

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

**July 1, 2021**

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:10 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 Julie Woltjen	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Commissioner Dawn Makofski	University of Montevallo
Commissioner Gerald Allen	Member, Alabama Senate
Commissioner Greg Bonds	Jacksonville State University
Commissioner Earl Robinson	Alabama A&M University
Commissioner Chris Moore	University of South Alabama

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	Asst. Director-Government Support, Office of the Secretary of State
Ms. Karie Wilkerson	Administrative Support Asst III, Office of the Secretary of State
Mr. Anthony Powell	IT Specialist, 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 Jared White	Governor's Office
Commissioner Chris Blackshear	Member, Alabama House of Representatives
Commissioner Barbara Palmer	Miles College
Commissioner Mike Jones	University of West Alabama
Commissioner Tiffini Grimes	University of Alabama
Commissioner Alvin Briggs	High School Athletic Association
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman	Alabama State University

The minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular meeting (2nd Quarterly Meeting) was reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Todd Vardaman to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular meeting (2nd Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by Richard Greene. MOTION PASSED.

Hugh Evans, III, Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State office, advised the members on NFLPA regulations and its contents as it relates to marketing agents. Hugh Evans discussed how marketing agents do not have to register with any players' association because they do not have direct involvement with any team on a player's behalf.

Senator Allen spoke regarding legislature as it pertains to HB-404 and pending SB-400. Senator Allen discussed both bills and mentioned how they will be included in the Special Session in October.

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

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| 1. Bradley Blevins | 6. Jeanine Juliano  |
| 2. Caleb Diaz      | 7. Usama Mirza      |
| 3. Gary Glick      | 8. Thomas O'Connell |
| 4. Ian Grutman     | 9. Kendra Perkins   |
| 5. Ronald Johnson  | 10. Robert Philp    |

Commission decided to hold Usama Mirza's application again until the 4th quarterly meeting at which time Mr. Mirza will provide updates as to his acceptance into the California State Bar. The motion was made by Julie Woltjen and seconded by Chris Moore. MOTION PASSED.

Commission decided to approve Ian Grutman and Jeanine Juliano applications. They will be required to notify the Commission if they change from marketing consultants to agents. The motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Julie Woltjen. 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 Julie Woltjen. MOTION PASSED.

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

1. Christopher Cabott

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for renewal applications and seeing none, called for a motion to approve Mr. Cabott's application. A motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Chris Moore. MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Julie Woltjen presented the finance report discussing the 2021 Fiscal year financials.



Shenika Thomas informed the commission that all members had completed the 2021 Board Member Training offered through the Alabama Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts. Ms. Thomas also mentioned that any new members that took office after June 1, 2021 would be required to complete the 2022 Fiscal year training offered in October 2021.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion on the next meeting date of Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Julie Woltjen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Todd Vardaman and seconded by Julie Woltjen. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. MOTION PASSED.

Approved: Santiago Pinzon  
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by:  
Shenika Thomas

State of Alabama  
County of Elmore

Karie C. Wilkerson  
Karie Wilkerson, WITNESSED December 7, 2021

KARIE C WILKERSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
ALABAMA STATE AT LARGE  
My Commission Expires  
December 3, 2022