
**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Alabama State Bar
Montgomery, Alabama**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

ASB President Gibson Vance convened this meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Alabama State Bar Building in Montgomery, Alabama.

II. ROLL CALL

Gibson Vance, Elizabeth Smithart, Brannon Buck, Mark Boardman, Mark Debro, Carmen Howell, Angela Kennedy, Felicia Long, Brett Holsombeck, Terri Lovell, and Roman Shaul.

The following members were absent: None.

QUORUM PRESENT

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda and minutes of March 9, 2023, approved by unanimous vote.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gibson Vance reported on activities since the March Executive Council meeting. Drive for Five visits were held in Jackson, DeKalb, Marshall, Calhoun, and Escambia. Visits are scheduled for Northwest Alabama, Lee, Dale, and St. Clair counties in the month of May and will conclude the 41 circuit Drive for Five tour. Over 35 lawyers, judges, and/or law students have utilized the confidential counseling program and funding appears to be in place to continue the program into the year ahead.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell discussed activities surrounding finalizing the Strategic Plan, Bylaws, and the Financial Compliance Memo to the Court. She said the staff had been working hard to prepare for the Fred Gray Courtyard, the

Hall of Fame Ceremony, Lawyers in the Classroom, Legal Food Frenzy, Drive for Five visits, database conversion, staff evaluations and RFPs for the counseling program and the Rule 7 Lawyer Advertising survey. Lovell reminded the Executive Council that performance reviews will need to be conducted for the general counsel and her in the coming weeks pursuant to the newly approved policy.

VI. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul discussed the Disciplinary Panel and Disciplinary Commission rule change allowing appointments of non-commissioners and the process guidance he had received from the Court on the filling of vacancies and positions to the panels. He also updated the Executive Council on the status of the Rule 7 changes.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Brannon Buck gave a short report on the Bylaws Task Force. No other reports were given although each member had received a monthly report.

VIII. AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS – PLACE 6 AND PLACE 9

The Executive Council recommended John Stamps serve another term. The recommendation was approved by the voting members of the Executive Council: Gibson Vance, Elizabeth Smithart, Brannon Buck, Mark Boardman, Mark Debro, and Carmen Howell. Felicia Long recused.

The Executive Council recommended Stephanie Hunter, Pwooja Chawla, and Lisha Graham for place 6. The members proposed the nominations go before the BBC for a vote. The recommendations were approved by the voting members of the Executive Council: Gibson Vance, Elizabeth Smithart, Brannon Buck, Mark Boardman, Mark Debro, and Carmen Howell. Felicia Long recused.

IX. APPROVAL OF BBC AGENDA FOR MAY 5, 2023

BBC Agenda for May 5, 2023 was approved by unanimous vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

No further business coming before the Executive Council, President Vance announced the meeting adjourned at 2:05.

C. Vance

Gibson Vance
Alabama State Bar
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:

Terri B. Lovell

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar