

Dated this 19th day of June, 2025

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2025-44-01

Subject: Restructuring the SBA Membership Model

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws of The University of Houston Law Center (UHLC) Student Bar Association (SBA) serve as the governing documents for the operation and administration of the SBA;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3, Subsection H of the SBA Constitution reads: “[The President] may issue Executive Orders, with a simple majority approval of the Officers, when it is not practical to call a meeting of the Assembly or when this document does not instruct appropriate action.”;

WHEREAS, the SBA has maintained a paid membership model, offering exclusive benefits and privileges to students who chose to contribute financially to the organization;

WHEREAS, the SBA Constitution affirms that all currently enrolled students at the Law Center are active members, and all paid members as of May 1, 2025, are classified as such under Article I, Section 6;

WHEREAS, the SBA intends to preserve the benefits and privileges of paid SBA membership for its legacy paid members;

WHEREAS, the SBA seeks to implement a more inclusive and equitable membership framework by discontinuing paid memberships as a requirement for participation in SBA activities and programming; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board and its Officers, having reviewed the purpose and language of the Executive Order, have approved of said Executive Order by at least a simple majority vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the President by Article II, Section 3(h) of the SBA Constitution, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Effective immediately, the SBA shall cease the collection and recognition of new paid memberships. All programming and participation shall be open to all enrolled UHLC students without financial contributions.
2. All students who paid for membership on or before May 1, 2025, shall continue to receive the full scope of benefits and privileges historically associated with paid SBA membership through their respective date of graduation or May 1, 2027, whichever comes first.
3. The Communications Director, in accordance with Article II, Section 7(b), shall maintain the list of legacy paid members as of May 1, 2025, and ensure these individuals are identified appropriately for eligibility purposes.

4. Any previously adopted Executive Orders or Resolutions inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of the conflict.
5. The Communications Director shall cause a copy of this Executive Order, along with written notice of its effect, to be delivered to each legacy paid member via their registered email address.
6. This Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon signature and distribution by the SBA President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Executive Order shall be recorded in the official records of the SBA and made publicly accessible to the SBA membership.

SIGNED,



Duncan S. Reedyk

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