

## MINUTES

### ALABAMA STATE BAR BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

State Bar Headquarters  
Montgomery, Alabama

Friday, June 8, 2007

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Boots Gale convened this meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Commissioners at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Alabama State Bar headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. Commissioner Hawley gave the invocation.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll of the Commission and the following Commissioners were present:

Ronnie E. Keahey	J. Garrison Thompson	William H. Broome
S. Greg Burge	Greg Hawley	Joseph A. Fawal
Robert E. Moorner	Jim Pratt	William A. (Pete) Short
Michael D. Knight	Cecilia J. Collins	Mary Margaret Bailey
Les Hayes, III	James H. Anderson	Donald R. Jones, Jr.
K. Scott Stapp	Everette A. Price, Jr.	Thomas B. Albritton
Harold Stephens	L. Thomas Ryan, Jr.	Richard J. R. Raleigh, Jr.
Kenneth E. White, III	John C. Gullahorn	Tut Wynne
John M. Kennemer	Timothy D. Littrell	Gerald R. Paulk
Jere C. Trent	Walter E. McGowan	Deborah Byrd Walker
Merceria Ludgood	Pamela H. Bucy	

The following Commissioners were absent:

Michael E. Jones	Louis C. Rutland	Oliver Kitchens
Cooper Shattuck	Alyce M. Spruell	Nicholas B. Roth
W. N. (Rocky) Watson	Anthony A. Joseph	Jack Neal
Phillip W. McCallum	Maibeth J. Porter	Albert J. Trousdale, II
Richard W. Whittaker	William M. Cunningham	Billy C. Bedsole
Charles R. Stephens, Sr.	Thomas J. Methvin	Sim Penton
Lee H. Copeland	F. Michael Haney	John E. Medaris
Robert L. Bowers, Jr.	Joseph A. Morris	Ronald Strawbridge, Jr.
William H. Atkinson	Allan Chason	Robert L. Rumsey
Elizabeth Parsons	Roy W. Williams, Jr.	Robert H. Brogden
Roger Bedford, Jr.	David T. Hyde, Jr.	Robert T. Meadows, III
David F. Law	Wayman Sherrer	Claude E. Hundley, III
Alicia F. Bennett	Kyra Sparks	Dawn Wiggins Hare
Kelly T. Lee		

Also in attendance were President-elect Sam Crosby and Immediate Past President Bobby Segall. Staff members present included Tony McLain, Ed Patterson, Brad Carr, Laura Callaway, Linda Lund, Robby Lusk and Andy Brindley. Also in attendance was Judy Keegan of the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution and Tracy Daniel of the Alabama Law Foundation.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR MAY 18, 2007.**

President Gale stated that the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting for May 18, 2007 had been disseminated to the Board. He asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions. There were none.

COMMISSIONER RALEIGH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR MAY 18, 2007. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Gale collectively recognized all of the retiring commissioners and noted that they would be formally recognized at the annual meeting. He asked retiring Commissioners Broome and Collins who were present if they had any remarks. Both commissioners made remarks about their nine years of service as a commissioner. At the conclusion of their remarks, Commissioners Broome and Collins were recognized with an ovation from the Commission.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary made a few brief remarks concerning the Lawyers Hall of Fame ceremony at the conclusion of the commission meeting.

6. **PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Director of Programs, Ed Patterson gave a brief programs update.

7. **MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM REPORT**

President Gale recognized Commissioner Bucy for a report. She reported that the pilot program had been successful. She stated that the task force would likely recommend that the program remain a pilot program for the following year but with an increased number of mentors and mentees. Commissioner Bucy stated that feedback from both the mentors and mentees has been very positive and that the primary goal of the pilot program was to make the program a sustainable one in the future. She asked commissioners to consider volunteering as mentees for the program next year. Commissioners Hawley, Pratt, Broome, and Moorner, who serve as mentors, made brief remarks about their experiences with the pilot program. President Gale asked about the involvement of larger firms and Commissioner Bucy explained that some of the mentees from larger firms pointed out that there was a need to have a program outside of the larger firms.

President Gale thanked Commissioner Bucy, the task force and the commissioner mentees and others for their hard work in making the pilot program successful.

**8. AWARD OF MERIT CORRECTION**

The Secretary explained that at the last meeting the commission voted to approve Judge William Gordon and Judy Belk as recipients of the 2007 Award of Merit for their co-leadership in conducting the Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee in 2006. The Secretary stated that Ms. Belk had to relinquish her co-chairmanship early during the election year and that Montgomery attorney, Connie Barker, had worked closely with Judge Gordon to oversee the committee's activities during the 2006 judicial campaigns.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON MOVED THAT THE ALABAMA STATE BAR AWARD OF MERIT BE GIVEN TO CONNIE BARKER, INSTEAD OF JUDY BELK FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR 2006. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

President Gale asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.

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Fournier J. Gale, III President  
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:

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Keith B. Norman, Secretary  
Alabama State Bar