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.

Commission 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:

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

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:

1. Damarius Bilbo
2. James Gould
3. James Peterson, Jr.
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 Wolfen. 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 July 1, 2021