



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 MEETING**

Date: 4 February 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre St. San Diego, CA 92103	<b>GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</b>
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**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

**a. Opening Roll Call.**

The Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Ahrens. The following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):

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The Honorable Paula Rosenstein was present. There was quorum.

**b. Approval of the Minutes. (Aguilar)**

The prior minutes were circulated to the Board via email and received some amendments. The amended minutes were adopted without objection.

Ahrens moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board. Condra seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

Y N A      Yeah = Y    Nay = N      Abstain = A

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## II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

### a. Honorable Keri Katz Endorsement Request (materials forwarded via e-mail)

The incumbent Honorable Keri Katz requested THLA’s endorsement for the upcoming election to maintain her position as a superior court judge in San Diego County. Judge Katz wanted to approach THLA as one of her first endorsements. Judge Katz teaches elimination of bias to temporary judges before they can take the bench and she advocated LGBT diversity training before she was a commissioner. The Honorable Paula Rosenstein spoke on behalf of Judge Katz.

Bunton moved to endorse the Honorable Keri Katz for superior court judge for the upcoming 2016 election. Ahrens seconded the motion. Fox and Freestone abstained. The motion was carried.

## III. INTERIM ACTIONS.

### a. City Attorney Debate (Aguilar)

- i. Date: February 17, 2016
- ii. Venue: SDCBA (Conference Room // Kelvin at the Renaissance Hotel)
- iii. Co-Sponsors: SDCBA, Earl B. Gilliam, FALSD, PALSD, San Diego Criminal Defense Bar, SABA.
- iv. THLA Cost: \$1,500.00 Total Cost: \$3,500
- v. Promote Request / Attendance Request
- vi. Registration Update

### b. Lawyers Club Judicial Reception Honoring International Women of Color in the Law

- i. Co-Presidents agreed to co-sponsor in name only the Lawyers Club International Women of Color in the Law Reception.
- ii. Date: TBA (March 2016)

- iii. Venue: Higgs Fletcher
- iv. Cost: Free to THLA members

#### **IV. REPORTS.**

##### **a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).**

- i. 501(c)(3) Update - The by-laws and name have been filed
- ii. 2014 Taxes – THLA is current on all taxes
- iii. 2015 Taxes – Davis will timely file THLA’s 2015 taxes
- iv. Aguilar presented the current finances of THLA

##### **b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis & Bunton)**

- i. Discussion under City Attorney Debate

##### **c. Advisory Committee Report (Ahrens & Aguilar)**

- i. Ahrens reported the second quarterly Advisory Committee meeting took place on January 25, 2016. The AC decided the AC members will serve a one-term year beginning and ending on the date of the THLA Annual Installation & Awards Dinner.
- ii. Ahrens reported the Advisory Committee further discussed the annual dinner, upcoming CLEs and a potential legal clinic. The AC committee provided feedback on nominations for the dinner awards.

##### **d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola)**

- i. Newsletter Updates
- ii. Survey Update –This survey is ready to be deployed once we have a larger membership base. The consensus was that the survey will be sent to the membership after the annual dinner.
- iii. Membership Drive Update – invoices were sent out and remainders were sent to the membership.
  - 1. Number of paid members = 60
  - 2. Efforts to get more people to renew (there is a goal to acquire 90 more members based on last year’s numbers.

##### **e. Events Committee Report (Schneeweiss & Condra)**

- 1. No report was made.

##### **f. Community Outreach / Planning Committee Report (Ahrens, Condra & Huston)**

- i. Proposals from Committee
  - 1. An online legal clinic structured as a referral platform to limit liability was discussed and how or if the work could be referred to an THLA member attorney without THLA liability for negligent referral
  - 2. Ahrens reported the first CLE is scheduled for March 15, 2016. The speaker is Branden Butler, Esq. from Legal Aid and he will discuss discrimination issues LGBTs face in housing. CLE credit will be provided to attendees under Legal Aid's MCLE provider status.
  - 3. A second volunteer outing with Urban Street Angels

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**a. 2016 THLA Annual Dinner (Nageotte)**

- i. Keynote Speaker // The mayor of Long Beach, Robert Garcia confirmed as the keynote speaker
- ii. Date: April 14, 2016
- iii. Venue (Nageotte)
  - 1. Contract w/Grant
- iv. Call for Awards (Ahrens, Aguilar, Fox)
  - 1. Tabled
- v. Sponsors
  - 1. Law Firms
    - a. Title Sponsor: CaseyGerry [!!!!]
    - b. Platinum Sponsor: Gomez Trial Attorneys [!!!!]
    - c. Gold Sponsor: Little Mendelson [!!!!]
  - 2. Corporate Sponsors
  - 3. Individual Tickets // Website Portal
- vi. Invitations (Aguilar)
- vii. Scholarship Committee
  - 1. Updates

Bunton moved to rescind Robert Garcia's invitation as the 2016 THLA Annual Dinner keynote speaker and confirm Roberta Kaplan's acceptance as the keynote speaker. Condra seconded the motion. The motion was not carried as follows:

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS.

### a. Board of Directors Election Update & Dates (Aguilar)

- i. Annual Membership Meeting: April 7, 2016
- ii. Deadline for Nominations: March 4, 2016

### b. Friends of the City Heights Library – Law Day Event (Aguilar)

- i. Date: April 29 – May 1, 2016
- ii. Time: TBD
- iii. Location: City Heights Library
- iv. Cost: \$500.00 or any other contribution
- v. Details: Pending.

### a. San Diego Chinese Attorneys Association // 2016 Chinese New Year Banquet (Ahrens)

- vi. Date: February 6, 2016
- vii. Time: 5:30 – 8:00pm
- viii. Location: Gourmet City – Clairemont Mesa
- ix. Cost: \$30.00 if RSVP by 1/10/16 or \$35 after 1/10/16

## VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no new announcements.

## VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

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**c. HRC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling For Equality**

- i. Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016
- ii. Time: Either 12:30pm – 2:30pm OR 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- iii. Location: Kearny Mesa Bowl

**d. Friends of the City Heights Library – Law Day Event**

- i. Date: April 29 – May 1, 2016
- ii. Time: Varies
- iii. Location: City Heights Library

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS.**

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**

**XI. Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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