

MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Alabama State Bar and via Zoom
October 31, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Perry convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:00 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar building.

ROLL CALL

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

Mark Boardman, Brannon Buck, Ryan Duplechin, Jana Garner, Tom Heflin, Fred Helmsing, Aigner Kolom, Tom Perry, Pat Sefton, John Stamps, Ron Strawbridge, and Halron Turner.

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

The following members were absent: None

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 31, 2024, WAS MADE BY PAT SEFTON, SECONDED BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2024, WAS MADE BY PAT SEFTON, SECONDED BY BRANNON BUCK, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tom Perry began his remarks discussing his attendance at the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents in Jackson, Mississippi. Since the previous Executive Council session, Perry has participated in the Admission Ceremony and Governor Kay Ivey's proclamation ceremony recognizing October as pro bono month. Perry further provided an update as to the ongoing efforts of the Harvesting Hope task force.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell informed the committee of recent bar related orders of the Alabama Supreme Court and reiterated the instructions of the Alabama Supreme Court for the Alabama State Bar to develop a state specific add-on component for future bar exams. The Court has also inquired as to the state bar's position on a reciprocity matter with the State of Georgia. Lovell informed the committee the Supreme Court had met with both IOLTA programs. She stated the Alabama State Bar is currently undergoing a compliance audit with the Examiner of Public Accounts. Lovell concluded her remarks recognizing the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) for a successful pro bono month; announced Shannon Knight as the new Director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program (ALAP); announced the resignation of Joycelyn Hill; and informed the committee of the selection of 26 of 40 applicants into Leadership Forum.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul discussed recent orders issued by the Alabama Supreme Court regarding the Court's final determination over rules and regulations by any board or commission as it relates to the regulation of the legal practice. Shaul also addressed a recent order of the Court regarding the reinstatement of suspended attorneys.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA

MOTION BY PAT SEFTON TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024, SECONDED BY JOHN STAMPS, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

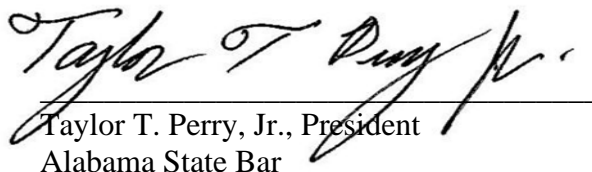
NEW BUSINESS

None.

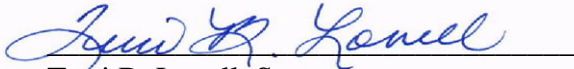
MEETING ADJOURNED

President Tom Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Executive Council. There being no further business to come before the board, a MOTION BY JOHN STAMPS TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Perry adjourned the meeting on at 4:38 p.m.


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

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Terri B. Lovell", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and elegant.

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar