



**SLR Southern Regional Meeting**

**July 1, 2025**

**10:00 AM ET**

**Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 876 2004 3202

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order (Raymond Bell, Chair)
- II. Role Call & Introductions
- III. Review of Minutes from May 16, 2025 **Attachment A**
- IV. Discussion of In-Person Regional Meeting  
Atlanta, GA, August 14-16
  - a. Member Attendance **Attachment B**
  - b. Event Space & Hotel **Attachment C**
  - c. Schedule and Activities **Attachment D**
  - d. Client Suggestions and Attendance
- V. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Date of Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment



**SLR Southern Regional Meeting  
May 16, 2025  
2:00 PM CT**

**The Crescent Hotel, Fort Worth, TX  
Gallery I**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

Raymond Bell, AL, Chair  
Mallory Harrell, FL  
TJ Kaplan, GA  
Esme Thoman, TX  
Jamie Norment, NC  
Brooke Robertson, KY  
Derrick Smith, AR  
Andy Taggart, MS

I. Call to Order

Raymond Bell called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm CT.

II. Role Call & Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and gave an in-person welcome to Andy Taggart.

III. Review of Minutes from February 5, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 5, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Discussion of In-Person Regional Meeting

Members discussed having an in-person meeting at a location that would be convenient for travel. After a brief discussion, the members agreed to have the meeting in Atlanta if the majority could attend at some time in August.

TJ Kaplan volunteered to check on hotels and will provide potential meeting dates.

V. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests

KY – Brooke Roberson reported that hemp was a major issue during the Kentucky legislative session and that there are efforts in other states to limit manufacturing and the sale of hemp. She further reported that the state is continuing to cut income taxes.

FL – Mallory Harrell reported that the Florida legislature has been extended for a second time, with the current date of completion to be June 30, 2025. She also reported that the legislature has failed to pass a budget and is constitutionally required to do so each year on or before that date. She further reported that the legislature addressed right-to-repair legislation and provided 20 additional cannabis licenses. Lastly, she reported that condominium owners were provided relief in the amount of catastrophe money reserve requirements.

TX – Esme Thoman reported that the Texas legislature considered significant legislation dealing with business organization reforms, right-to-repair, and property tax abatements. She further reported that there was legislation mandating that new data centers must come with their power supply.

AR – Derrick Smith reported that the Arkansas legislature has concluded and one of the major pieces of successful legislation considered and passed prohibits any entity with an ownership interest in a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) from owning a pharmacy. He also reported that Arkansas is continuing to cut income taxes.

GA – TJ reported that the current Georgia budget received minimum cuts, but there will likely be significant cuts in it going forward. He also mentioned that existing tax credit allocations will be part of the reasons for cuts. He further reported that Georgia has built its fourth nuclear reactor.

MS – Andy reported that the Mississippi legislature failed to pass a budget and that a special session will be needed once an agreement is reached. He further reported that a significant issue considered this year was a scope of practice dispute, which resulted in a deal providing for CRNAs being relieved of collaborative agreements and doctors being provided anesthesiologist assistants, which eventually failed.

AL – Raymond reported that the Alabama legislature concluded on Wednesday. He also reported that it passed restrictions on pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) and the largest general and education budgets in history. He further reported that several pieces of legislation that bogged down the legislature included police immunity, gender definitions, and restrictions on DE&I and what can be taught in public schools.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

The committee agreed to meet virtually to discuss the regional meeting later this month, or early next month.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm CT.

**Attendance for SLR Southern Regional Meeting  
August 14-16, Atlanta, GA  
As of June 30, 2025**

**Confirmed Availability**

1. TJ Kaplan (GA)
2. Lauren Pollow (GA)
3. Raymond Bell (AL)
4. Andy Taggart (MS)
5. Anthony P. Jackson (MS)
6. Mallory Harrell (FL)

**Tentative Availability**

1. Derrick Smith (AR)

**Unable to Attend**

1. Jamie Norment (NC)

# SLR Southern Regional Event Space Comparison

Venue	Distance from Airport	Room Rate (per night)	Event Space	Capacity	Rental Cost	Amenities	Notes
<b>Hotel Clermont</b>	20 min (11 miles)	\$180	The Study	20	\$1,000 full day	Wi-Fi, projector & screen, whiteboard, pens & notepads	F&B Options
<b>Hotel Clermont</b>	20 min (11 miles)	\$180	A12	10	\$600 full day	Wi-Fi, projector & screen, whiteboard, pens & notepads	F&B Options
<b>FORTH Hotel Atlanta</b>	20 min (12 miles)	\$268	Conference 3A (Industrious Co-Working across street)	16	\$185/hr or \$1,480/day	TV, Wifi, coffee, tea, soft drinks	Full refund up to 24 hrs before start. Off-site catering to be brought in
<b>FORTH Hotel Atlanta</b>	20 min (12 miles)	\$268	Conference 3D (Industrious Co-Working across street)	10	\$116/hr or \$928/day	TV, Wifi, coffee, tea, soft drinks	Full refund up to 24 hrs before start. Off-site catering to be brought in
<b>Ritz-Carlton Atlanta</b>	15 min (10.5 miles)	\$258	(Event details pending)	-	-		Food menus \$\$\$; waiting on RFP for event space details
<b>Etherio Office</b>	50 min (from airport), 20-30 min (from city)	N/A (stay elsewhere)	Conference Room	15	Free	TV/Projector, Wifi, coffee, tea,	Off-site catering to be brought in

**SLR 2025 Southern Regional Tentative Schedule**

**Thursday, August 14**

Arrivals

Evening Cocktails and Dinner

**Friday, August 15**

8:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast and Introductions

9:00 - 9:45 am Client Presentation 1

10:00 - 10:45 am Client Presentation 2

11:00 - 11:45 am Client Presentation 3

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch and Roundtable Discussion

1:00 pm Adjourn

*Optional Afternoon/Evening Activity*

**Saturday, August 16**

Departures