

**Alabama Athlete Agents Commission
4th Quarter Meeting Minutes
Alabama State House
RSA Plaza 5th Floor Conference Room
770 Washington Ave
Montgomery, Alabama 36130**

November 15, 2023

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chairman Santiago Pinzon.

The invocation was given by Todd Vardaman.

All Commission members and visitors signed and acknowledged attendance.

Commission members present at the meeting are as follows:

Commissioner Gerald Allen	Lt. Governor Appointee
Commissioner Wes Allen	Alabama Secretary of State
Commissioner Todd Vardaman	University of North Alabama
Commissioner Barbara Palmer	Miles College
Commissioner Stephanie Thompson	Alabama State University
Commissioner Santiago Pinzon	Troy University
Commissioner Thomas Neely	Jacksonville State University
Commissioner Riley Edwards	University of Alabama
Commissioner Nicholas Brown	Tuskegee University
Commissioner Ty Singletary	University South Alabama

Others in attendance are as follows:

Dr. Shemekwa Farrow	Administrative Analyst II, Office of the Secretary of State
Ms. Mieka Callines	State Professional Trainee, Office of the Secretary of State
Meridith Blackburn	Deputy General Counsel, Secretary of State

Commission members not in attendance are as follows:

Vacant	Governor's Office
Vacant	Alabama A&M University
Commissioner Julie Woltjen	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Commissioner Katreshia Louis-Verrett	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Commissioner Mike Jones	University of West Alabama
Commissioner Katie O'Brien	University of Montevallo
Commissioner Chris Blackshear	Alabama Speaker of the House Appointee

Commissioner Matt Ball
Commissioner Alvin Briggs

Auburn University
Alabama High School Athletic Association

The minutes of the September 27, 2023 regular meeting (3rd Quarterly Meeting) were reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Chairman Pinzon to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2023 regular meeting (3rd Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by T. Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Commissioners voted to hold Jose A. Casanova, for additional information. The motion was made by Chairman Pinzon and seconded by T. Neely. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission members to review the new applications named as follows:

1. Caric, Stephen
2. Ellison, Christopher
3. Mann, Tyler
4. Melnyk, Steven
5. Tomaska, James

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for new applicants and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by S. Pinzon and seconded by T. Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission members to review the renewal applicant(s) named as follows:

1. Hagan, Thomas
2. Sade, Sheryl

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for renewal applicant(s) and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by T. Neely. MOTION PASSED.

Meridith Blackburn, Deputy General Counsel for the Secretary of State, provided an update on the administrative rules. The administrative rules were amended because the FBI denied the commission access to the national background check system. Meridith discussed the changes to the Alabama Athlete Agent form. She also announced the launch of the Alabama Athlete Agent Online Portal, which took place on November 13, 2023.

Chairman Pinzon called for the approval of the new Alabama Athlete Agent Application. A motion was made by S. Pinzon and seconded by T. Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer Neely provided the commission with the financial report.

The Commission decided on the next Commission meeting date of Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by T. Neely and seconded by R. Edwards.

T. Vardaman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Chairman Pinzon and seconded by T. Neely. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by:
Mieka Callines

State of *Alabama*
County of *Montgomery*

Shemekwa Farrow, WITNESSED March 20, 2024