

Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting Minutes
State House Room 621
August 4, 2011

The Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Commission Co-Chair, Deputy Secretary of State, Emily Thompson.

Commission members that were present at this meeting are listed below.

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| Honorable Emily Thompson | Secretary of State Appointee |
| Honorable Ken Burroughs | Governor's Appointee |
| Honorable Jack Williams | House of Representatives |
| Honorable Matt Self | University of Alabama |
| Honorable Kit Alewine | Troy University |
| Honorable Mike Logan | University of Alabama, Huntsville |
| Honorable Greg Bonds | Jacksonville State University |
| Honorable Stephen Lautz | Auburn University |
| Honorable Jana Morrison | University of North Alabama |
| Honorable Erienne Roberts | Miles College |
| Honorable Deana Person | Tuskegee University |
| Honorable Derita R. Ratcliffe | University of Alabama, Birmingham |
| Honorable Mike Jones | University of West Alabama |

Others in attendance:

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| Mr. George Johnson | Tuskegee University |
| Mr. Don Valeska | Attorney General's Office |
| Mr. John Hensley | Attorney General's Office |
| Mr. Ben Baxley | Attorney General's Office |
| Ms. Karen Reeves | House of Rep. Committee Clerk |
| Mrs. Julia Bradshaw | Office of the Secretary of State |
| Ms. Terrie Wilson | Office of the Secretary of State |

Commission members not in attendance:

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| Mr. Phillippe Carter | Alabama A & M |
| Mr. Joe Evans | High School Athletic Association |
| Mr. Melvin Hines | Alabama State University |
| Senator Roger Bedford | Lt. Governor's Appointee |
| Ms. Dawn Makofski | University of Montevallo |
| Mr. Daniel McCarthy | University of South Alabama |

Commission meeting minutes:

Deputy Secretary of State Emily Thompson called the meeting to order and asked commission members and visitors to sign attendance roster. New commission members, Deana Person, Derita R. Ratcliffe, and Mike Jones were given the oath of office.

Commission members reviewed the minutes from the last commission meeting on June 2, 2011. Motion made to accept minutes. All commission members approved, none opposed.

Representative Williams reported that his assistant, Karen Reeves received references from some of the athlete agent applications, but other applicants did not have valid telephone numbers. Representative Williams suggested that applications that do not have valid telephone numbers would be considered incomplete and carried over to the next meeting. No significant findings were reported concerning any of the pending athlete agents.

All commission members reviewed new athlete agent applications. Motion made to accept all new applications as a group. All commission members approved, none opposed.

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| Anderson, Jeremy Cade | Harris, Kenneth L. | Henry, Judy Simmons |
| King, Henry Jr. | Kline, Jonathan | Malone, Dan Shaun |
| Peterson, Joseph Todd | Sajous, David Joseph | Shatsky, Howard Steven |
| Wright, Gavin | | |

Commission members also made a motion to approve all renewal applications. All commission members approved, none opposed.

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| Condon, Tom | Cooper, Lonnie | Dogra, Ben |
| Grunewald, Keith | Paige, Anthony | Phillips, Christina Marie |
| Sarnoff, Kenneth | | |

Attorney General’s Office representative Mr. Don Valeska distributed copies of a newspaper article that referenced the 1988 settlement between The University of Alabama and Athlete Agent Norby Walters. He reported that this was the beginning of several cases that the Attorney General’s office pursued on behalf of the State of Alabama concerning athlete agents who were in violation of the Alabama Athletic Code of Law. Mr. Valeska also referenced the book “Playing for Keeps” by Chris Mortensen, (ESPN Commentator) as he addressed several comments from the commission members. The following key points were made during the discussion concerning College Athletes and Agents in Alabama.

- Athlete Agents use cars and money to entice students into signing illegal contracts.
- Tips come from Universities, letters and other agents.
- Attorney General’s office has jurisdiction to arrest violators in other states.
- Educating students about not signing when they are eligible to play in college is most important in deterring violations.
- Students cannot be legally contacted by agents who are not registered in the State of Alabama, even if they are contacted while in another state.
- Students who are not eligible to play when they are contacted by non registered agents are not in violation of the law.
- NCAA should clearly define the terms athlete agent, runner and financial advisor.
- Schools and student athletes would benefit from seminars by the Attorney General’s representatives.
- Increase of penalties for violators of the law may help to protect students.
- Review other state laws in order to make additional changes as needed.
- Athlete Agent Commission requested that at representative from the Attorney General’s office attend quarterly meetings.

Next meeting date scheduled for December 12, 2011. Meeting adjourned at 10:50a.m.

Approved: Emily P. Thompson
Emily Thompson –Commission Co-Chair

Minutes submitted by:
Ms. Terrie Wilson
State of Alabama
County of Montgomery

Julia J. Bradshaw
Julia J. Bradshaw, Notary Public