
**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

1. 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, Montgomery, Alabama.

2. ROLL CALL

The Secretary took the roll of the Executive Council and the following were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Felicia Long

QUORUM PRESENT

3. AGENDA AND MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022, APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gibson Vance reported on the November and December Drive for Five that included visits to Montgomery, Russell, Jefferson counties, and had met with over 30 new judges during their orientation at the Judicial Building. President Vance reported on the ongoing review of our statutory authority and advised the council that Brannon Buck, he, and Terri had met with the Supreme Court earlier that day to discuss the need

for clarification for procurement and ADEPA examinations on mandatory versus voluntary funds being held in non-treasury accounts. He advised the council of the ongoing efforts to develop agreed upon policies for *The Alabama Lawyer* that are consistent with policies established by other unified bars.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell informed the Executive Council that final plans are being made for the Mid-Year meeting. She announced that John Phelps would be speaking at the conference and presenting workshops for the Mobile Bar, the Strategic Planning Task Force, the Bylaws Task Force. Terri advised the council that the department heads had appreciated the attention being focused on their departments by the assigned Executive Council members. She discussed the ongoing efforts that she and Roman are making to create an organizational culture that fulfills the mission of the Alabama State Bar. She discussed some of the procurement changes and the staff's collaboration with the Finance Director, Chief Procurement Officer, and ADEPA to ensure state compliance.

6. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the Executive Council that the proposed amendments to the *Rules of Professional Responsibility* had been filed with the Alabama Supreme Court and he is awaiting a decision from the Supreme Court.

7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

The Executive Council members each shared a monthly update from their assigned department(s) and or programs.

8. LEAVE DONATION

Roman Shaul advised the Executive Council that he had a sick leave balance remaining when the General Counsel position changed to a 24/7 position. The Executive Council unanimously approved that the leave could be donated to the leave bank upon approval from State Personnel.

9. EMPLOYEE FUND

The Executive Council unanimously approved a request from Terri Lovell to establish a voluntary employee fund for benevolence and unexpected expenses that complied with any requirements established by the state.

10. NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT VANCE ANNOUNCED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:37 P.M.



Gibson Vance
Alabama State Bar
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar