

**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Alabama State Bar
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brannon Buck convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 3:00 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar building at 415 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary took the roll of the members, and the following were present:

Brannon Buck (President)
Felicia Long (Vice President)
Tom Perry (President-Elect)
Raymond Bell
Josh Hayes
John Smyth
Chris Driver (YLS President)
Sam Ford (ALA President)
Mark Boardman (Parliamentarian)
Terri Lovell (Executive Director)
Roman Shaul (General Counsel)

The following members were absent:

Gibson Vance (Past President)

QUORUM PRESENT

The following staff members were present:

Chad Coker (Director of Operations)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR APRIL 11, 2024, BY TOM PERRY, SECONDED BY JOSH HAYES, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY FELICIA LONG, SECONDED BY JOHN SMYTH, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Buck informed the Executive Council he had recently spoken at the University of Alabama on professionalism and civility and would be speaking the next day at Jones School of Law graduation luncheon. Buck advised the members of the River Region OutREACH CLE being hosted in partnership with the Montgomery County Bar Association on May 14th at Troy University/Montgomery Campus. He updated the members on several bills presented in the Legislative session that may have an impact on the profession or the organization. He ended by reminding the Executive Council of the performance evaluation process to be completed for the Executive Director and General Counsel prior to the Annual Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell provided an update on the database modernization project, staff evaluations, elections, awards, ALAP, 50 Year Celebration, Fred Gray Courtyard project, Bar Cards, and annual review meetings of the Strategic Planning and the Personnel Committees.

GENERAL COUNSELS REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul provided an update on the OGC database implementation, the Rule 7 Lawyer Advertising survey, Character & Fitness Training, Disciplinary Commission and Disciplinary Board Lay Member appointments, and the upcoming retirement of Client Security Fund Coordinator and Paralegal Laurie Blazer.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Reports were provided on the *Justice for All* Task Force, the *Alabama Lawyer* Review Task Force.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS – PLACE 1, 3, 4, and 7

ANGELA KENNEDY RECOMMENDED TO SERVE PLACE 1 FOR A SECOND TERM WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

HOLLY SAWYER RECOMMENDED TO SERVE PLACE 3 FOR A SECOND TERM APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

CHUCK PRICE RECOMMENDED TO SERVE PLACE 4 FOR A THIRD TERM BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

LEILA WATSON RECOMMENDED TO SERVE PLACE 7 FOR A SECOND TERM BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

The Executive Council asked Secretary Lovell to send a letter to all candidates that were not selected, thanking them for their interest in serving on the Board, and encouraging them to consider volunteering in other areas at the Alabama State Bar.

ASB AWARDS SELECTION

SAM CROSBY SELECTED AS THE NOMINEE FOR THE BILL SCRUGGS SERVICE TO THE BAR AWARD BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

JOHN D. WATSON SELECTED AS THE NOMINEE FOR THE TONY MCLAIN PROFESSIONALISM AWARDED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

The Executive Council asked Secretary Lovell to send a letter to nominators thanking them for providing the distinguished nominees for the members' consideration.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2024, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 3, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA MADE BY JOHN SMYTH, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buck thanked the members for their attendance and there being no further business before the Executive Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4: 35 p.m.



Brannon J. Buck, President
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar