

**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Friday, February 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brannon Buck convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 1:31 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)
Josh Hayes
John Smyth
Raymond Bell
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)
Merinda Hall (Finance Director)
Suzi Huffaker (Legislative Counsel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2024, BY JOSH HAYES, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2024, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY FELICIA LONG, SECONDED BY JOSH HAYES, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Buck informed the Executive Council that an Ethics Act bill had been dropped on Thursday that had implications for the Board of Bar Commissioners. He asked Legislative Counsel Suzi Huffaker to explain the bill. President Buck further shared that the Finance and Audit Committee had been presented reports from both the ASB external audit and the ASBF external audit. He informed the Executive Council that they were both unmodified clean audits with findings only to our ongoing procurement issues related to our quasi-stage agency status. President Buck shared about the successful OutREACH program that was held in Demopolis that week and thanked Tom Perry for helping the staff organize the event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell provided an update on the database modernization project, the bar exam evaluation, and the bar exam scheduled for February 27-29. She stated that along with the day-to-day activities of running the Bar, her focus has been on staff engagement, productivity, and alignment of their work with the strategic plan.

GENERAL COUNSELS REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul provided an overview of recent activity in the OGC office.

LICENSE FEE PARTIAL REFUND POLICY

General Counsel Roman Shaul discussed the proposed License Fee Partial Refund Policy. The members asked questions and provided input to the policy provisions to prepare for the presentation of the policy during the BBC meeting scheduled for March 8, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

A report was provided on the *Alabama Lawyer* Review Task Force.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2024, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA
MADE BY TOM PERRY, SECONDED BY RAYMOND BELL, AND APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

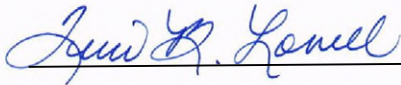
ADJOURNMENT

President Buck thanked the members for their attendance and there being no further business
before the Executive Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Brannon J. Buck, President
Alabama State Bar Foundation

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar