

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Conference Call**

Members Participating:

Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, President; Kenneth B. Hodges, III, President-elect; Dawn M. Jones, Secretary; Darrell L. Sutton, Treasurer; Patrick T. O'Connor, Immediate Past President; Nicole C. Leet, YLD President; David S. Lipscomb; Frank Strickland; and Nicki Vaughan.

Members Absent:

Rizza O'Connor, YLD President-elect; Jennifer Campbell Mock, YLD Immediate Past President; Damon E. Elmore; Elizabeth Louise Fite; and Phyllis Holmen.

Staff Participating:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Christine Butcher Hayes, Director of Governmental Affairs; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; and Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel.

Call to Order

President Buck Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members of the Executive Committee in attendance are indicated above.

Advisory Committee on Legislation Recommendations

Deputy General Counsel Bill NeSmith reported that the Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL) met this morning to discuss HB 802 concerning the death penalty and life without parole, and SB 407 concerning bail reform. Governmental Affairs Director Christine Butcher Hayes and Bill recapped the ACL's discussions on germaneness and provisions in the bills, and reported that the ACL took the following action: 1) found that HB 802 was not germane to the legitimate purposes of the Bar, and 2) found SB 407 to be germane and supported the provisions of the legislation addressing misdemeanor bail reform in the bill.

HB 802 - Pursuant to Standing Executive Committee Policy 100

Following a motion from David Lipscomb that HB 802 is germane to the legitimate purposes of the Bar, a second, and discussion, the motion on germaneness failed by an Executive Committee roll call vote of 3 in favor to 6 opposed.

SB 407 - Pursuant to Standing Executive Committee Policy 100

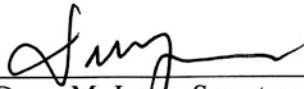
Governmental Affairs Director Christine Butcher Hayes reported that the State Bar was asked to support the provisions of the legislation addressing misdemeanor bail reform in SB 407 that is part of the Governor's criminal justice reform recommendations. After discussion, the Executive Committee took the following action:

- 1) By unanimous voice vote, found the subject matter to be within the legitimate scope and purposes of the Bar; and
- 2) By unanimous voice vote, determined pursuant to Standing Executive Committee Policy 100 that Executive Committee action was necessary since the Board of Governors will not be meeting until March 10, 2018; and


- 3) By unanimous voice vote, and as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Legislation, supported the provisions of the legislation addressing misdemeanor bail reform in SB 407.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.



Dawn M. Jones, Secretary

Approved: 

Buck Rogers, President