
**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Alabama State Bar
Montgomery, Alabama**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. 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 in Montgomery, Alabama.

II. ROLL CALL

Gibson Vance, Elizabeth Smithart, Brannon Buck, Mark Boardman, Carmen Howell, Felicia Long, Brett Holsombeck, and Terri Lovell.

The following members were absent:

Mark Debro, Angela Kennedy and Roman Shaul

QUORUM PRESENT

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda and minutes of January 19, 2023, approved by unanimous vote.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gibson Vance reported on activities since the January Executive Council meeting. A Drive for Five visit was held in Baldwin County on February 13, and visits to Alabama Association for Justice, Blount, Cullman, Etowah, and Shelby County are scheduled for February 16, 23, 24, and March 1. President Vance stated that we have now had over 28 lawyers, judges, and/or law students utilize the confidential counseling program and that service numbers to ALAP have increased by 30% in the past year. He invited the Executive Council members to join him on March 9 Dreamland BBQ dinner that he is sponsoring for the bar commissioners.

V. OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

No Report from General Counsel

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY’S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell indicated that her time has been focused on responding to the Supreme Court as far as ASB changes related to procurement and finances by mid-March. She stated that communication has taken place and meetings are being scheduled with stakeholders from various agencies and branches to collaborate on our compliance and finance structure for both auditing purposes and Executive Order No. 726. She was optimistic that the Bar is moving in a positive direction to create a sustainable unified bar for years to come. Lovell briefly discussed VLP grant cuts and new developments related to Legal Services Alabama grant requirements and funding cuts.

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.

Elizabeth Smithart reported on the success of the Mid-Year meeting and some tentative plans for the Annual Meeting.

Brett Holsombeck discussed the VLP response to the January tornadoes and the hard work to serve the affected counties with disaster clinics and by opening the YLS/VLP hotline assistance number.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BBC AGENDA FOR MARCH 10, 2023

BBC Agenda for March 10, 2023 was approved by unanimous vote.

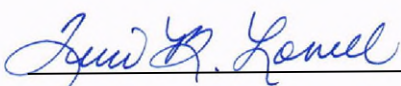
IX. ADJOURNMENT

No further business coming before the Executive Council, President Vance announced the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



Gibson Vance
Alabama State Bar
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar