

**ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**August 2, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, RSA Union Building  
Montgomery, Alabama**

The Alabama Ethics Commission met on August 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the RSA Union Building.

**Commission Members Present:**

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 Members Absent:**

**Commission Staff Present:**

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director  
Brian Paterson, Assistant General Counsel  
Cynthia Raulston, Special Assistant to the Director  
Byron Butler, Executive Assistant to the Director  
Chris Clark, Chief Special Agent  
Dustin Lansford, Senior Special Agent  
Chris McCay, Senior Special Agent  
Brian Baker, Special Agent  
Dylan Baker, Special Agent  
April Innes, Special Investigator  
Kayla Pfeil, Lobbyist/Principal Liaison

Mr. Plunk served as chair for the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and introduced Reverend Lucas Tribble of First United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, who gave the invocation.

**Old Business:**

Approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2023, meeting:

*General Crowell moved to adopt the minutes as written. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

**New Business:**

*At 9:40 a.m. Mr. McDonald moved that the Commission go into Executive Session. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

*At 11:13 a.m. General Crowell moved that the Commission go back into Open Session. Chief Justice*

*Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0052**

**Kenneth Nail, Mayor, City of Hanceville**

*Mr. McDonald moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, probable cause exists that Kenneth Nail violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0145**

**Oliver Youngblood, Social Services Case Worker I, Macon County Department of Human Resources**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Oliver Youngblood has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0380**

**Keith Brumley, Supervisor of Transportation / Maintenance, Marion County Board of Education**

*General Crowell moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, probable cause exists that Keith Brumley violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0053**

**Victor Sims, (Former) Police Officer, City of Homewood Police Department**

*General Crowell moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Victor Sims has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0381**

**Ganus Parker, Truck Driver Training Specialist, Shelton State Community College**

*General Crowell moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Ganus Parker has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0466**

**Dr. Nathan Winkles, Employee, Shelton State Community College**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Dr. Nathan Winkles has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act,*

*and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0094**

**Nicholas Blackmon, Utility Worker II, Birmingham Water Works**

*General Crowell moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, probable cause exists that Nicholas Blackmon violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0365**

**Kevin Naman, Police Officer, City of Mobile**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Kevin Naman has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0395**

**Pilar Bell, CRS Social Work Specialist, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services**

*General Crowell moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Pilar Bell has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0038**

**Dontae Bailey, (Former) Corrections Officer, City of Foley**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Dontae Bailey has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Cases Recommended for Dismissal**

The following cases were presented to the Commission by Executive Director Albritton, with the recommendation that they be dismissed: Case No. 2022-0389; Case No. 2022-0409; Case No. 2023-0009; Case No. 2023-0022; Case No. 2023-0055; Case No. 2023-0073; Case No. 2023-0075 and Case No. 2023-0093. *General Crowell moved that the Commission dismiss the cases as recommended. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2018-0280**

**Christy Rooks, Property Appraiser II, Mobile County Revenue Department**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that on April 5, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Christy Rooks, Property Appraiser II, Mobile County Revenue Department, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before July 11, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2022-0393**

**Jacob Brown, Facility Manager, Alabama Department of Finance**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Jacob Brown, Facility Manager, Alabama Department of Finance, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before July 11, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0031**

**Cody Willingham, Teacher, Fort Payne City Schools**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Cody Willingham, Teacher, Fort Payne City Schools, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before June 20, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0032**

**Terry Kisor, Teacher, Fort Payne City Schools**

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Terry Kisor, Teacher, Fort Payne City Schools, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before June 20, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0034**

Carol Waites, Child Nutrition Program Manager, Fort Payne City Schools

*Chief Justice Stuart moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Carol Waites, Child Nutrition Program Manager, Fort Payne City Schools, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before June 20, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. General Crowell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0068**

David Eckman, Park Ranger II, City of Foley

*General Crowell moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found David Eckman, Park Ranger II, City of Foley, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before July 10, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Case No. 2023-0069**

Tara Odom, Employee, City of Loxley

*General Crowell moved that on June 7, 2023, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Tara Odom, Employee, City of Loxley, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on or before July 10, 2023. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) There is no administrative penalty ordered by the Commission for this minor violation; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Other Matters**

*At 11:31 a.m. Director Albritton presented the Commission with the proposed 2024 Commission dates. Mr. McDonald moved the dates be adopted. Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business at 11:31 a.m., General Crowell moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Chief Justice Stuart seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with all those present voting.*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is October 4, 2023.



**John Plunk, Chair**



**Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director**



**Byron Butler, Recording Secretary**