

# Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting Minutes

State House, Room 603

June 12, 2008

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

Two new members of the commission, Charles Ponder and Mike Ward were sworn in by Chairman Allen.

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

Honorable Gerald Allen	House of Representatives
Honorable Beth Chapman	Secretary of State
Honorable Taylor Nichols	Office of the Governor
Honorable David Mines	Auburn University
Honorable Mike Logan	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Honorable Charles Ponder	Jacksonville State University
Honorable Jonathan Bowling	University of Alabama
Honorable Kit Alewine	Troy University
Honorable Michael Chadwick	University of Montevallo
Honorable Ron Dickerson	Alabama State University
Honorable Kenneth Provitt	Alabama A & M University
Honorable Joe Evans	Alabama High School Athletic Association

Others in attendance:

Ms. Jeannie Price, SOS Finance Director, Mr. Jerry Bassett, Code Commissioner and Director of Legislative Reference, Ms. Emily Thompson, Chief of Staff for the Secretary of State, Mr. Mike Ward, University of Alabama, Mr. Michael Kerr, Uniform Law Commissioner, Ms. Julia Bradshaw and Ms. Terrie Wilson, Athlete Agent Commission.

Commission members not in attendance at the meeting:

University of South Alabama	Miles College
Tuskegee University	University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of North Alabama	University of West Alabama
Lt. Governors Appointee	

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

The minutes of the January 23, 2008 Athlete Agent Commission meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve. Evans/Nichols, Motion passed.

Renewing agents were Andrew Joel, Leonard Roth, Jeffery Chilcoat, Patrick David Pinkston, George Mavrikes, Robert L. Beeman, Rocky Kephart, Hadley Englehard, Ben C. Hand, John R. Capmbell, Scott Boras, Jeffrey Courtney, Kenneth Mendelsohn, Dwight Rice, Tracy Henderson, and Kevin Conner. A motion was made to approve all. Provitt/Evans, Motion passed.

Chairman Allen asked for the new athlete agent applications to be reviewed by the members of the commission. The new applicants are Manubir Aurora, Kyle Magee, Huston Kennedy, and Greg Carden.

Charles Ponder expressed reservations concerning one of the applicants, Huston Kennedy, still being a student at the University of North Alabama. Joe Evans stated that under the current law, students were not prohibited from being athlete agents. Motion to approve Mr. Kennedy's application was called for. Evans/Ponder, Motion passed.

Chairman Allen asked that the UNA athletic director be made aware that a student was also an athlete agent.

Chairman Allen asked for a motion to approve all other new applications. Nichols/Evans, Motion passed.

David Mines stated one of the applicants Manubir Aurora, was also legal counsel for Pacman Jones and that Mr. Aurora was willing to speak at commission meetings and to students at schools as a community service.

A guest speaker, the Legislative Director of the Uniform Law Commission in Chicago, Mr. Mike Kerr, spoke to the commission members about the role of the ULC and the current Uniform Athlete Agent Act. Mr. Kerr stated the ULC is a neutral agency that provides states with uniform, well drafted, well researched legislation which brings clarity to critical areas of the law. He also stated that the ULC works to provide rules that are consistent from state to state where uniform laws would be practical.

Mr. Kerr reviewed the current draft of legislation concerning athlete agents in Alabama. He stated the provision in the draft that stated applicants must be registered with professional sports organizations was not feasible. He advised 'the no contact with students' in the draft as a first amendment violation.

Mr. Jerry Bassett stated the draft also contained language concerning the commission only meeting 3 times a year instead of quarterly. He advised this was not feasible and too lengthy a wait for applicants.

Mike Logan discussed his concerns about reciprocity and that other states may not do a thorough check of applicants.

Mr. Bassett stated the applications are signed under penalty of perjury and that contracts would be void if applications were signed under perjury.

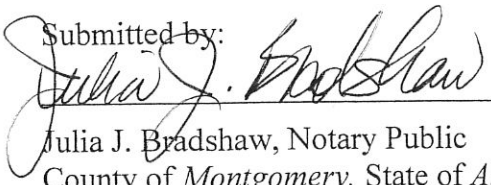
Secretary of State Beth Chapman stated the commission is credible and their input is necessary and important. She also stated she appreciates their advice and that she is available to discuss anything with them at any time.

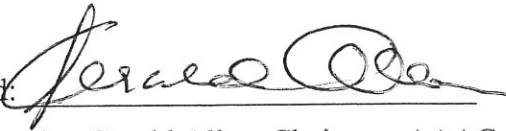
David Mines also related his concerns about reciprocity and the need for applications to be thoroughly checked.

Joe Evans stated that some agents were not going to abide by the law. School officials were going to have to be diligent and that the law must identify those agents who chose not to comply. He also stated that school officials must guide and educate students and that would be the key to compliance. He thanked everyone for attending and voicing their opinions.

Ron Dickerson added that Mark Levin who is the Director of Salary Cap and Agent Administration with the NFL Players Association would also be willing to speak at commission meetings and with students.

Secretary of State Chapman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Taylor Nichols and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by:   
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County of *Montgomery*, State of *Alabama*  
My commission expires 10-20-2008

Approved:   
Representative Gerald Allen, Chairman AAAC