

## **MINUTES**

### **ALABAMA STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Alabama State Bar and via Zoom  
415 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
September 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President John Stamps called the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council to order at 4:00 p.m. and deferred to President-Elect Fred Helmsing to preside over the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council in the Balch Boardroom as President Perry was participating via Zoom.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Tom Perry, Fred Helmsing, Ryan Duplech, Jana Garner, Pat Sefton, Ron Strawbridge, Aigner Kolom, Mark Boardman, Tom Heflin, Pat Sefton and Halron Turner

The following staff members were present: Terri Lovell, Roman Shaul, and Chad Coker

The following members were absent:  
Brannon Buck

#### *QUORUM PRESENT*

#### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 28-29, 2024**

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, AND THE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 28-29, 2024, WAS MADE BY JANA GARNER, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Tom Perry informed the committee of the multitude of events he has participated in since becoming the 149<sup>th</sup> President of the Alabama State Bar. Those events are as follows: attending the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of S. Jack Livingston in Scottsboro, AL, who is the oldest, actively practicing attorney in Alabama; speaking at the Alabama Criminal Defense Association and Civil

Defense Lawyers Association; Executive Committee retreat in New Orleans; attendance at the ABA meeting in Chicago, attendance at the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit conference and speaking with the judiciary at the Judge's annual meeting in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Terri B. Lovell informed the Executive Committee of the ongoing board orientation for new commissioners occurring earlier in the day at the Alabama State Bar wherein the entire staff was introduced to the new commissioners. Licensing renewals are underway with over 3500 renewals in one week. The newly added member benefit, BetterHelp, has resulted in a tremendous response in members seeking counseling. Lovell informed the committee of a lawyer suicide in Scottsboro this past week and indicated a desire to develop a protocol for responding to these situations and offering services to the family, affected law firm, and local bar. Judge John Graham, of Scottsboro, has offered to assist in this regard.

Lovell further provided an update that 127 members are currently enrolled in ALAP and the program is also assisting twenty law students. Leadership Forum applications are open until October 4, 2024, and the ASB will hold its inaugural 50-year milestone luncheon on September 19<sup>th</sup> which is a sold-out event.

Further, Lovell informed the committee of the Supreme Court's order halting IOLTA fund disbursements pending further review of policies and procedures. She informed the committee that over 833 appointments had been made to twenty-nine committees and that President Perry would be having a call with committee chairs next Friday. Finally, Lovell informed the committee of the pending retirements of Linda Lund and Margaret Murphy with the ASB.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the committee of a recent 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit case that reviewed both the Keller and Boudreaux decision. Shaul further stated that he had fielded multiple calls from commissioners regarding the certification of attorneys for noncompliance with their CLE requirements. Finally, he indicated a meeting with the Court to discuss potential Rule 7 amendments was postponed at the request of the Justices.

## **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA**

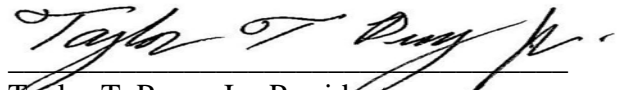
MOTION BY JANA GARNER TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE.

## ADJOURNMENT

President-Elect Fred Helmsing asked if there was any further business to come before the Executive Council. There being no further business to come before the board, Helmsing adjourned the meeting on at 4:28 am.

  
Taylor T. Perry, Jr., President  
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary  
Alabama State Bar