

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
via Zoom

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Amanda Searle
VICE PRESIDENT *	Sarah Richardson
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
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 CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON	Commissioner Barbara McInville Dee Sonntag Jessica Ritzmann
PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Desiree Hosannah
TACOMAPROBONO	Carly Roberts
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS	Jennifer Andrews
COLLABORATIVE LAW LIAISON	Leslie Bottimore
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	Professor John Weaver, Ret.
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
GUESTS	Diane Clarkson

* Denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE *	Bryan Hershman
WSBA LIAISON, 6 TH DISTRICT	Brett Purtzer
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Judge Diana Kiesel Judge Stanley Rumbaugh Judge Jeanette Lineberry

* Absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am by President Amanda Searle.

2. MEETING MINUTES

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

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

DEI CLE starts this week. First session is this Wednesday. We have 127 people registered. Encouraged participation from Board Members.

TPCBA Office is going to be moving. The church gave Notice to Vacate. Tacoma Pro Bono/VLS will be taking over space. We are looking for new space. Discussion about possible conflicts or co-mingling of persons on board of TPCBA and Tacoma Pro Bono. Discussion regarding By-Laws over conflicts of dual acting board members. Board input on relocation/move.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SARAH RICHARDSON

Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT—CATHERINE GUZA

Financial reports provided.
Will need budget for moving expenses.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Cummings: Board meeting with DEI facilitator. Dr. Cindy Caldwell from the DEI CLE recommended Sarah Dryfoos. Sarah is a DEI consultant/high ranking directors of MultiCare. MultiCare is currently making leaps and bounds in the DEI realm. Expect meeting within 2 weeks with Sarah, that should last 90-minutes. Dates provided in late June/early July. Possible incorporate Ed Troyer discussion. Rate was \$250.00/hour but expect about \$600 to be total cost. Moved, second, and approved to spend \$600 to hire Sarah Dryfoos.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ACTION ITEMS

None

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS

COMMISSIONER MCINVILLE

There have been efforts concentrated to opening courts fully.

The Court is working with the State, Health Department, and L&I.
There are concerns about jurors not vaccinated.

Jury trials are currently being used. Using Remann Hall and other buildings to have more courtrooms that are larger, for social distancing.

Blake cases being addressed. Judge Sorenson is addressing those Defendants in DOC custody. Trying to streamline, for example, locating other cases applicable to a specific Defendant when he or she is appearing for just one case. The court will be refunding money for LFO and asking State for reimbursement.

Judge Penalver will be sworn in July. He will be taking over Department 23.
Judge Arend retiring September 16th. Applications for replacement is closed.
Judge Martin retiring in October. Applications for position are open.

The court anticipates a huge number of evictions to be filed when Moratorium ends June 30th. South Sound 911 will be vacating their building across the street from County-City building. The court will rent that space to add 3 courtrooms. 3 full time Commissioners allocated to address the prediction of unlawful detainers. Commissioner Johnson leading the project. Pro Tem Commissioners will also be hired. Will be working with Tacoma Pro Bono/VLS and HJP. Expect this to last through October. There will be rooms for attorney/client meetings.

Commissioners started a second full time involuntary commitment docket. This will be done with Commissioner Adams in Room 101, virtually.
Will be reassessed in September to see if JCD1 at Remann Hall can be utilized.

Commissioners are having a meeting today to discuss solutions to the structures of dockets. Will update on changes at next meeting.

9. UPDATES FROM THE TPCBA SECTIONS

FAMILY LAW SECTION—MARK NELSON

First session in DEI Training tomorrow. Half of the people signed up are a part of the Family Law Section. Training should be a great mix.

Please join us for a Zoom presentation and Q&A with Commissioners Johnson and McInville regarding page limit rule implementation as described in the attachments.

Thursday, June 17th 12:00 noon

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83017436556?pwd=WUI1aEVDNTNONmNobmJuL1dONFizUT09>

If you cannot appear by Zoom, call in by dialing 253-215-8782 and enter following info:

Meeting ID: 830 1743 6556

Passcode: 115910

Habitat for Humanity event is being planned for September. Watch for further info.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION—JORDAN COUCH

Young Lawyers are trying to set up LFO Day.

In person meetings will start in August. Looking forward to this as it is very important to connect with new attorneys to get them involved.

10. UPDATES FROM THE BOARD LIAISONS

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE

Section had its last meeting for term/year. New term/year starts July 1st. Leslie will be past president. Lindsey Rogers will be new president. Listed other positions.

They are looking at having a practice groups/meetings starting September 2021. Thinking Zoom or hybrid for those who are vaccinated until that time.

Had speakers on conflict topics and DEI work. Trying to bring that work locally.

San Diego Live forum in October is an event for conflict resolution. Leslie applied for Leadership Academy with ICP program for leadership and conflict resolution.

Leslie is hiring. Email HR@bottimorelaw.com

MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION—DESIREE HOSANNAH

No new business for PCMBA other than they continue to plan for the 2021 Youth and Law Forum tentatively set for August.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Annette Clark, Dean at Seattle University is retiring in a year.

SU summer school is still all online, fall will be almost all live. SU launching the hybrid part-time program this fall.

The circle of life continues with summer first-year starters beginning. Some have already begun while others will begin next Monday.

He will encourage law students to follow TPCBA

WA WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISON – JENNIFER ANDREWS

Spring clean was hugely successful.

Events getting worked on, outside to get people back in person.

TACOMAPROBONO—CARLY ROBERTS

Continue work being done for the Right to Counsel program

Predict huge increase of eviction filings after Moratorium ends June 30th.

Staff increase: 7 attorney and 2 support staff. By end of year, expect 33 people working for Tacoma Pro Bono/VLS. At the beginning of 2021, only had 14 people working for organization.

VOLCA program approved.

The entire staff is vaccinated and Tacoma Pro Bono/VLS is trying to fully reopen July 1st. Looking at restarting in person volunteering.

Native American Legal Aid program through Puyallup Tribe- funding approved through October. Will be examined on a quarterly basis due to Covid.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION LIAISON- JESSICA RITZMANN

Welcome aboard Jessica!!! Jessica is taking over for Laura Rogers.

Criminal Law Section is hosting their monthly meetings via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

They are looking at moving meetings to in person.

Jessica will work on getting into Criminal procedure meetings.

WSBA- BRETT PURTZER

Not present. Nothing to report.

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

12. NEXT MEETING

Next Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.