#### ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION SPECIAL HEARING MINUTES

December 1, 2021 2:30 p.m. 9th Floor, RSA Union Building Montgomery, Alabama

A specially appointed three-judge panel conducted a special hearing on December 1, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9th Floor of the RSA Union Building.

## **Special Panel Present:**

Honorable Johnny Hardwick, Presiding Judge 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Chair Honorable Debra Jones, Circuit Judge 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Member Honorable Bill Lewis, Circuit Judge 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Member

#### **Alabama Ethics Commission Attendee:**

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director Brian Paterson, Assistant General Counsel April Innes, Special Investigator Austin Gilmore, Administrative Support Assistant I Mary Johnson, Legal Research Assistant Sandra Harper, Administrative Support Assistant III Brian Baker, Special Agent Dustin Lansford, Special Agent

Judge Hardwick called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. and introduced Judge Jones and Judge Lewis.

At 2:44 p.m. Judge Hardwick asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Judge Jones made the motion. Judge Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the voting panel members.

At 5:23 p.m. Judge Jones moved to go back into Open Session. Judge Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the voting panel members.

Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2021 Special Hearing meeting:

Judge Lewis made the motion to adopt the Minutes. Judge Jones seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by the voting panel.

Case No. 2021-0041

Judge Jones stated that a unanimous vote by the panel was made that they had jurisdiction over the case, the merits of the case was heard, and the panel will reconvene on January 5, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

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### Adjournment

# There being no further business at 5:24 p.m., Judge Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Judge Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

The next scheduled special hearing meeting tentatively set for January 5, 2022, time to be determined.

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Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director

Honorable Johnny Hardwick, Chair

Mary A. Johnson, Recording Secretary