

Alabama Absentee Ballot Advisory Task Force
Minutes of the Called Meeting
December 18, 2017

The called meeting of the Alabama Absentee Ballot Advisory Task Force was convened by Secretary of State John Merrill, at approximately 10:00am in the Regions Room of the Alabama State Archives Building, in Montgomery. Members present were Mary Harris, Circuit Clerk, Shelby County; Chris May, Circuit Clerk, Randolph County and President of the Alabama Circuit Clerks Association; Mary Moore, Circuit Clerk, Perry County; Susan Odom, Circuit Clerk, Walker County; Chris Priest, Circuit Clerk, Morgan County; and Carla Woodall, Circuit Clerk, Houston County. Other persons in attendance included Brent Beal, Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State, and Ed Packard, Administrator of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State. Member J.D. Snoddy, Circuit Clerk, Winston County, was not in attendance.

Secretary Merrill welcomed the members of the task force. Member Chris May gave the invocation. Secretary Merrill acknowledged that proper notice of the meeting had been given through the Secretary of State's Open Meetings web site and asked Mr. Packard to call the roll. All members were in attendance except for Mr. Snoddy.

Mary Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Harris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chris Priest made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2017, meeting. Carla Woodall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Draft legislation incorporating the members' suggestions for amending state absentee voting law was presented to the members for their review and discussion. The draft legislation was presented in four bills for the purposes of discussion but the members were advised that the final proposed legislation would consist of one bill. Additional edits were made to the draft legislation during the review of the draft legislation.

Members briefly discussed the Circuit Clerks' report on "early voting."

Members briefly discussed Carla Woodall's proposed survey form for UOCAVA absentee voting statistics.

Secretary Merrill adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:55am.

J. N. Merrill
July 3, 2018