

MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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 Alabama Code § 36-25A-5.1.

**Alabama State Bar and via Zoom
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

Monday, June 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Tom Perry serving in the absence of President Taze Shepard convened the special called meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Commissioners at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Raymond Bell	Edgar Black
Mark Boardman	Jeff Bowling
Will Broome	Aaron Chastain
Joel Connally	Mark Debro
Scott Foster	Kirk Garrett
Leon Hampton	Fred Helmsing
Erik Heninger	Carmen Howell
Mitch Kemmer	Angela Kennedy
Edwin Lamberth	Karen Laneaux
David Langston	Clay Martin
Doug Martinson	Clint Maze
Bob McMillan	Cliff Mendheim
Lynn Perry	Tom Perry
Jim Rebarchak	Ryan Robichaux
Holly Sawyer	Pat Sefton
Elizabeth Smithart	John Smyth
Terri Tompkins	Halron Turner
Gibson Vance	Leila Watson

The following commissioners were absent:

Sally Bowers	Bob Brogden
Clay Carr	Bryan Comer
Brad Cornett	Deborah Dunsmore
Lang Floyd	Kira Fonteneau
Anne Glass	Christy Graham
Dana Grimes	Scott Holmes
Brett King	Jason Knight
Bill Lancaster	Leigh Anne Landis
Patrick Loftin	Felicia Long
Don Mansell	David martin
LaBella McCallum	Rebekah McKinney
Bob Methvin	Tina Moon
Kenneth Moore	Larry Morris
George Parker	Manish Patel
Chuck Price	Barry Ragsdale
John Rea	Chrissy Riddle
Freddy Rubio	Taze Shepard
Jason Simmons	Allison Skinner
Kyra Sparks	Angeline Sperling
John Stamps	Andrew Stanley
Charles Tatum	Jimbo Terrell
Mallory Whitley	

Also in attendance was President-elect Brannon Buck. Staff members in attendance were: Terri Lovell, Roman Shaul, Merinda Hall, Michelle Shaw, Melissa Warnke, Suzi Huffaker.

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT.

VICE PRESIDENT TOM PERRY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BODY WOULD MEET AS A COMMITTEE FOR INFORMAL CONSIDERATION WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DEBATE THE REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BUT NO AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION OR REPORT TO THE COMMISSION.

3. ADEPA AUDIT REPORT DISCUSSION

Vice President Tom Perry asked that President-Elect Gibson Vance lead the discussion. President-Elect Vance asked General Counsel Roman Shaul to address the findings of the report. Mr. Shaul first addressed that the staff of the Alabama State Bar has worked with the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts (ADEPA) to address past practices of the State Bar that which the ADEPA believe no longer comply with state law or requirements of the State auditors. The audit report issued by ADEPA provides examples of these past practices that have now been resolved. He further

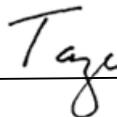
indicated that the Alabama State Bar is constantly working to improve every aspect of its operations and greatly appreciates its positive working relationship with the ADEPA Chief Examiner, Rachel Riddle, and Chief Legal Counsel, Jason Paulk.

The examination is conducted biennially by the Examiners of Public Accounts (EPA) to ensure our records are compliant with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama. He informed the Commission that, historically, the Alabama State Bar operated under the quasi-state agency philosophy for several decades and maintained our checkbook accounts in compatibility with privately run entities that, ordinarily, are limitedly subject to generally accepted accounting principles. He reminded the Bar Commissioners that we are entirely funded by the dues of our 19,000+ members. However, new EPA regulations require state agencies to treat all collected funds as public funds that will also be subject to state laws and regulations, and therefore, the underlying reason for many of the findings cited in the report. In anticipation of and response to the audit report, we have committed our efforts to realigning our traditional operating procedures to comply with the state requirements. Future compliance for some regulations may require the Alabama State Bar to request guidance from the Alabama Attorney General's office or the Alabama Supreme Court.

Mr. Shaul indicated that the majority of the findings occurred prior to Executive Director Terri Lovell being hired. Mr. Shaul asked that Terri Lovell address the actions being taken to comply with the Open Meetings Act and asked Finance Director Merinda Hall to address the E-Verify findings that occurred prior to her taking on many of the HR responsibilities.

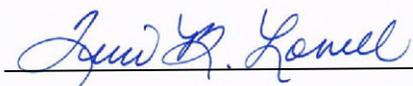
4. ADJOURNMENT

President-elect Vance closed the discussion and announced the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Tazewell T. Shepard, III
President, 2021-2022

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar