

**ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 2, 2026
ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL
SUITE S-203 (OLD ARCHIVES ROOM)
600 DEXTER AVENUE
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Commissioners present were:

Chairman Patrick Moody, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, and on behalf of Commissioner Pate
Vice Chairman Jimmy Entrekin
Mr. Zack Wilson, Senior Legal Counsel for the Governor, and on behalf of Governor Ivey
Mr. Mike Jones, Jr., General Counsel for the Secretary of State, and on behalf of Secretary of State Allen
Ms. Meridith Blackburn
Mr. Jordan Plaster
Ms. Stephanie Smith
Mr. Anthony Windom
Mr. Steve Dunn
Mr. Myles Mayberry
Ms. Mary Margaret Carroll
Ms. Sarah Telofski
Mr. James Parnell

Commissioners absent were:

Mr. Andrew Westcott, General Counsel for the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, and on behalf of Speaker Ledbetter
Ms. Caleigh M. Hart
Mr. Brannon Denning
Ms. Carole Smitherman
The Honorable Bob Fincher, Member, Alabama House of Representatives
The Honorable Arnold Mooney, Member, Alabama House of Representatives
The Honorable Juandalynn Givan, Member, Alabama House of Representatives
The Honorable Tom Butler, Member, Alabama State Senate
The Honorable Chris Elliott, Member, Alabama State Senate
The Honorable Linda Coleman-Madison, Member, Alabama State Senate

WELCOME

Chairman Moody called to order the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Smith gave the invocation and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Moody directed Laney Rawls to call the roll. Laney Rawls called the roll and advised Chairman Moody that a quorum was present. With a quorum in attendance, the Commission transacted the following business, to-wit:

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF MEETING PURSUANT TO THE
ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Commissioner Jones informed the Commission that today's meeting was posted on the Alabama Open Meetings Act website, compliant with applicable law, on January 22, 2026.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 20, 2024 MEETING

Chairman Moody asked the members if they had any changes to the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes at which time no Commissioners voiced any revisions. Chairman Moody asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ENTREKIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH,
TO APPROVE THE JUNE 20, 2024 MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT
COMMISSION.**

Ayes: 13 **Commissioners:** Chairman Moody, Vice Chairman Entrekin
Sarah Telofski, Mike Jones, Jr., Zack Wilson,
Meridith Blackburn, Stephanie Smith, Jordan
Plaster, Steve Dunn, Anthony Windom, Myles
Mayberry, Mary Margaret Carroll, James Parnell

No: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)
Abstain: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)

MOTION PASSED.

**DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF BALLOT STATEMENT 1 FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022**

Chairman Moody opened the discussion by explaining the history and purpose of the Fair Ballot Commission. Chairman Moody and Vice-Chairman Entrekin provided the Commissioners with

relevant background information related to Statewide Amendment 1. The Commissioners then discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

Currently, a judge may deny bail to a person charged with the following crimes: capital murder, murder, kidnapping in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual torture, domestic violence in the first degree, human trafficking in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, terrorism, and aggravated child abuse.

If approved, this amendment would allow a judge to also deny bail to a person charged with solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. The amendment would also allow a judge to deny bail to a person charged with shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive or car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft.

If the majority of voters vote “yes” on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of voters vote “no” on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of the State of Alabama.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PLASTER, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1.

Ayes: 13 **Commissioners:** Chairman Moody, Vice Chairman Entrekin
Sarah Telofski, Mike Jones, Jr., Zack Wilson,
Meridith Blackburn, Stephanie Smith, Jordan
Plaster, Steve Dunn, Anthony Windom, Myles
Mayberry, Mary Margaret Carroll, James Parnell

No: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)
Abstain: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF BALLOT STATEMENT 2 FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022

Chairman Moody and Vice-Chairman Entrekin provided the Commissioners with relevant background information related to Statewide Amendment 2. The Commissioners then discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

The term of office for a District Attorney is six years.

If approved, this amendment would ensure that a district attorney's salary cannot be reduced during the term of office that he or she was appointed or elected to fill.

If the majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of voters vote "no" on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 2.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 2 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of the State of Alabama.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAYBERRY, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2.

Ayes: 13 **Commissioners:** Chairman Moody, Vice Chairman Entrekin
Sarah Telofski, Mike Jones, Jr., Zack Wilson,
Meridith Blackburn, Stephanie Smith, Jordan
Plaster, Steve Dunn, Anthony Windom, Myles
Mayberry, Mary Margaret Carroll, James Parnell

No: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)
Abstain: 0 **Commissioners:** (None)

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION ON VENUES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE BALLOT STATEMENTS

Chairman Moody recalled Commissioner Jones's statements in previous meetings regarding how the public will be informed of the approved ballot statements. Commissioner Moody stated that Secretary of State Allen will work with the state's ballot production vendor to place the approved ballot statement on all of Alabama's sample ballots which will be available in paper form throughout Alabama and online at the Alabama Secretary of State's website. Chairman Moody also noted the success of the publication of proposed ballot statements in prior elections and the intention of the Secretary of State's office to handle the publication of these proposed ballot statements in the same manner.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other further business coming before the Commission, Chairman Moody asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ENTREKIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES,
TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING OF THE ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT
COMMISSION.

Ayes: 13 **Commissioners:** **Chairman Moody, Vice Chairman Entrekin**
Sarah Telofski, Mike Jones, Jr., Zack Wilson,
Meridith Blackburn, Stephanie Smith, Jordan
Plaster, Steve Dunn, Anthony Windom, Myles
Mayberry, Mary Margaret Carroll, James Parnell

No: 0 **Commissioners:** **(None)**
Abstain: 0 **Commissioners:** **(None)**

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVED:

Chairman Patrick Moody