

**ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**June 4, 2025
9:30 a.m.
9th Floor, RSA Union Building
Montgomery, Alabama**

The Alabama Ethics Commission met on June 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9th Floor of the RSA Union Building.

Commission Members Present:

Honorable BG (R) Edward Crowell (USAF), Member
Honorable J. David Dodd, Member
Honorable Greg Pappas, 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
Jamaeica Singleton, Administrative Support Assistant

General Crowell served as chair for the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and introduced Reverend Kurt Cooper from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, who gave the invocation.

Old Business:

Approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2025, meeting:

Mr. Dodd moved to adopt the minutes as written. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

New Business:

FCPA Appeals

Bennie Lamar Garner III

Mr. Paterson explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Mike Jones, General Counsel, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Mr. Dodd moved to uphold the fine and offense for the first violation. Remit the fine and offense for violations two through seven. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

Pamela Werstler

Mr. Paterson explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Mike Jones, General Counsel, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Mr. Pappas moved to set aside the penalty and offense. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

Juandalynn Givan

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Terry Kennamer

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D M Collins

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Katherine Dominicia Lewis Logan

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South Alabamians For Good Government

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Nathaniel Byrd

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Billy Hugh Hudson II

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Matthew Tortorice

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At 9:45 a.m. Mr. Dodd moved that the Commission go into Executive Session. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

At 11:48 a.m. Mr. Pappas moved that the Commission go back into Open Session. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0350

Patrick White, Parks/Recreation Director, City of Fairhope

Mr. Dodd moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Patrick White 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. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0363

Brandon Best, Firearms Scientist, Department of Forensic Sciences

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Brandon Best 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. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0227

Nydia English, Child Nutrition Program Manager, Mobile County Board of Education

Mr. Dodd moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Nydia English 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. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0283

Christopher Narcisse, Deputy Director, Department of Youth Services

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Christopher Narcisse 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. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0288

Kathena Barnes, (Former) Chief Clerk, Covington County Probate Office

Mr. Dodd moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Kathena Barnes has 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. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0321

Vicki Wittenborg, (Former) Elections Analyst, Secretary of State of Alabama

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists insufficient facts to hold that Vicki Wittenborg has violated the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be closed. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0267

Edith Hohler, School Bookkeeper, Hoover City Board of Education

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Edith Hohler has 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. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0417

Christopher Washington, (Former) Employee, University of Alabama

Mr. Dodd moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Christopher Washington has 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. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0379

Tyler Renard, Equipment Staff Employee, Auburn University

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists

cause to hold that Tyler Renard 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. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0060

Charles Gordon, Coordinator II, Student Programs, Auburn University

Mr. Dodd moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Charles Gordon has 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. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 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. 2024-0225; Case No. 2024-0291; Case No. 2024-0332; Case No. 2025-0046 and Case No. 2025-0073.** *Mr. Pappas moved that the Commission dismiss the cases as recommended. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.*

Case No. 2024-0219

Laura McCoo-Feenstra, Personnel Assistant III, Alabama State Port Authority

Mr. Pappas moved that on October 2, 2024, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Laura McCoo-Feenstra, Personnel Assistant III, Alabama State Port Authority, 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 13th Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on May 20, 2025. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) An administrative penalty in the amount of \$500.00 be ordered by the Commission to be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order, or online payment on or before October 1, 2025; 2) Restitution in the amount of \$2,100.00 is ordered be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order, or online payment on or before October 1, 2025, and disbursed to Alabama State Port Authority thereafter. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2024-0307

Larry Holcomb, Mayor, City of Fultondale / Superintendent, Fultondale Gas Board

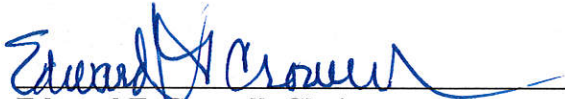
Mr. Pappas moved that on April 2, 2025, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Larry Holcomb, Mayor, City of Fultondale / Superintendent, Fultondale Gas Board, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act and approved an administrative resolution at the request of the Respondent. The Commission forwarded the case to the District Attorney of the 10th Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on April 15, 2025. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) An administrative penalty in the amount of \$100.00 be ordered by the Commission to be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order, or online payment on or before October 1, 2025; 2) Restitution in the amount of \$450.60 is ordered be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order, or online

payment on or before October 1, 2025, and disbursed to City of Fultondale thereafter. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 12:01 p.m., Mr. Pappas moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with all those present voting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is August 6, 2025.


Edward F. Crowell, Chair


Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director


Byron Butler, Recording Secretary