

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 9, 2025  
Specially Called Meeting**

**Members Participating**

Christopher Twyman, President; William “Bill” Gentry, President-Elect; Javoyne Hicks, Treasurer; Shiriki Jones, Secretary; Ivy Cadle, Immediate Past President; Veronica Cox, YLD President; Virginia Josey, YLD President-Elect; Kenneth Mitchell Jr., YLD Immediate Past President; Thua Barlay; Bert Hummel; Joyce Gist Lewis; David Lipscomb; Gary Spencer; and Martin Valbuena.

**Members Absent**

None.

**Call to Order**

Upon obtaining approval in advance for a specially called meeting of the Executive Committee by a 2/3rd vote, and after establishing a quorum, President Chris Twyman asked members to vote via email on the proposed rules changes as indicated below.

**Proposed Changes to the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct and Bar Rules**

General Counsel Russ Willard and Deputy General Counsel Bill NeSmith provided the following proposed rules changes:

1. Rule 4-203.1(a). Uniform Service Rule. Following the discussion at the August 2025 EC meeting, this rule change is proposed for inclusion on the Fall Board of Governors agenda. The proposed language only amends 4-203.1(a) (providing for companion email notification/service) and does not propose any changes to 4-203.1(b) (personal service). This language cleans up concerns expressed by the Court, as regards the current pending Motion 2023-2, that a lawyer could be found to be in violation of the GRPC if they do not maintain an email address on file with the State Bar. This proposed amendment, building on the current language found within the pending Motion 2023-2, makes clear that for provisions that require the complementary component of email service, such as service of petitions on Georgia-barred attorneys who maintain an official address in a foreign country, such provisions are deemed satisfied once the non-email components are completed.

The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, approved the proposed changes to Rule 4-203.1(a). This will now be considered by the Board of Governors at the Fall Meeting.

2. Real Property Law Section Bylaws.

The Executive Committee, by majority vote (one abstention), approved the Real Property Law Section Bylaws. This will now be considered by the Board of Governors at the Fall Meeting.

**Adjournment**

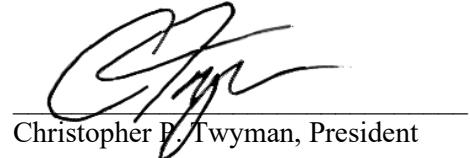
There was no further business discussed at this specially-called meeting.



Shiriki Cavitt Jones

Shiriki Cavitt Jones, Secretary

Approved:



Christopher P. Twyman

Christopher P. Twyman, President