MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Alabama State Bar Building and via Zoom
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104
October 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ASB President Fred Helmsing convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:02 p.m. at the Alabama State Bar Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Raymond Bell, Mark Boardman, Jeff Bowling, Devan Byrd, Joel Connally, Jana Garner, Fred Helmsing, Will Lee, George Parker, and Tom Perry.

The following staff members were present:

Terri Lovell, Roman Shaul, Chad Coker

The following members were absent:

Christen Butler

DUE TO FAILURE TO MEET AN IN-PERSON QUORUM, A MOTION WAS MADE TO DISSOLVE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND TO PROCEED AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY JANA GARNER, SECONDED BY JOEL CONNALLY, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION TO APPOINT FRED HELMSING AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WAS MADE BY JANA GARNER, SECONDED BY JOEL CONNALLY, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES OF AUGUST 21-22, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 9, 2025, WAS MADE BY JOEL CONNALLY, SECONDED BY JEFF BOWLING, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 21-21, 2025, WAS MADE BY JEFF BOWLING, SECONDED BY JOEL CONNALLY, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fred Helmsing discussed his recent trip to the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents in Charleston, SC. Helmsing also informed the members of the recent appointment of an Elections Rules Task Force and a Special Projects Task Force. Helmsing thanked Vice President Jeff Bowling for handling the Opening of Court ceremony in his absence.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2025 BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA

Prior to the approval of the October 24, 2025, Board of Bar Commission Agenda, General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the council of a recent, pending vacancy on the Disciplinary Board. A discussion was held regarding this vacancy and the timeline in which to fill the position. A consensus was reached that nominations should be received until January 2, 2026, which would allow time for the OGC to vet the potential nominees, provide the information to the Court, and to consider all nominations at the January BBC meeting.

A MOTION TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD VACANCY WITH A DEADLINE OF JANUARY 2, 2026, FOR NOMINATIONS, WAS MADE BY WILL LEE, SECONDED BY JEFF BOWLING, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

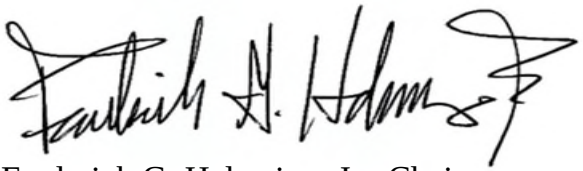
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business:
There was no old business.

New Business:
There was no new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED

President Helmsing asked if there was any further business to come before the Committee of the Whole. There being no further business, Helmsing adjourned the meeting on October 9, 2025, at 4:43 p.m.



Frederick G. Helmsing, Jr., Chair
Alabama State Bar Committee of the Whole

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar

The above actions included in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole were ratified by vote of the Executive Council as reflected in the minutes of the October 23, 2025, meeting.