

# ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION

## Summary of April 1, 2020 Meeting

What follows is a summary of the meeting of the Alabama Ethics Commission held on April 1, 2020, not the official minutes of that meeting. This summary is being prepared and disseminated via our website immediately after the meeting due to the fact that the Commission is operating with a reduced staff as a result of the coronavirus pandemic as well as Governor Kay Ivey's recommendations for staffing state agencies during this period of time. Accordingly, we were unable to simulcast our meeting as is customary.

Ms. Brady, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Chief Justice Stuart moved to adopt the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Judge Price seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

There were no Advisory Opinions considered by the Commission. There were no FCPA appeals considered by the Commission.

Judge Price moved that the Commission go into Executive Session. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Chief Justice Stuart moved that the Commission go back into Open Session. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. The motion to reconvene was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

The following actions were taken during Open Session and all cases were voted on in roll call votes.:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
2019-189	Joseph Williams	Voted to refer to Attorney General
2019-502	John Scott Starkey	Voted to -Handle Administratively
2019-455	Chris King	Dismissed
2019-476	Susan Clark	Dismissed
2020-004	Shelia Field	Voted to Handle Administratively
2019-172	Demetrius Player	Voted to refer to District Attorney
2019-190	Brandon Hughes	Voted to refer to Attorney General (Brady and Price abstained)
2019-228	Mark Eubanks	Dismissed

Chief Justice Stuart moved that the Commission request an audit be done by the Examiners of Public Accounts in regard to case 2019-247. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion.

The following cases were presented to Commission with the recommendation that they be dismissed: **Case No. 2019-197; Case No. 2019-209; Case No. 2019-225; Case No. 2019-232; Case No. 2019-272; ; Case No. 2019-361; Case No. 2019-394; Case No. 2019-395; Case No. 2019-396; Case No. 2019-397; Case No. 2019-398; Case No. 2019-399; Case No. 2019-400; Case No. 2019-401; Case No.**

**2019-402; Case No. 2019-403; Case No. 2019-404; Case No. 2019-405; Case No. 2019-406; Case No. 2019-407; Case No. 2019-408; Case No. 2019-409; and Case No. 2019-434.**

The following cases were approved for final disposition having been approved for Administrative Resolution by the Commission as well as either the Attorney General of Alabama or the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Administrative Penalty Imposed</u>
2019-121	Jessica Jackson	\$1,000.00
2019-277	Glenda Gardner	\$1,000.00
2019-295	Gerald Clark	\$2,000.00

The following case was approved for a suspension of payments until the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic is over:

2018-011                      Tonya Lindsey

Judge Price moved that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss an additional case recommended for dismissal. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion.

Chief Justice Stuart moved that the Commission go back into Open Session. Judge Price seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to dismiss Case No. 2019-318.

There being no further business, at 1:11 pm. Chief Justice Stuart moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. McDonald seconded the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Alabama Ethics Commission is June 3, 2020.