ALABAMA STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Alabama State Bar 415 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Thursday, January 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Brannon Buck convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 2:04 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)
Mark Boardman (Parliamentarian)
Terri Lovell (Executive Director)
Roman Shaul (General Counsel)

The following members were absent:

Sam Ford (ALA President) Gibson Vance (Past President)

QUORUM PRESENT

The following staff members were present:

Chad Coker (Director of Operations)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17, 2024, RAYMOND BELL, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2024, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY RAYMOND BELL, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Buck informed the Executive Council that the morning had started with the well-attended Women's Section Judicial Brunch honoring the female judges of Alabama and the 50-year female members of the Alabama State Bar. He shared that he provided remarks at the brunch, and then welcomed the judges to the Mid-Winter Judicial Conference. President Buck invited the Executive Committee to join bar leaders from across the state for a tour of the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum following the meeting. He thanked Felicia Long for her work on the Women's Section 25th Anniversary activities including the Gala scheduled for that evening. He informed the members that over sixty leaders registered to attend the Bar Leadership Summit at the RSA Activity Center the next day. He reminded the EC members that they were invited to the Judicial Reception sponsored by the Judicial College and the Montgomery County Bar Association at the Archives and History Building on Thursday evening.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell provided an update on the database modernization project, the bar exam meetings, and the second quarter reports from committees and department heads. She asked Chad Coker to provide an update on the permanent bar membership card and the Fred Gray Courtyard bid process.

GENERAL COUNSELS REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul shared that complaints increased and that few complaints were screened out for the 2023 calendar year.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Reports were provided on the *Justice for All* Task Force, the *Alabama Lawyer* Review Task Force, and the Legal Specialization Task Force.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 19, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA MADE BY JOHN SMYTH, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buck thanked the members for their attendance and there being no further business before the Executive Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Brannon J. Buck, President

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ATTEST:

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary

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