ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 13, 2022 9:30 a.m. 9th Floor, RSA Union Building Montgomery, Alabama

The Alabama Ethics Commission met on July 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9th Floor of the RSA Union Building.

Commission Members Present:

Commission Members Absent:

Honorable John Plunk, Chair Honorable Lyn Stuart, Ret. Chief Justice, Vice-Chair Honorable Stanton H. McDonald, Member Honorable BG (R) Edward Crowell (USAF), Member

Commission Staff Present:

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director
Brian Paterson, Assistant General Counsel
R. Chris Clark, Chief Special Agent
Chris McCay, Special Agent
April Innes, Special Investigator
Austin Gilmore, Administrative Support Assistant I

Mr. Plunk called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and General Crowell offered the invocation. **Old Business:**

None

New Business:

Advisory Opinion No. 2022-03
Requested by Alabama Ethics Commission

Mr. Paterson explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2022-03 and presented three proposed opinions with differing answers. After discussion including input from the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Prosecution Services, and other opinions presented to the Commission regarding the issue, Chief Justice Stuart moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2022-03(a) as written. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. Opinion No. 2022-03 holds that the Ethics Commission is not required or permitted to disclose exculpatory information or Brady material to respondents of complaints filed with the Ethics Commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 10:37 a.m., General Crowell moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

John Plunk, Chair

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director

Byron Butler, Recording Secretary