

**Alabama Athlete Agents Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Teleconference under authority of Governor's Supplemental State of Emergency
Montgomery, Alabama**

May 4, 2021

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Santiago Pinzon.

The invocation was given by Todd Vardaman.

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 Richard Greene	Auburn University
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman	Alabama State University
Commissioner Julie Woltjen	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Commissioner Jasmine Thomas	University of Montevallo
Commissioner Gerald Allen	Member, Alabama Senate
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. Shenika S. Thomas	Administrative Support Asst II, Office of the Secretary of State
Ms. Karie Wilkerson	Administrative Support Asst III, Office of the Secretary of State
Mr. Matt Ball	Auburn University
Mr. Brant Ust	Auburn University
Mr. Jerry Bassett	Legislative Reference Service

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

Commissioner Tiffini Grimes
Commissioner Alvin Briggs

University of Alabama
High School Athletic Association

The minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting (1st Quarterly Meeting) was reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Senator Allen to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting (1st Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

The Commission reviewed applicants that were held over from the 1st Quarterly meeting as follows: Usama Mirza, Dawit Mulugheta, and John Branion.

Commissioned decided to continue to hold Usama Mirza's application until the 3rd 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 Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to accept and approve Dawit Mulugheta's application. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to accept and approve John Branion's application. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Caleb Diaz's application due to it not being legible. Mr. Diaz must resubmit a typed application for the commission. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Ian Grutman's application due to non-membership of any professional sports associations. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Julie Woltjen. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Jeanine Juliano's application due to non-membership of any professional sports associations. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to hold Kendra Perkins's applications due to non-membership of any professional sports associations. The motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided future applicants must be registered with the NFLPA (National Football League Players Association) if they currently represent NFL clients. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Richard Greene. 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 Senator Allen and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

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

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| 1. Richard Beda | 10. Dawit Mulugheta |
| 2. John Branion | 11. Elan Rafael |
| 3. Ian Button | 12. Maxwell Saidman |
| 4. Robby Corsaro | 13. Glenn Schwartzman |
| 5. Franklin Edwards, Jr. | 14. Russell Spielman |
| 6. Kenneth Felder | 15. Tyler Urban |
| 7. Steven Heumann | 16. Brad Winton |
| 8. Camille Jackson | 17. Solomon Yon |
| 9. Marcus Monk | |

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for renewal applications and seeing none, called for a motion to approve as a group. A motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Todd Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commissioners to review the renewing agent's application named as follows:

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| 1. Damarius Bilbo | 3. James Peterson, Jr. |
| 2. James Gould | 4. Timothy Younger |

Hugh Evans, III, Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State office, advised the members on HB-404) as it pertains NIL endorsements and representation. Senator Allen and Jerry Bassett spoke regarding legislature surrounding HB-404 and pending SB-400. Mr. Evans has also drafted letters to send to the colleges/universities pertaining to HB-404. A letter has also been drafted and sent the Alabama Athletic Collegiate Association.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion on the next meeting date of Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Santiago Pinzon and seconded by Senator Allen and Julie Woltjen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Approved: _____
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by:
Shenika Thomas

State of Alabama
County of Montgomery

Shemekwa Farrow, WITNESS May 4, 2021