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**ALABAMA STATE BAR  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
Battle House Hotel  
Mobile, Alabama**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

ASB President Gibson Vance convened this meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:30 p.m. in the Leinkauf room of the Battle House Hotel in Mobile, Alabama.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

The following members were absent:

None.

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**III. AGENDA AND MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2022, APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Gibson Vance reported on activities since the December Executive Council meeting to include a continued work on an agreed upon Alabama Lawyer editorial policy, collaboration with the Supreme Court on financial clarification, and Drive for Five visits to Huntsville, Cumberland School of Law, Leadership Forum, and the Mid-Year Judges Conference. He announced that we have a plan for the remaining circuits and that the tentative dates for these visits would be posted during the BBC meeting. President Vance stated that we have now had over 25 lawyers, judges, and/or law students utilize the confidential counseling program.

V. **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the Executive Council that after our last EC meeting, the Alabama Supreme Court had entered rule changes to the *Rules of Professional Responsibility*. He stated that changes had been discussed at the previous BBC meeting and that appointments to fill the newly created positions to the Disciplinary Commission and the Disciplinary Panels would be voted on at the meeting on January 20, 2023. He stated that nominations had been received by his office and that all were being verified for eligibility and submission to the Commission.

VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Executive Director Terri Lovell reported that following the December 14, 2022, meeting with the Court, an issues memorandum had been circulated to the Supreme Court in anticipation of a joint meeting with the Court and ASB at the mid-year meeting with John Phelps. After the memo was circulated, the Court determined that they would meet privately with John Phelps and that meeting had occurred earlier in that morning. Terri gave an overview of the issues that are remaining for the Court and the EC/BBC to consider, the action steps taken, the challenges, and the proposed solutions. She also informed the Executive Council of the Governor's Executive Order #726 related to non-treasury boards, commissions, and entities. She further stated that all the work on these issues over the past 18 months have prepared us for this order.

VII. **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

President-elect Brannon Buck reported on the continued work to create an agreed upon editorial policy for the *Alabama Lawyer* magazine.

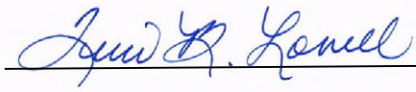
VIII. **NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT VANCE ANNOUNCED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:13 P.M.**



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Gibson Vance  
Alabama State Bar  
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Terri B. Lovell", is positioned above a solid black horizontal line. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary  
Alabama State Bar