
**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Alabama State Bar Building
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

ASB President Gibson Vance convened this meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:00 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, Mark Debro, Carmen Howell, Felicia Long, Angela Kennedy, Brett Holsombeck, Roman Shaul, and Terri Lovell.

The following members were absent:

None.

QUORUM PRESENT

III. APPROVAL OF BBC AGENDA FOR MARCH 10, 2023

Agenda and Minutes of February 15, 2023, approved by unanimous vote.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gibson Vance reported that Drive for Five visits had been held in Blount, Cullman, Etowah, and Shelby County since the February 15 Executive Council meeting. President Vance stated that we have now had over 33 lawyers, judges, and/or law students utilize the confidential counseling program. He shared that possibly due to the initiative, service numbers to ALAP have increased 30% since the previous year. He shared that ASB Past President Tom Methvin had hosted a reception at his home for the Leadership Forum Class and that everyone seemed to have a great evening. He reminded the members that his firm was hosting a BBQ dinner at Dreamland for the Bar Commissioners

following the meeting that evening. President Vance announced that policies for the Alabama Lawyer magazine had been drafted by agreement and asked that the members approve the version for recommendation to the Bar Commission on March 10, 2023.

MOTION BY MARK DEBRO TO APPROVE AMENDED THE ALABAMA LAWYER POLICIES TO STRIKE #3 BY AGREEMENT FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD. BRANNON BUCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE AGREED UPON AMENDED POLICIES OF THE ALABAMA LAWYER WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell reported on the February Bar Exam that was administered to 297 examinees, including 43 special accommodations. She announced that less than 250 attorneys remain in non-compliance for CLEs. She recognized Cathy Sue McCurry and Angie Fuqua for working that number down from 4,350 since January 1, 2023. Lovell announced that as of September 1, 2023, ASB will be going paperless for all communications other than notices required by Rules. She announced that the database conversion remains on track to go live September 1, 2023, with dues notices. The Executive Council was reminded to be on the lookout for all activities related to the remaining Drive for Five visits, Legal Food Frenzy, Lawyers in the Classroom, Law Day, groundbreaking for the Fred Gray Courtyard, Elections, and the Hall of Fame Ceremony. Lastly, she shared about the work to submit a plan to the Court on the ASB's financial compliance issues and the collaborative meetings and efforts that have taken place to respond to the ADEPA Audit and the Governor's Executive Orders.

VI. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul reported on the recommended changes to the Alabama State Bar Client Security Fund Rules. He stated that an amendment to increase the amounts payable under Rule 9 will be presented as a discussion item at the BBC meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Brett Holsombeck reported on the Volunteer Lawyer Program's response to the recent tornadoes and the status of funding for the VLP program. He also shared information about the Free Legal Answers program that will give many more lawyers the opportunity to provide pro bono from their home or office.

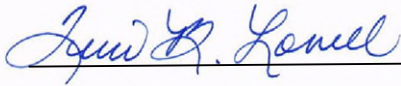
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business coming before the Executive Council, President Vance announced the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



Gibson Vance
Alabama State Bar
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar