
**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Alabama State Bar Building
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36101**

Thursday, May 4, 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, Angela Kennedy, Felicia Long, Brett Holsombeck, Terri Lovell, and Roman Shaul.

The following members were absent:

None.

QUORUM PRESENT

III. MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023, AND AGENDA APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Gibson Vance reported on activities since the April 19, 2023, Executive Council meeting. Drive for Five visits were held in Lee, Coosa, and Clay counties on May 1, 2023, and visits are scheduled for the remaining circuits in the month of May. President Vance shared that utilization for the counseling service continues to grow and that a plan for continuing the program has been discussed. The member benefits committee would be presented with an overview of the service for consideration as a permanent member benefit.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY’S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell shared updates on the database modernization plan implementation, the legislative session, the financial compliance plan to the Supreme Court, and the Legal Food Frenzy. She acknowledged the staff in their work on the Hall of Fame Ceremony, Lawyers in the Classroom, the Legal Food Frenzy, the Informational Breakfast for Freshmen Legislators, and the Drive for Five events.

VI. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul discussed two letters that had been received from Supreme Court liaison Association Justice Jay Mitchell regarding the Disciplinary Panel and Disciplinary Commission rule change. Shaul also gave an update on the Rule 7 Lawyer Advertising changes. He notified the EC that he and the committee, along with Brannon Buck, had recently met with Justice Greg Cook about the changes. He concluded by sharing that the Secretary of State had made an inquiry regarding lawyers serving as poll workers. He indicated that these discussions are ongoing related to possible MCLE credits.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

President-Elect Brannon Buck gave a brief report on the Bylaws Task Force announcing that a few changes had been suggested by the Supreme Court that were included in the handouts emailed to the commissioners. Mark Debro indicated that he would be giving a report at the BBC meeting from the IT department that would include an update on the database modernization implementation.

VIII. ELECTION UPDATE

Executive Director Terri Lovell informed the Executive Council that there were four circuits with open Bar Commissioner seats. Each local bar had been contacted and as of today, nominations had been made for the following: Lynn Perry for the 28th Circuit (Baldwin), Doug Smith for the 18th Circuit (Shelby), and Jerome Thompson for the 36th Circuit (Lawrence).

IX. NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PRESIDENT VANCE ANNOUNCED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4: 42 P.M.

Gibson Vance
Alabama State Bar
President, 2022-2023

ATTEST:

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar