



**Board Of Governors  
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA  
February 20, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.**

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**Location:** 4201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ 85016

OR

Join Zoom:

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Members of the public may attend the meeting.

**For any item listed on the agenda, the Board may go into Executive Session  
pursuant to the State Bar's Public Meeting Policy.**

Please note that all times are approximate and that the order of the agenda is subject to change.

The State Bar of Arizona exists to serve and protect the public with respect to the provision of legal services and access to justice. Consistent with these goals, the State Bar of Arizona seeks to improve the administration of justice and the competency, ethics, and professionalism of lawyers practicing in Arizona. *See* Ariz. R. Ct 32.

**Key Issues/Topics:**

- Special Constitutional Appointments Committee
- SharePoint Demonstration

#	ITEM	TIME	SPEAKERS
1.	Call to Order and Summary of Agenda	9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks
2.	Call to the Public	9:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks



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3.	CEO's Report	9:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. (10 Minutes)	Joel England
<b>ACTION/VOTE</b>			
4.	Consent Agenda	9:20 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks
	a) Approval of Resignations in Good Standing		
	b) Approval of Reinstatement of Member(s) suspended for Non-Compliance with MCLE Requirements (Rule 45, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.)		
	c) Keller Refund Request		
	d) Appellate Section Bylaws Update		
	e) Policy Manual Working Group, BOG Attendance Policy Language Update		
5.	Policy Manual Working Group	9:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. (10 Minutes)	Doreen McPaul Jessica Fotinos
6.	Finance and Audit Committee	9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (10 Minutes)	Jessica Iennarella Chris Russell
	a) 2025 Annual Cash Surplus Reserve Allocation (vote)		
	b) <del>Client Protection Fund Q4 2025 Financial Statements (info.)</del>		
7.	Appointments Committee	9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Kelsi Lane
	a) Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law		
8.	Special Constitutional Appointments Committee	9:50 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Kelsi Lane
	a) Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments		
	b) Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments		

**15 Minute Break**



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<b>INFORMATION</b>			
9.	ABA House of Delegates Update	10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Ernie Calderon
10.	Lawyer Referral Working Group	10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Mignonne Hollis Louis Fidel
11.	Financial Planning Working Group Introduction	10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Jessica Iennarella
12.	Young Lawyer Bridge Task Force	10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Doreen McPaul Roberta Tepper
13.	SharePoint Demonstration	10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. (10 Minutes)	Genna Barela
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>			
14.	CEO Evaluation	10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. (20 Minutes)	Preston Pollock Eric Knott
15.	Adjourn		Sam Saks

Upcoming Events:

- Save the Date – 2026 Board Retreat
  - July 23rd & 24th
  - Location Pending
- Policy Manual Working Group
  - February 27th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Upcoming Board Meeting
  - No meeting in March
  - April 17th, 2026
- 2026 Learned Hand Awards Luncheon – **RSVP Required**
  - 7 Seats Available
  - First Come First Serve **RSVP due to Genna by 2/20/2026**
  - March 5th, 2026
  - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  - Hyatt Regency, 122 N. 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteer Vacancies – Recruitment Assistance Requested<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Application Deadline 2/25/2026</li><li>○ Judicial Nominating Commissions; Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness; Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Examinations; Peoria Judicial and Public Defender Advisory Board; ABA House of Delegates; Client Protection Fund (non-Maricopa County); Board of Legal Specialization; State Bar Board of Governors (non-attorney).</li><li>○ <a href="https://www.azbar.org/for-legal-professionals/communities/professional-volunteer-opportunities/">https://www.azbar.org/for-legal-professionals/communities/professional-volunteer-opportunities/</a></li><li>○ <a href="https://www.azbar.org/about-us/board-of-governors/board-committees/special-constitutional-appointments-committee/">https://www.azbar.org/about-us/board-of-governors/board-committees/special-constitutional-appointments-committee/</a></li></ul></li></ul>		