



The State Bar of California

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, August 25, 2022
3:03 p.m.–4:34 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The State Bar Board of Trustees meeting commenced in open session at 3:03 p.m. The Board moved to closed session at 3:11 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 4:33 p.m.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:34 p.m.

Chair: Ruben Duran

Board Secretary: Louisa Ayrapetyan

Members Present: Mark Broughton, Hailyn Chen, Juan De La Cruz, Sonia Delen, Sean SeLegue, Melanie Shelby, Arnold Sowell Jr. (joined late), Brandon Stallings

Members Absent: José Cisneros, Greg Knoll, Mark Toney

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The State Bar Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Duran.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Duran called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. The following comment was provided to the Board:

1. Michael Sternberg

Spoke about negative experiences with the misconduct complaint process. Sternberg stated they had a car accident case in California where an attorney withheld the settlement. Their case was dismissed, and Sternberg escalated this case to the Complaint Review Unit. The Complaint Review Unit ultimately agreed and helped settle the dispute. Sternberg also stated a subsequent case where their complaints regarding attorneys in this pending suit are being dismissed for lack of evidence. Sternberg claims the State Bar is to blame, as the State Bar's 10 file, 4 MB limit prevents them from properly submitting evidence. Sternberg further claims that they continue to have

complaints dismissed due to lack of evidence. So, they sent in evidence via certified mail to circumvent the file-size limitations and has yet to receive a response.

30 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

50 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

50-1 Approval of Specified Contracts Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6008.6

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the resolution as posted on the agenda.

Moved by Delen, seconded by Shelby

Ayes – (7) Broughton, Chen, De La Cruz, Delen, Shelby, Sowell, Stallings

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (1) SeLegue

Absent – (3) Cisneros, Knoll, Toney

Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Duran stated that pursuant to Government Code § 11126(c)(7) the Board will move into closed session to discuss the closed session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

7000 MISCELLANEOUS

The following matters are considered to be discussion items. Each item will be considered separately.

7001 Discussion Regarding Sale Price and Terms and Leasing Price and Terms for 180 Howard Street, San Francisco

**Closed pursuant to Government Code § 11126(c)(7).*

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees returned to open session and reported the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees direct staff to put 180 Howard Street up for sale; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the building will be marketed for sale under two scenarios: a) sale and vacate and b) sale and lease back.

No further discussion took place in open session.

ADJOURN