

MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING SPECIAL CALLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this in-person meeting of the Board of Bar Commissioners was also available via video teleconference in accordance with the provisions of Section III of the First Supplemental State of Emergency: Coronavirus (COVID-19) issued by Proclamation of the Governor of the State of Alabama on March 18, 2020.

Friday, April 23, 2021
RSA Plaza
Montgomery, Alabama

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Methvin convened this special called meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Commissioners at 12:00 p.m. Interim Executive Director Ellen Brooks gave the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL

The Acting Secretary took the roll of the commission and the following commissioners were present:

Edgar Black	Mark S. Boardman	Sally Bowers
Jeffrey L. Bowling	John A. Brinkley, Jr.	William H. Broome, Jr.
Brannon J. Buck	Clay Carr	Bryan E. Comer
Joel Connally	Bradley Cornett	Mark Debro
Diandra S. Debrosse	Michael D. Ermert	J. Langford Floyd
Kira Y. Fonteneau	J. Kirkman Garrett	Anne Malatia Glass
Dana Grimes	Frederick G. Helmsing, Jr.	Erik S. Heninger
Scott B. Holmes	Carmen Howell	William R. Lancaster
Karen Laneaux	Felica Long	Donald B. Mansell
David Martin	M. Clay Martin	Clint L. Maze
Rebekah K. McKinney	R. Cliff Mendheim	Tina Moon
Kenneth Moore	J. Levi Nichols	George R. Parker
Manish H. Patel	J. Lynn Perry	Taylor T. (Tom) Perry, Jr.
Amanda Porter	Chuck Price II	John Rea
James Rebarchak	Chrissy Riddle	Holly Sawyer
Pat Sefton	Allison O. Skinner	Elizabeth Smithart
John A. Smyth	John T. Stamps	Andrew D. Stanley
Charles C. Tatum, Jr.	James M. (Jimbo) Terrell	Terri O. Tompkins
C. Gibson Vance	Mallory B. Whitley	

The following commissioners were absent:

Raymond L. Bell, Jr.	Robert H. Brogden	Deborah Dunsmore
Jana Russell Garner	Christy W. Graham	Richard M. Kemmer
Brett A. King	Jason P. Knight	Edwin Lamberth
Leigh Anne Landis	David Langston	F. Patrick Loftin
LaBella S. McCallum	Bob McMillan	Larry W. Morris
Barry A. Ragsdale	Jeanne Dowdle Rizzardi	Freddy Rubio
Halron W. Turner		

Also in attendance was President-elect Taze Shepard and Immediate Past President Christy Crow. Staff members in attendance were: Ellen Brooks, Roman Shaul, Justin Aday, Merinda Hall, Ashley Penhale, Robyn Bernier, Melissa Warnke, Margaret Murphy, Michelle Shaw, Linda Lund, Matt Mara, and Suzi Huffaker.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL 23, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING**

President Methvin stated that the agenda of the April 23, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting had been published prior to the meeting. He asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions.

COMMISSIONER BUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL 23, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

President Methvin recognized special guests including Associate Justice Tommy Bryan, Associate Justice Will Sellers, Associate Justice Brad Mendheim, Barry Matson, Executive Director of the Alabama District Attorneys Association, and Evan Allen, President of the Young Lawyers Section.

President Methvin also recognized the members of the Executive Director Search Task Force in attendance, including Judge Liles Burke, Judge Claude Hundley, Judge Adrian Johnson, Judge Jeffery Kelley, Judge John Carroll, Christy Crow, Lang Floyd, Carmen Howell, Rebekah McKinney, Tom Perry, Taze Shepard, Michael Upchurch, Lori Lein, Angela Debro, Lanier Brown, and Clay Ryan. Mr. Methvin also introduced Richard Brock and Janet Eyster, of OnBoard Search, who assisted the task force in its work.

5. **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH TASK FORCE**

President Methvin thanked the members of the Executive Director Search Task Force for the hard work and time each of them devoted to the process of selecting the next Executive Director of the Alabama State Bar. Mr. Methvin also thanked Richard

Brock and Janet Eyster of OnBoard Search, and staff members Ashley Penhale, Robyn Bernier, and Interim Executive Director Ellen Brooks for the assistance each of them provided to the task force. Finally, Mr. Methvin thanked the members of the Board for their patience and input during the search process.

President Methvin and members of the task force presented information on advertising the Executive Director position, the profile of candidates for the position, and the process that the task force went through to narrow the field of candidates, conduct interviews, rank the finalists, and ultimately make a recommendation to the Board. The task force members shared their gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the task force and remarked of how impressed they were with the quality and diversity of the candidates, as well as the diversity and openness of the task force members.

The full report of the Executive Director Search Task Force is included in these minutes as Attachment A.

6. **APPROVAL OF JUDGE TERRI BOZEMAN LOVELL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA STATE BAR**

President Methvin stated that the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Director Search Task Force was to hire Judge Terri Bozeman Lovell as the Executive Director of the Alabama State Bar. Mr. Methvin opened the floor for discussion and a motion.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF JUDGE TERRI BOZEMAN LOVELL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA STATE BAR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

7. **REMARKS FROM JUDGE TERRI BOZEMAN LOVELL**

President Methvin introduced Judge Terri Bozeman Lovell as the next Executive Director of the Alabama State Bar. Judge Lovell said that she was humbled and honored to be selected for the position. She stated that being selected for this position is not about her, but about the community of lawyers that are served by the Alabama State Bar. Judge Lovell thanked the commissioners for their confidence in her and said that she was looking forward to getting to know each one of them and work with them to accomplish great things at the Alabama State Bar.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Methvin 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. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Robert G. Methvin, Jr., President
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:

Justin C. Aday, Acting Secretary
Alabama State Bar