

MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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

March 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Perry convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:21 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar.

ROLL CALL

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

Mark Boardman, Brannon Buck, Jana Garner, Tom Heflin, Fred Helmsing, Tom Perry, Pat Sefton, John Stamps, Ron Strawbridge, and Halron Turner

The following staff members were present: Terri Lovell, Roman Shaul, and Chad Coker.

The following members were absent: Ryan Duplechin and Aigner Kolom

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA and EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2025, WAS MADE BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, SECONDED BY FRED HELMSING, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2025, WAS MADE BY PAT SEFTON, SECONDED BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tom Perry informed the committee of his participation at the Toolbox Tour held in Greenville the day before wherein over forty (40) attorneys were present. Perry had also attended the ALA event in Montgomery where four worthwhile attorneys were honored for their continued service to the legal community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell updated the Executive Council on her recent trip to the Bar Leadership Institute with President-Elect Fred Helmsing. They joined the Mobile Bar Association and the Birmingham Bar Association at the event. A report was provided regarding the Fred Gray Courtyard Project and the installation of the new HVAC system. Lovell also informed the members that the Board of Bar Examiners would be providing the Alabama Supreme Court their recommendations regarding the adoption of the state specific add-on to the bar exam by March 25, 2025, pursuant to the instruction from the Court.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the Executive Council further discussions had been held with the Court regarding adoption of Rule 7 recommendations regarding attorney advertising. He informed the members that the Court desired to make clear their intent that out of state lawyers would be held to the same standard as in-state attorneys regarding advertising changes. Shaul further stated the desire of the Alabama Supreme Court to have the issue discussed among the Board of Bar Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2025, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA AS REVISED

A discussion was held regarding the approval of the agenda. Based upon the desire of the Alabama Supreme Court alluded to in the General Counsel Report, a new discussion item was added regarding Rule 1 of the Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and Rule 8.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

MOTION BY RON STRAWBRIDGE TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA AS REVISED OF MARCH 20, 2025, WAS SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

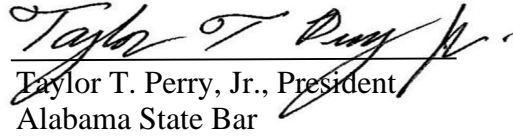
There was no new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED

President Tom Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Executive Council. There being no further business to come before the board, a MOTION BY FRED HELMSING TO

ADJOURN, SECONDED BY JANA GARNER, WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Perry adjourned the meeting on at 4:37 p.m.


Taylor T. Perry, Jr., President
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:


Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar