



**SLR Southern Regional Meeting
August 22, 2024
10:00 AM ET**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Raymond Bell, Chair, AL
Mallory Harrell, FL
TJ Kaplan, GA
Jamie Norment, NC
Brooke Robertson, KY
Libby Scott, OK

Hannah Webster, SLR

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Raymond Bell called the meeting to order at 10:02 am ET.

II. Review of Minutes from May 9, 2024

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Fall 2024 Meeting Client Suggestions
September 26-29, Monterey, CA

Raymond updated the group that one of the clients he invited was no longer able to join.

Hannah Webster noted that there were several outstanding invitations, but only four confirmed clients. It would be great to get two or three more.

TJ Kaplan has an outstanding invitation and hopes to have an update soon.

Brook Robertson invited a client who has accepted the invitation, H.A.R.T., but they need a Frost Brown Todd representative at the meeting and she will not be able to attend.

IV. Discussion of Regional Interests and Issues

Brooke discussed the top issues in KY this year and bills that went into effect. These included: crime, homelessness, medical marijuana, and social issues, particularly around transgender individuals. She reported that economic development and the state budget is doing well. The democratic governor is popular and is fighting with supermajorities in the House and Senate.

Jamie Norment reported that 2024 is a big election year in NC and the general assembly will likely see many changes next year. The state budget is still being finalized. Current issues in the state include online sports betting, which was legalized earlier this year, and the potential for casino legalization next year. They also expect a medical marijuana bill to come forward.

Mallory Harrell noted that FL had record low voter turnout for their primary election recently. Voter turnout is expected to be much higher in November, and there are amendments for recreational marijuana and on the issue of abortion on that ballot. Budget preparation is underway for next year. Some key policy issues in the state are hemp, agriculture and transgender restrictions.

TJ reported that in GA, the gubernatorial election isn't until 2026, so all eyes are on the presidential race this year. Top issues in the state include casino gambling and interchange.

Libby Washburne noted similar issues in OK with hemp and agriculture. Another big issue was funding for a public charter catholic school that the Governor pushed through. This will likely go to the supreme court, and Libby noted the interesting legal reasoning in the case.

Raymond provided an update on AL. There has been a lot of work on economic and workforce development backed by the Governor. Other issues this year that will come up next session were interchange, IVF, and transgender issues. This year, a comprehensive gaming bill and medical marijuana bill passed, but the latter is tied up in court proceedings.

V. Discussion of Future In-Person Meeting

The group discussed the desire to hold another regional meeting soon. It might be late to plan one after Monterey and before the end of the year, but they agreed to think of ideas and discuss further in Monterey. It would be a quick fly-in meeting, so a location that is easy to get to would be ideal. Mallory offered the use of their Tampa, FL offices, and TJ offered to host in Atlanta, GA.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

The group will meet next at the SLR Fall Meeting in Monterey, CA.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am ET.