MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Soggy Bottom Lodge and via Zoom
1291 County Road 33
Linden, AL 36748

June 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Perry convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 1:40 p.m. at the above location.

ROLL CALL

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

Mark Boardman, Jana Garner, Tom Heflin, Aigner Kolom, Tom Perry, John Stamps, Ron Strawbridge, and Halron Turner

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

The following members were absent: Brannon Buck, Ryan Duplechin, Fred Helmsing, and Pat Sefton.

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA and EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MAY 1, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2025, WAS MADE BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, SECONDED BY JANA GARNER, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 1, 2025, WAS MADE BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, SECONDED BY JOHN STAMPS, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tom Perry provided the committee with the efforts of Harvesters of Hope, a newly formed 501(c)3 entity, and their application for grant funding pending before the Alabama Law Foundation. A meeting with the grants committee is scheduled for June 26, 2025. President Perry

discussed the multitude of groups he and Tom Heflin have appeared before to discuss his Harvesting of Hope initiative. Tom Heflin discussed his recent meeting with Greg Reed, Secretary of Workforce for the State of Alabama. Heflin also discussed his meetings with the Summer Scholars Program at UA Law, Daniel Corporation, and the Alabama Power Foundation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell offered her congratulations to President-Elect Jana Garner. She informed the committee a new commissioner welcome call was held on June 18th. Lovell announced over 320 members are registered for the annual meeting. The annual meeting will include a federal judge panel in addition to the Alabama Supreme Court panel this year. Greg McElroy has been confirmed as the Bench & Bar speaker. There are currently 680 applicants registered for the July bar exam which will be held in Birmingham at the BJCC with over 150 requests for special accommodations. In early June, Lovell and Karen Laneaux met with the Alabama Supreme Court at their General Conference. The Court has entered an order adopting the Next Gen bar exam beginning July 2028 with a requirement for a rigorous state component. Lovell informed the committee of a revision to an employment contract to allow an employee to be paid out of association funds as opposed to foundation monies and various issues surrounding selections of House of Delegate members to the American Bar Association. Finally, Lovell announced the Alabama State Bar would be hosting the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents meeting in October 2026 pending BBC approval.

APPROVAL OF July 16th and July 19th BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA

During the discussion regarding approval of the agenda, a decision was made to amend the agenda as follows:

1. Moving the MCLE Commission Appointment to an action item.
2. Moving the selection of the 2025 Layers Hall of Fame Class to an action item.
3. Adding a Nominating Committee Report as item "G" under Officer/Staff Reports.
4. Adding Harvesters of Hope Resolution as a new action item.

MOTION BY JANA GARNER TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA, AS REVISED, WAS SECONDED BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS AND CHARACTER & FITNESS COMMITTEES

MOTION BY TOM PERRY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS AND CHARACTER & FITNESS COMMITTEE AS ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SECONDED BY RON STRAWBRIDGE, 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 the meeting was adjourned by Perry at 2:25 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar