

Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting Minutes

State House, Room 622

January 23, 2008

The Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Commission Chairman Gerald Allen.

The roll was called and the commission members that were present follows:

Honorable Gerald Allen	Alabama House of Representatives
Honorable Roger Bedford	Office of the Lt. Governor
Honorable Emily Thompson	Office of the Secretary of State
Honorable David Mines	Auburn University
Honorable Mike Logan	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Honorable Debby Bishop	Jacksonville State University
Honorable Jana Morrison	University of North Alabama
Honorable Chad Jackson	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Honorable Chris King	University of Alabama
Honorable Kit Alewine	Troy University
Honorable George Johnson	Tuskegee University
Honorable Michael Chadwick	University of Montevallo
Honorable Janet Montgomery	University of West Alabama
Honorable Kenneth Provitt	Alabama A & M University
Honorable Joe Evans	Alabama High School Athletic Association

Others in attendance:

Ms. Jeannie Price, SOS Finance Director, Ms. Jenny Hagood, Legislative Reference Analyst, Ms. Julia Bradshaw and Ms. Terrie Wilson, from the Office of the Secretary of State, Government Support, Athlete Agents Division.

Commission members not in attendance at the meeting:

University of South Alabama Appointee	Miles College Appointee
Alabama State University Athletic Director	Governor's Office Appointee

Representative Gerald Allen, Chairman, asked for the attendance register to be signed by everyone.

The Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Athlete Agent Commission meeting were read and a motion was made to approve. Bishop/Thompson, Motion passed.

The pending application of Herbert Stone, held over from the last meeting, was reviewed for additional information and a motion was made to approve along with the new applications of Virgil Adams, Ricardo Hall, Bradley Hamilton, Kevin Robinson, and Jeffrey Wechsler. Bishop/ Evans, Motion passed.

Renewing agents were: Lenford Rowe, John Mark Deakle, James Schottel, Robert B. Walker, Chad Speck, Otho Ray Carter, and William T. Riley, Jr. A motion was made to approve all. Bishop/Evans, Motion passed.

Jenny Hagood from Legislative Reference gave a conclusion of facts relating to the changes in the athlete agent act proposed by the commission. She stated the proposed bill would not permit reciprocity or temporary licenses and that it would require applicants to be registered by professional sports organizations. She reminded members that under current Alabama law anyone 18 or over may enter into a contract. Ms. Hagood referenced the current Alabama ethics laws as part of the background relating to "thing of value" for the Uniform Athlete Agents Act. She stated that the commission may want to review the language of the proposed bill relating to athletic directors and coaches, 'MAY' be able to assist athletes in cancelling a contract. She added that some of the language puts the Secretary of State's Office in the position of having to weigh applicant qualifications, instead of just making sure required materials are submitted.

Chris King, UA asked Ms. Hagood if the Secretary of State has the right of precedence over the decisions of the commission. Her response was yes.

Senator Bedford and Representative Allen excused themselves from the room so the other commission members could discuss whether or not they wanted to accept the original proposal or the new one from Legislative Reference.

Chad Jackson, UAB, stated the commission is needed to regulate athlete agents and that the law allows administrative rule changes for the commission.

Kit Alewine, Troy University, made the statement that Alabama needs to do something different from other states.

David Mines, AU, stated more stringent rules are needed for athlete agents.

Emily Thompson from the Office of the Secretary of State stated she had concerns about the commission wishing to change the rule of reciprocity according to the Uniform Athlete Agent Act.


Mike Logan from the University of Huntsville stated the current law has serious problems.

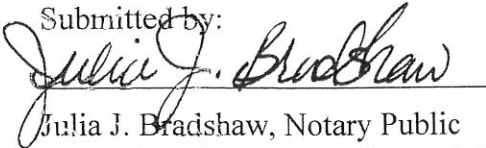
Chris King stated this would be his last commission meeting.

David Mines, AU, and Debby Bishop from Jacksonville State stated the commission wants final say in the approval/denial process of the applications and Mr. Mines also stated new laws or rules are needed.

Upon their return to the meeting, Representative Allen stated the athlete agent profession is an exploding industry and the roll of the commission is vital for the protection of students and schools. He also stated the commission members should continue to work on revisions of the current act.

Hearing no further business to come before the commission a motion was made and seconded and the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved: 
Representative Gerald Allen, Chairman AAAC

Submitted by:

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My commission expires 10-20-2008
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