

## **MINUTES**

### **ALABAMA STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**April 11, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Perry convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar building.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mark Boardman, Brannon Buck, Ryan Duplechin, Jana Garner, Tom Heflin, Fred Helmsing, Aigner Kolom, 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: None

#### ***QUORUM PRESENT***

#### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA and EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MARCH 20, 2025**

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2025, WAS MADE BY FRED HELMSING, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2025, WAS MADE BY FRED HELMSING, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Tom Perry informed the members of his efforts on behalf of the Bar since the last meeting. Since that date: Perry attended a reception and heard oral arguments of the Alabama Supreme Court in Florence; attended the Madison County bar meeting and luncheon in Huntsville; presented with Tom Heflin on Harvesting Hope at Cumberland School of Law; met with the Lt.

Governor Will Ainsworth; and served as the keynote speaker at Jones School of Law graduation luncheon in Montgomery.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Terri Lovell remarked that she and staff are continuing to investigate the proposed findings of the Examiner of Public Accounts audit. The monitoring of proposed legislation remains a priority and Lovell stated she had met with the Court a couple of times in the past week. She announced the Court has been provided with a report regarding a state specific add-on component to the bar exam. Lovell announced Mark Moody will become compliance counsel for the Alabama State Bar to assist in the review and execution of contracts.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

General Counsel Roman Shaul responded to an inquiry from President Perry regarding possible disciplinary changes on publication notices. With the closure of many daily/weekly newspapers, Shaul advised he was going to perform a deeper dive into local papers and their distribution numbers for the purpose of publishing disciplinary notices. Shaul stated a disciplinary summit roundtable was set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and mentioned his office is beginning to investigate individuals regarding various scams involving out of state law firms.

## **APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2025, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA**

A discussion was held regarding the approval of the May 2, 2025, BBC agenda. A discussion was held about removing local bar reports and to add a Harvesting Hope update.

**MOTION BY PAT SEFTON TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA, AND SECONDED BY JANA GARNER, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.**

## **AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER SELECTION**

A discussion was held regarding the three upcoming at-large commissioner vacancies. Both current commissioners, Raymond Bell and Mitch Kemmer, are seeking reappointment to their respective positions. Commissioner Jana Garner is not.

**MOTION BY PAT SEFTON TO RECOMMEND TO THE BBC THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BELL AND KEMMER WAS SECONDED BY JANA GARNER, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A discussion was held regarding the remaining vacancy. The three names were submitted: LaKitia Hall, Sebie Sellers, and John Teague. After review and discussion of the applications

MOTION BY BRANNON BUCK TO RECOMMEND TO THE BBC THE APPOINTMENT OF SEBIE SELLERS TO THE AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER POSITION WAS MADE, SECONDED BY PAT SEFTON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

### **BILL SCRUGGS AND TONY MCLAIN AWARD SELECTION**

After review and discussion of the pending nomination forms, a

MOTION WAS MADE BY RON STRAWBRIDGE AND SECONDED BY JOHN STAMPS TO AWARD THE TONY MCLAIN AWARD TO SHARON STEWART AND THE BILL SCRUGGS AWARD TO D. MARCEL BLACK. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

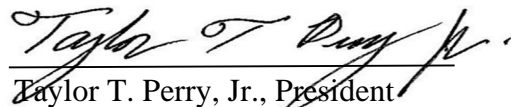
### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

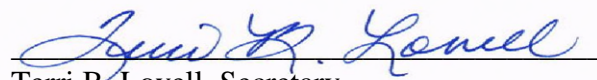
### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

President Tom Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Executive Council. There being no further business the MOTION BY JANA GARNER TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Perry adjourned the meeting on at 3:01 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
Terri B. Lovell, Secretary  
Alabama State Bar