Alabama Athlete Agents Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Teleconference under authority of Governor’s Supplemental State of Emergency
Montgomery, Alabama
March 9, 2021

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Santiago Pinzon.

The invocation was given by Greg Bonds.

All Commission members and visitors verbally acknowledged attendance.

Commission members present at the meeting are as follows:

Commissioner Todd Vardaman
Commissioner Santiago Pinzon
Commissioner Nicholas Brown
Commissioner David Derringer
Commissioner Dave Didion
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman
Commissioner Julie Woltjen
Commissioner Jasmine Thomas
Commissioner Tiffini Grimes
Commissioner Gerald Allen
Commissioner Alvin Briggs
Commissioner Greg Bonds

University of North Alabama
Troy University
Tuskegee University
University of Alabama, Birmingham
Auburn University
Alabama State University
University of Alabama, Huntsville
University of Montevallo
University of Alabama
Member, Alabama Senate
High School Athletic Association
Jacksonville State University

Others in attendance are as follows:
Ms. Shemekwa Farrow
Mr. Hugh R. Evans, III
Mrs. Sarah Telofski
Mrs. Taylor Freeman

Administrative Analyst I, Office of the Secretary of State
Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Assistant Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Secretary of State

Commission members not in attendance are as follows:

Commissioner John H. Merrill
Commissioner Earl Robinson
Commissioner Jared White
Commissioner Chris Blackshear
Commissioner Deborah Rodgers
Commissioner Mike Jones
Commissioner Chris Moore

Alabama Secretary of State
Alabama A&M University
Governor’s Office
Member, Alabama House of Representatives
Miles College
University of West Alabama
University of South Alabama
The minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting (4th Quarterly Meeting) was reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Julie Woltjen to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting (4th Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon opened the floor for nomination of officers. Todd Vardaman motioned to keep current chairperson, Santiago Pinzon, as the chairperson. The motion was seconded by Alvin Briggs. MOTION PASSED. Santiago Pinzon motioned to keep current co-chair-person, Todd Vardaman, as co-chairperson. The motion was seconded by Alvin Briggs. MOTION PASSED. Alvin Briggs motioned to keep current Treasurer, Julie Woltjen, as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

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

1. Brian Ayrault
2. Paul Bobbitt
3. James Clawson
4. Thomas Condon IV
5. Jason Davis
6. Kevin Fitzpatrick
7. Todd France
8. Richard Irvin
10. Joseph Keels
11. Kristen Kuliga
12. Kyle McCarthy
13. John Oluyole
14. Neil Robinson
15. Andrew Stiffer
16. Herbert Stone
17. Peter Webb
18. Ryan Williams

Commission decided to hold Usama Mirza’s application until the 2nd quarterly meeting at which time Mr. Mirza will provide updates as to his acceptance into the California State Bar as there were questions concerning various arrests and lawsuits. The motion was made by Julie Woltjen and seconded by Dave Didion. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Dawit Mulugheta’s application until the 2nd quarterly meeting for more detailed information on preliminary report received in 2013 from Texas Secretary of State. The motion was made by Santiago Pinzon and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold John Branion’s application until 2nd quarterly meeting for inaccurate information pertaining to city of college attended. Applicant will need to resubmit an application for review. The motion was made by Santiago Pinzon and seconded by Dave Didion. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for remaining applicants and seeing none, called for a motion to approve remaining new applications as a group. A motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.
Chairman Pinzon asked the Commissioners to review the renewing agent’s application named as follows:

1. Jon Baker  
2. James Cook Jr.  
3. Nicole Lynn  
4. Tabetha Plummer  
5. Ben Renzin  
6. Ronald Slavin  
7. Andrew Rigsbee  
8. Benjamin Setas

Commission decided to hold Damarius Bilbo application until the 2nd quarterly meeting for more detailed information on NFL suspension dated January - March 2019. The motion was made by Dave Didion and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for remaining applicants and seeing none, called for a motion to approve all renewal applications as a group. A motion was made by Santiago Pinzon and seconded by Gerald Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Hugh Evans, III, Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State office, advised the members on the Attorney General opinion (AGO-2021-002) as it pertains to the reimbursement of $50.00 per member. The advisory opinion applies to members of public colleges and universities and disallows them from being eligible to receive the fifty dollars reimbursement. The simple reason for this is that representatives of public colleges and universities are already paid by public funds for their principle jobs. Effective March 9, 2021, Commission members who are representatives of a public college or university will no longer be eligible to receive the fifty dollars for attending meetings.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion on the next meeting date of Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Santiago Pinzon and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Approved: Santiago Pinzon
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by:
Shemekwa Farrow

State of Alabama
County of Montgomery

Shemekwa Farrow, WITNESS May 4, 2021