### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9049

### ORDER AMENDING ARTICLES II AND IV OF THE STATE BAR RULES

### **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Articles II and IV of the State Bar Rules are amended as set forth in this order.
- 2. The amendments are effective immediately.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
  - c. send a copy of this order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of the order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: March 23, 2020.

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### ARTICLE II GENERAL PROVISIONS

## **Section 14. Procedures for Meetings**

- **A.** All proceedings at meetings of the State Bar, of the board, of the executive committee and all other committees and sections shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
- **B.** Voting by those entitled to vote at all such meetings shall be in person. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- **C.** The presence of a majority of those persons entitled to vote at all such meetings shall constitute a quorum, except that:
  - 1. at any meeting of the State Bar, one hundred (100) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and
  - 2. at any meeting of a State Bar section or committee, a quorum may be less than a majority if the board has determined.

Action shall be taken only upon a majority vote of those entitled to vote, a quorum being present.

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# ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION

### Section 2. Meetings of the Board

<u>A.</u> The board shall meet regularly at least four (4) times annually, and may meet specially, at such times and places as the board shall determine. All meetings, however, shall be held within the State of Texas.

# **B.** Meetings of the board shall be in person unless:

1. an emergency or public necessity exists within the meaning of Texas Government Code Chapter 551; and

2. the convening at one location of a quorum of the governmental body is difficult or impossible.

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