

**ALABAMA STATE BAR  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Alabama State Bar and via Zoom  
415 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brannon Buck convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 1:15 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  
Chris Driver (YLS President)  
Mark Boardman (Parliamentarian)  
Gibson Vance (Past President)  
Terri Lovell (Executive Director)  
Roman Shaul (General Counsel)

The following members were absent:

John Smyth  
Sam Ford (ALA President)

**QUORUM PRESENT**

The following staff members were present:

Chad Coker (Director of Operations)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR JUNE 12, 2024, BY FELICIA LONG, SECONDED BY TOM PERRY, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY GIBSON VANCE, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Buck informed the Executive Council the OutREACH tour had concluded with a successful event in Montgomery. He indicated preparations were ongoing for the annual meeting and the transitions occurring within *The Alabama Lawyer* editorial board had been smooth. Buck reminded those in attendance that end of year reports are due from task forces and committees and he encouraged their submission.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Terri Lovell informed the committee that a proposal had been made to the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Foundation to provide funding of up to \$10,000 for the remainder of the year for counseling services currently offered through CorpCare as monies to pay for these services are exhausted. Lovell also stated that Shannon Knight has been selected as the interim director of ALAP. She informed the committee that trustees of the Alabama State Bar Health Plan have issued a request for proposal (RFP) to four (4) Alabama based brokers. A decision is expected to be made in July. Finally, Lovell updated the committee on anticipated staff retirements.

### **GENERAL COUNSELS REPORT**

General Counsel Roman Shaul provided an update on the OGC database implementation and the new features it would provide. He announced the Rule 7 survey had been completed and provided to the Court. The Court is seeking further clarification of some of the findings within the report. Finally, Shaul discussed staff changes occurring within his office.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

Tom Perry reported on attending the Board of Bar Examiners meeting along with Fred Helmsing in Chicago, IL.

### **JUSTICE4AL.COM WEBSITE LAUNCH REPORT**

Vice President Felicia Long and Melissa Warnke, Director of Communications, provided an update on the overall rollout publicity plan for the Justice4AL website. The plan will be to officially launch the platform on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Alabama Law Foundation will be assisting with the cost of printed materials.

### **OUTREACH CLE REPORT**

Director of Operations Chad Coker provided information on the success of the OutREACH tour. Over 319 attorneys participated along with approximately 40 judges. The five events cost a total of \$9,073.13 with total receipts of \$8,475.00.

## **ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**

Robyn Bernier, Meeting and Events Coordinator, announced approximately 300 people have registered for the annual meeting with 34 exhibitors scheduled to attend. Over \$124,000 has been pledged in sponsorships.

## **BAR EXAM REPORT**

Admissions Director Karen Laneaux provided an update that the Board of Bar Examiners meet monthly and are drafting preliminary recommendations to the Alabama Supreme Court regarding the adoption of the NextGen bar exam and potentially adding a state specific component.

## **APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2024, AND RECONVENING JUNE 29, 2024, MEETING, BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 26, 2024, AND RECONVENING JUNE 29, 2024, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA MADE BY TOM PERRY, SECONDED BY FELICIA LONG, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM PERRY TO APPROVE THE CURRENT BOARD OF BAR EXAMINER MEMBERS AND CHARACTER & FITNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS THE PROPOSED SLATE OF RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES FOR THE COMING YEAR SUBJECT TO BBC APPROVAL. THE MOTION WAS 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 2:35 p.m.

  
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Brannon J. Buck, President  
Alabama State Bar

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Terri B. Lovell, Secretary  
Alabama State Bar