIDENT *	Sarah Richardson
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Catherine Guza
TRUSTEE *	Jennifer Andrews
TRUSTEE *	Steve Krupa
TRUSTEE *	John Cummings
TRUSTEE *	Desiree Hosannah
TRUSTEE *	Heather Swann
FAMILY LAW LIAISON *	Mark Nelson
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON*	Jordan Couch
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Judge Diana Kiesel
	Judge Stanley Rumbaugh
	Commissioner Barbara McInville
CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON	Dee Sonntag
PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Desiree Hosannah
TACOMAPROBONO	Laurie Davenport
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS	Jennifer Andrews
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	Professor John Weaver, Ret.
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
WSBA LIAISON, 6 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT	Brett Purtzer
GUESTS	

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE \* Bryan Hershman

\* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:01 am by President Amanda Searle.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The March 2021 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

Committee Chairs getting worked out with Kit and Amanda, confirmed by end of week.

André Peñalver appointed to Pierce County Superior Court.

Equal Justice Coalition to support increase in legal funding for Equal Justice Project. Encouraged to fill out form and send to Representative.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SARAH RICHARDSON

If there is any information for Facebook or Twitter, for ongoing dialogue such as committee event/meeting or general information, please message [tpcba.sarahrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:tpcba.sarahrichardson@gmail.com).

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT—CATHERINE GUZA

Tacoma Pro Bono left so that was a wash for payroll. Expenses are very low compared to last year, so is income. No magazine for June/July so no expenses but also no income from advertisements. Hope for income from upcoming CLEs (Animal Law, Love Stinks, Year End Potpourri, etc.)

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Should TPCBA create a letter regarding the Pierce County Sheriff Ed Troyer investigation? Discussion between members held. Bring separate meeting forward to be further discussed or proposal voted on.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Family Law CLE Motion- see notes in Family Law Section update

TPCBA letter to Justice González- provided prior to meeting. So moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed.

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGE RUMBAUGH

Jury trials are going strong- both civil and criminal

COMMISSIONER MCINVALLE

Commissioners Watson and McLeod are done with training. Requested input from Family Law Section if anything needs to be addressed.

Washington House Bill 1320 passed Senate to harmonize civil protection orders. Please reach out if you work on DV issues. Foresee extra work and DV dockets being quite busy.

JUDGE KIESEL

Willing to work with Young Lawyer Section on any mentoring project. Planning Love Stinks CLE.

9. UPDATES FROM THE TPCBA SECTIONS

FAMILY LAW SECTION— Amanda Searle for Mark Nelson

The Family Law Section will host 3-part CLE in June, July, and August regarding Diversity and Inclusion.

Motion FL Section will pay \$4,500 while the TPCBA will pay \$1,500 for the speaker's cost. CLE will be \$25. So moved, second, and passed.

Survey Monkey regarding newer Commissioners that have been on the bench for the last year.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION—JORDAN COUCH

Planning a few CLEs over the next year. Trying to create a version of Judicial Skit Night but will not call it that. Looking to host CLE late May or early June.

10. UPDATES FROM THE BOARD LIAISONS

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE

None.

MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION—DESIREE HOSANNAH

None

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Retirements for Lori Bannai, Julie Shapiro, and Chris Rideout (spelling?)

WA WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISON – JENNIFER ANDREWS

Spring Clean will be in May 2021.

TACOMAPROBONO—LAURIE DAVENPORT

Recognize volunteers, follow VLS on FB/Instagram.

Two new employees: Kelly Halverson and Savannah Krug

LFO clinic was tremendous. Had some great volunteers.

Had first in-person clinic- felt great. Huge room, so social distancing guidelines were followed.

VOLCA funding for DV, partnered with Crystal Judson, budget was not cut. Eviction defense fund was also renewed another year.

Right to Counsel will probably become law. Maryland on the heels. Provided statewide. May be different county by county.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION LIAISON- DEE SONNTAG

The Criminal Law Section is working on the Offender Score CLE. Monthly meetings every fourth Wednesday.

WSBA- BRETT PURTZER

Disciplinary Rules and proposed changes- passed resolution to extend comment period by 90 days.

Resolution of Bar Exam- passed but very heated conversation. It will be maintained. Task Force to investigate impact on People of Color.

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

12. NEXT MEETING

Next Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.