MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Alabama State Bar Building and via Zoom
415 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104
October 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ASB President Fred Helmsing convened the meeting of the Alabama State Bar Executive Council at 4:04 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, Christen Butler, 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:

Devan Byrd

AS A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS ABLE TO PROCEED, A MOTION WAS MADE TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE AND ADOPT THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 9, 2025, MEETING. SAID MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM PERRY, SECONDED BY JANA GARNER, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 23, 2025, WAS MADE BY JEFF BOWLING, SECONDED BY WILL LEE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2025, WAS MADE BY JOEL CONNALLY, SECONDED BY JEFF BOWLING, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fred Helmsing discussed his recent formation of the Elections Rules Task Force to review procedures and potential improvements to the ASB Election Rules. Helmsing also announced the creation of a Special Projects Task Force which is currently meeting and will be advising regarding the bar's efforts to clarify its regulatory status as well as other matters as determined. President Helmsing spoke of his participation in the Admissions Ceremony and VLP proclamation signing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell directed those in attendance to review her attached quarterly report to the meeting materials. Lovell stated her efforts have been focused on creating draft legislation regarding the ASB's agency status and beginning initial preparations for the Southern Conference of Bar President's meeting in October 2026. She commented on the successful Solo and Small Firm seminar held in conjunction with the Alabama Law Foundation earlier this month and referenced the Bench & Bar Committee's event held at Faulkner Law. Lovell provided information concerning the Young Lawyer's section and their ongoing outreach efforts and announced two ASB Toolbox events scheduled for December 4th (Pell City) and December 10th (Fayette).

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul announced the hiring of Justin Jones as an attorney in his department. He provided an overview of a proposed Artificial Intelligence policy he planned to present at the board meeting and urged adoption of said policy. Shaul announced a vacancy on the Disciplinary Board and reiterated the disciplinary summit would be held on December 3rd. The OGC continues to field calls and provide guidance on the new advertising rules and Shaul announced he will be participating in a mediation regarding Pro Learn later this month.

REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2025 BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION AGENDA

Prior to the approval of the October 24, 2025, Board of Bar Commission Agenda, Executive Director Lovell announced a vacancy on the BBC has been created due to the resignation of Commissioner Kitty Brown from Jefferson County (10th Circuit, Place 7). As has been the practice in the past, the Birmingham Bar Association, through their Executive Committee, solicited nominations and provided to the ASB four names which will be submitted to the BBC for their consideration and final determination.

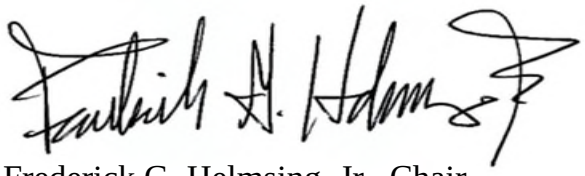
A MOTION TO APPROVE BBC AGENDA TO INCLUDE BOARD OF BAR COMMISSION VACANCY, WAS MADE BY TOM PERRY, SECONDED BY JOEL CONNALLY, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS
Old Business:
There was no old business.

New Business:
Tom Perry referenced the continued success of the Harvesters of Hope program which has placed seven lawyers in rural areas and expects placement of three to five more individuals in the next few weeks.

MEETING ADJOURNED
President Helmsing asked if there was any further business and hearing none a MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY JOEL CONNALLY, SECONDED BY WILL LEE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Helmsing adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



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

ATTEST:



Terri B. Lovell, Secretary
Alabama State Bar