



Alabama State Bar

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Alabama State Bar Building and Via Zoom
415 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104
June 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Fred Helmsing convened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Terri Lovell, took roll wherein a quorum was established:

Present: Raymond Bell, Jeff Bowling, Devan Byrd, Joel Connally, Jana Garner, and Fred Helmsing, along with staff members Terri Lovell, Roman Shaul, and Chad Coker.

Absent: Mark Boardman, Christen Butler, Will Lee, George Parker, and Tom Perry

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *A Motion to Approve the agenda of June 25, 2026, was made by Jeff Bowling, seconded by Joel Connally, and approved by unanimous roll call vote.*
- *A Motion to Approve the minutes from the Executive Council Meeting of April 30, 2026, was made by Raymond Bell, seconded by Jeff Bowling, and approved by unanimous roll call vote.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fred Helmsing began his remarks referencing his attendance at the 11th Circuit Conference which was held in Miami, Florida. Helmsing spoke of his comments with Justice Clarence Thomas and acknowledged other members of the Alabama State Bar that were in attendance. Helmsing has delivered remarks to the Alabama Defense Lawyer Association since the last meeting and participated in New Commissioner Orientation held prior to the Executive Council meeting. He further informed the voting members of the Executive

Council that he had communicated with them via email and that the annual review of the Executive Director and General Counsel would occur on July 8, 2026.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell stated that since the last meeting, Hall of Fame selections were made, a successful election process had been accomplished, and New Commissioner Orientation was completed. Lovell informed the council that work has continued with financial policy updates and annual reports are being collected from departments, sections and committees. Preparations are continuing for the annual and Southern Conference of Bar Presidents meetings and the bar continues to be involved in the creating and providing a list of hearing officers to assist with the Public Education Employee Insurance Compensation Fund process which has been established by the Legislature.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the Executive Council he has continued to spend a good deal of his time on litigation outside of the bar. He reported a committee, which arose out of the OGC Summit held in May, had created a new package of rules and would meet again in September to finalize them for presentation to the BBC. Shaul also indicated a rule, proposed by the Licensing Department of the ASB regarding Pro Hac Vice, would also be presented to the BBC.

REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2026 AND JULY 18, 2026, BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA

- *A Motion to Approve BBC agenda, as amended, was made by Raymond Bell, seconded by Joel Connally, and approved by unanimous roll call vote.*

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the Executive Director and General Counsel evaluation process. President Helmsing informed the Council that he would make an announcement regarding the evaluations at the next commission meeting. A discussion also arose regarding a request of the bar to submit an amicus brief to the Alabama Supreme Court regarding the attorney/client relationship. Due to this discussion, Raymond Bell excused himself from the meeting. The consensus of the Executive Council was to decline any such request.

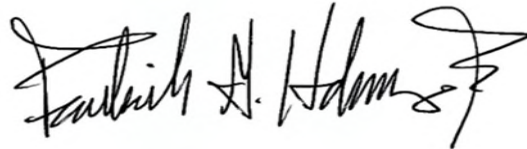
There was no old business.

MEETING ADJOURNED

President Helmsing asked if there was any further old or new business and there was none.

- *A Motion to Adjourn was made by Joel Connally, seconded by Jeff Bowling, and approved by a unanimous vote.*

Helmsing adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

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Frederick G. Helmsing, Jr., President
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terri B. Lovell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar

Approved by EC on 8/22/26