

**ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brannon Buck convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 3:30 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar building at 415 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary took the roll of the members, and the following were present:

Brannon Buck (President)
Felicia Long (Vice President)
Tom Perry (President-Elect)
Raymond Bell
Josh Hayes
John Smyth
Chris Driver (YLS President)
Sam Ford (ALA President)
Mark Boardman (Parliamentarian)
Terri Lovell (Executive Director)
Roman Shaul (General Counsel)
Gibson Vance (Past President)

The following members were absent:

None

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023, MADE BY RAYMOND BELL, SECONDED BY GIBSON VANCE, AND APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

General Counsel Roman Shaul provided an overview of the recent decision in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Association*, No. 22-30564. He indicated that he is reviewing policies and working with staff and leadership to make any necessary proposals. He also reminded the Executive Council that the change related to the completion of the Alabama online course will be an action item under the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar during the January 19, 2024, Board of Bar Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2023, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY JOHN SMYTH, SECONDED BY RAYMOND BELL, AND APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Buck shared with the Executive Council about the success of the OutREACH events held in November in Brewton, Jasper, and Rainsville and indicated that we are working on additional visits in the spring of 2024. He also stated that plans are coming together for the ASB Leadership Summit to be held January 17-18, 2024, in Montgomery at the same time as the Judges Mid-Year Conference. He reminded the Executive Council to share the name and contact information for any other organizations that should be invited. President Buck informed the members that the Women's Section would also be holding events on January 17th to commemorate their 25th Anniversary and asked Felicia Long to share more information. He brought to the attention of the Executive Council concerns from the Criminal Defense Bar related to the electronic bar card. He informed the members that the staff is busy working on solutions to ensure that no lawyers are denied access to jails or prisons.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell provided additional information related to the work on the bar cards as compared to other bars in the Southern Conference and as related to other state regulatory boards. She further shared about the work to reboot several inactive sections including the Criminal Law section. Lovell gave a report from the November 3rd NCBE meeting with the Supreme Court, law school deans, and the Board of Bar Examiners. She indicated that the Chief Justice had provided direction and work is progressing to gather information for the Court to review. She provided additional updates on quarterly reports from committees, task forces, and ASB departments. Lovell reminded the members that there will be a number of board appointments on the next BBC meeting to include Judicial Inquiry Commission, Securities Commission, Private Investigator's Board, and Legal Services of Alabama. She concluded by providing an update on the issues surrounding regulatory boards in Alabama and how the ASB continues to work to address any compliance concerns surrounding our unique structure.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Felicia Long shared about the progress on the Justice for All task force whereby she announced January 2024, as the anticipated launch date for the new website. She summarized the robust activities and communication that have resulted in the progress of the project.

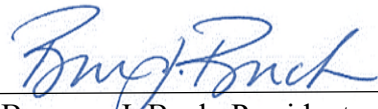
John Smyth shared that the *Alabama Lawyer* Review Task Force work is also progressing. He indicated Conrad Anderson's subcommittee on policy review has moved a little faster than his subcommittee on financial practices. He informed the members of a meeting that had been held earlier in the week to review all finances with the editor as provided by the ASB finance director.

BAR EXAM REPORT

Lovell provided an update on the Next Gen Bar Exam as part of her report in the absence of Karen Laneaux.

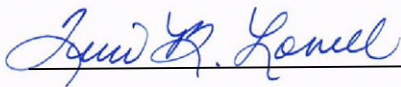
ADJOURNMENT

President Buck thanked the members for their attendance and there being no further business before the Executive Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



Brannon J. Buck, President
Alabama State Bar Foundation

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar