

**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	University of North Alabama
Commissioner Santiago Pinzon	Troy University
Commissioner Nicholas Brown	Tuskegee University
Commissioner David Derringer	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Commissioner Dave Didion	Auburn University
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman	Alabama State University
Commissioner Julie Woltjen	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Commissioner Jasmine Thomas	University of Montevallo
Commissioner Tiffini Grimes	University of Alabama
Commissioner Gerald Allen	Member, Alabama Senate
Commissioner Alvin Briggs	High School Athletic Association
Commissioner Greg Bonds	Jacksonville State University

Others in attendance are as follows:

Ms. Shemekwa Farrow	Administrative Analyst I, Office of the Secretary of State
Mr. Hugh R. Evans, III	Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Mrs. Sarah Telofski	Assistant Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Mrs. Taylor Freeman	Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Secretary of State

Commission members not in attendance are as follows:

Commissioner John H. Merrill	Alabama Secretary of State
Commissioner Earl Robinson	Alabama A&M University
Commissioner Jared White	Governor's Office
Commissioner Chris Blackshear	Member, Alabama House of Representatives
Commissioner Deborah Rodgers	Miles College
Commissioner Mike Jones	University of West Alabama
Commissioner Chris Moore	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:

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| 1. Brian Ayrault | 10. Joseph Keels |
| 2. Paul Bobbitt | 11. Kristen Kuliga |
| 3. James Clawson | 12. Kyle McCarthy |
| 4. Thomas Condon IV | 13. John Oluyole |
| 5. Jason Davis | 14. Neil Robinson |
| 6. Kevin Fitzpatrick | 15. Andrew Stiffler |
| 7. Todd France | 16. Herbert Stone |
| 8. Richard Irvin | 17. Peter Webb |
| 9. Kenneth Joshen, Jr. | 18. Ryan Williams |

Commissioned 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:

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

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

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