

**ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

August 1, 2018

9:30 a.m.

**9th Floor, RSA Union Building
Montgomery, Alabama**

The Alabama Ethics Commission met on August 1, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room on the 9th Floor of the RSA Union Building.

Present:

Honorable Jerry L. Fielding, Ret. Sr. Circuit Judge, Chair
Honorable Charles Price, Ret. Presiding Circuit Judge,
Member (*Left at 11:55*)
Honorable Beverlye Brady, Esq., Member
Honorable John Plunk, Esq., Member
Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director
Cynthia Propst Raulston, General Counsel
Elizabeth Robison, Director of Finance and Administration
Theresa Davis, Legal Research Assistant
R. Christopher Clark, Chief Special Agent
Dustin Lansford, Special Agent
Chris McCay, Special Agent
Byron Butler, Special Agent
Jessica L. Grant, Administrative Support Assistant III
Vicky Manning, Lobbyist Liaison
April Innes, Administrative Support Assistant
Sara Frost, Administrative Support Assistant
Austin Gilmore, Clerk
Patrick Miller, Court Reporter

Absent:

Honorable Frank C. Ellis, Jr., Esq., Vice
Chair

Judge Fielding called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m., and introduced Dr. Travis Coleman, Jr., Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Prattville, Prattville, Alabama, who gave the invocation.

Old Business:

Approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting:

Mr. Plunk moved to adopt the minutes as written. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)

New Business:

Advisory Opinion No. 2018-07

Requested by Algert S. Agricola, Jr., Ryals, Donaldson & Agricola, P.C., Montgomery, Alabama

Director Albritton explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2018-07. *Mr. Plunk moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2018-07 as written. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed*

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unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.) Opinion No. 2018-07 holds that an independent contractor who markets garbage collection services subject to Alabama's Competitive Bid law does not have to register as a lobbyist with the Alabama Ethics Commission because his activities fall within the exception of Ala. Code § 36-25-1(21)(b)(5) and are outside the operation of Ala. Code 36-25-1.1 if he is seeking county or local contracts as opposed to state contracts.

Advisory Opinion No. 2018-08

Requested by Jeffery W. Brumlow, Brumlow Legal Group, Trussville, Alabama

Ms. Raulston explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2018-08. ***Ms. Brady moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2018-08 as written. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*** Opinion No. 2018-08 holds that a police officer may work an off-duty job as security for a private business so long as they did not use their position as leverage to obtain the opportunity or to create the opportunity and they are performing the work on their own time and not on public time. If the use of equipment is pursuant to a lawful employment agreement regulated by agency policy, an off-duty officer may use equipment, facilities, time, materials, human labor, or other public property under their discretion or control in an off-duty job with a private business. Absent that agreement, it would be a violation of Ala. Code §36-25-5(c) for an off-duty officer to use any equipment available to him as a public employee while working for a private business.

Advisory Opinion No. 2018-09

Requested by Cary Dunn, Quality Assurance Supervisor, Alabama Department of Transportation, Carbon Hill, Alabama

Ms. Raulston explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2018-09. ***Judge Price moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2018-09 as written. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*** Opinion No. 2018-09 holds that a public employee may apply for, interview, negotiate, and accept a job with Volkert while still employed with ALDOT, because he has not used his position as a public employee as leverage to obtain the employment. Provided the public employee has not audited, regulated, or investigated Volkert in his current position, he is not prohibited by the "Revolving Door" to accept employment with Volkert. A public employee is prohibited from representing Volkert back before ALDOT for a period of two years after he leaves employment with ALDOT. A public employee may not use any confidential information obtained while employed with ALDOT that could result in financial gain to anyone or any business for a period of four years after his separation from service.

Advisory Opinion No. 2018-10

Requested by Mark M. Tuggle, State Representative, District No. 81, Alexander City, Alabama

Director Albritton explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2018-10. ***Mr. Plunk moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2018-10 as written. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*** Opinion No. 2018-10 holds that a retiring member of the Alabama House of Representatives may accept a position as the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (the Speaker's Office) without violating the "Revolving Door" provisions of Alabama's Ethics Law, provided that he not engage in lobbying in contravention of the Act or violate the prohibition on the extension of floor privileges for lobbying which Ala. Code § 36-25-23(b) prohibits.

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Reconsider Advisory Opinion No. 2018-04

Requested by John Merrill, Secretary of State, State of Alabama

Director Albritton and Ms. Raulston explained the request for motion to reconsider Advisory Opinion No. 2018-04. Brent Beal, Deputy Attorney General, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to deny the motion to reconsider. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Alabama Restaurant Hospitality Association

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State, and Mindy Hamon with the Alabama Restaurant Hospitality Association were present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to reduce the civil penalties for October 3, 2017, November 2, 2017, December 4, 2017, February 2, 2018, March 2, 2018, and April 3, 2018 to \$300.00. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.) Ms. Brady moved to set aside the civil penalties for May 2, 2018 and May 14, 2018. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed with three ayes (Brady, Fielding, and Price), no nays, and one abstention (Plunk). (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Phil Ralph Andrews

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to impose the civil penalty. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Clinton C. Boyd, Jr.

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State and Clinton Boyd, Jr. were present to speak and answer any questions. *Ms. Brady moved to impose the civil penalty for April 3, 2018 and set aside the civil penalties for May 2, 2018, May 14, 2018, and May 21, 2018. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Lashunta White Boler

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State and Lashunta White Boler were present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to impose February 2, 2018 civil penalty and to set aside March 2, 2018 civil penalty. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Timothy Cox

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to set aside May 21, 2018 and May 29, 2018 civil penalties and to impose June 1, 2018 civil penalty. Ms. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

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Carl Hinton, III

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to impose the civil penalty. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Marshall Keith Ligon

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State and Keith Ligon were present to speak and answer any questions. *Ms. Brady moved to impose the March 2, 2018 civil penalty and to set aside the April 3, 2018 civil penalty. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Carin Mayo

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to set aside the civil penalties. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Henry McDonald

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Ms. Brady moved to set aside the civil penalties. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

James Shannon

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State and James Shannon were present to speak and answer any questions. *Ms. Brady moved to set aside the civil penalty. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

John Smallwood

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Ms. Brady moved to set aside the civil penalty. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Petroleum and Convenience Marketers of Alabama PAC

Ms. Raulston explained the request for the Civil Penalty Appeal. Clay Helms, Assistant Director, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Alabama Secretary of State was present to speak and answer any questions. *Judge Price moved to set aside the civil penalty. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)*

Consideration of Meeting Dates for 2019

The proposed meeting dates had been distributed to the members of the Commission. **Mr. Plunk moved to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2019. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)** The meeting dates are as follows: February 6, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, and December 4.

Consider Director's Raise

In regard to a salary increase/annual merit raise for Director Albritton, Mr. Plunk made the following motion: **Upon the completion of Thomas B. Albritton's 12-month merit period of employment as Executive Director with the Alabama Ethics Commission on August 31, 2018, he hereby moved that the Commission give the Director a one-step raise from \$7,202.40 semi-monthly (\$172,857.60 annually) to \$7,386.10 semi-monthly (\$177,266.40 annually). This raise is within the range established when the Director was employed. We hired the Director in March 2015 at \$6,206.80 (\$149,006.40 annually). He received his last raise in September 2017 bringing him to his current salary of \$172,857.60 annually. This one-step raise will bring him to \$177,266.40. The effective date for this increase is September 1, 2018. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote.)**

At 10:34 a.m. Mr. Plunk moved that the Commission go into Executive Session. Judge Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis was not present to vote. Judge Price left at 11:55 a.m.)

At 12:24 p.m. Ms. Brady moved that the Commission go back into Open Session to vote. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-331

Williams Bell, Former Mayor, City of Birmingham

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that William Bell has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-032

Larissa Goodrich, Teacher, Robertsdale High School

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Larissa Goodrich has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

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Case No. 2018-041

Christi Smallwood, Chorus Instructor, Guntersville High & Middle Schools, Albertville, Alabama

Ms. Brady moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there currently exists insufficient facts to hold that Christi Smallwood, has violated the Alabama Ethics Law. She further moved that this case be closed. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-048

Allen Varner, Forestry Program Specialist, Alabama Forestry Commission

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Allen Varner has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-071/096

Bill Payne, Chairman, Bridgeport Utilities

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Bill Payne has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-155

Bill Payne, Chairman, Bridgeport Utilities

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Bill Payne has committed two (2) minor violations of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-094

Shellie Ballard, Career Tech Marketing Teacher, Colbert County Schools, Tuscumbia, Alabama

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Shellie Ballard has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

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Case No. 2018-100

Wayne Rhoads, Director, Office of Transportation Enforcement/Revenue Division Director I, Alabama Department of Transportation

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Wayne Rhoads has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.) Ms. Brady moved that the Commission accept Mr. Rhoads' request to establish a payment plan of \$100 per month for six (6) months, at which time the balance of the \$6004.10 restitution levied against him at the August 1, 2018 meeting will be reviewed. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-108

Carl Griffith, Sergeant, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Ms. Brady moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Carl Griffith has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. She further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Joey Fishback

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Joey Fishback has committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act. He further moved that this case be handled administratively and that it be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-253

Patrick Brown, Former Director, EMS Program, Gadsden State Community College & Current Coroner, Calhoun County

Ms. Brady moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Patrick Brown has violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the Attorney General of the State of Alabama. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-320

Stacey Ingram Green, Former Director, Tannehill Historical State Park

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Stacey Ingram Green has violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the Attorney General of the State of

Alabama. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

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Case No. 2017-348

Edward Maddox, Candidate, Birmingham Board of Education

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Edward Maddox has violated the Fair Campaign Practices Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the Attorney General of the State of Alabama. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-418

Don Stisher, Morgan County Commissioner, Falkville, Alabama

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Don Stisher has violated the Alabama Ethics Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the Attorney General of the State of Alabama. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-005

Norean Kennedy, Assistant City Clerk, City of Clayton

Mr. Plunk moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Norean Kennedy 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. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

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. 2017-347; Case No. 2017-380; Case No. 2017-395 (A); Case No. 2018-022; Case No. 2018-062; Case No. 2018-064; Case No. 2018-113; Case No. 2018-137; and Case No. 2018-164. *Mr. Plunk moved that the Commission dismiss the cases as recommended. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)*

Case No. 2017-178

Lori Patterson, President, Chilton County School Board

Mr. Plunk moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Lori Patterson, President, Chilton County School Board, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Law. Lori Patterson requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 19th Circuit. That request has been approved by Randall Houston, District Attorney, 19th Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

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Case No. 2017-241

Mark Wilton, Director, College of Agriculture's Development Office, Auburn University
Mr. Plunk moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Mark Wilton, Director, College of Agriculture's Development Office, Auburn University, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Law. Mark Wilton requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 37th Circuit. That request has been approved by Brandon Hughes, District Attorney, 37th Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1000.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-326

Lori Hopkins, Town Clerk, Town of Wadley

Ms. Brady moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Lori Hopkins, Town Clerk, Town of Wadley, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Law. Lori Hopkins requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 5th Circuit. That request has been approved by Jeremy Duerr, District Attorney, 5th Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$50.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-337 (B)

Morea Phillips, Former Employee, Northwest Shoals Community College

Mr. Plunk moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Morea Phillips, Former Employee, Northwest Shoals Community College, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Law. Morea Phillips requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 31st Circuit. That request has been approved by Bryce Granham, District Attorney, 31st Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2017-428

Pamela Richardson, Town Clerk, Town of Ranburne

Ms. Brady moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Pamela Richardson, Town Clerk, Town of Ranburne, had committed one (1) minor violation of the

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Alabama Ethics Law. Pamela Richardson requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 7th Circuit. That request has been approved by Brian McVeigh, District Attorney, 7th Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Case No. 2018-007

Helen Wagner, Teacher, Calhoun County Schools

Ms. Brady moved that on June 6, 2018, the Alabama Ethics Commission found that Helen Wagner, Teacher, Calhoun County Schools, had committed one (1) minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Law. Helen Wagner requested an administrative resolution on that date. The Commission unanimously approved an administrative resolution of the case and forwarded to the District Attorney of the 7th Circuit. That request has been approved by Brian McVeigh, District Attorney, 7th Judicial Circuit. Accordingly, I hereby move that the request be granted and that this matter be handled administratively as follows: 1) that an administrative penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is ordered by the Commission; and 2) that the administrative penalty be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order or online payment on or before August 15, 2018. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. (Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 12:41 p.m. Mr. Plunk moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting. Mr. Ellis and Judge Price were not present to vote.)

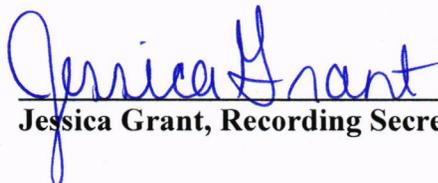
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is October 3, 2018.



Jerry L. Fielding, Ret. Sr. Circuit Judge, Chair



Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director



Jessica Grant, Recording Secretary