

**ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**June 3, 2026
9:30 a.m.
9th Floor, RSA Union Building
Montgomery, Alabama**

The Alabama Ethics Commission met on June 3, 2026, 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 J. David Dodd, Chair
Honorable George Pierce, Vice-Chair
Honorable Greg Pappas, Member
Honorable David R. Pruet, III, Member
Honorable Carole Smitherman, Ret. Circuit Judge, Member

Commission Members Absent:

Commission Staff Present:

Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director
Brian Paterson, Chief Counsel
Cynthia Raulston, Deputy 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
Will Morris, Administrative Support Assistant

Mr. Dodd served as chair for the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. and introduced Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery, Alabama, who gave the invocation.

Old Business:

Approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2026, meeting:

Mr. Pierce moved to adopt the minutes as written. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

New Business:

Advisory Opinion No. 2026-06

Requested by William Perkins, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Mr. Paterson explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2026-06. **Mr. Pierce moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2026-06 as written. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.** Opinion No. 2026-06 holds that under the Ethics laws, the State Board of Medical Examiners (BME) may conduct business with the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (Medical Association), an associated business of the BME's members, and its affiliated entities, provided that the BME members do not use their public position or influence to direct business to the Medical Association and are not involved in the negotiation or approval of any contract between the BME and the Medical Association, or an affiliated entity. Under the Ethics laws, the BME's executive director may conduct business with the Medical Association, a business associated with the BME's members, and its affiliated entities, provided that the BME members do not use their public position to influence or direct business to the Medical Association, or an affiliated entity, and the executive director follows an established procedure adopted by him or her to ensure that the BME members wholly abstain from the transaction. A copy of any contract that the Medical Association enters into with the BME or that is otherwise to be paid in whole or in part with state, county, or municipal funds, must be filed with the Ethics Commission within 10 days after it is entered into. Under the Ethics laws, BME board members are permitted to act as reviewers for cases pending before the BME provided the member does not review or participate in any case that could result in personal gain for a family member, an associated business, or themselves other than the fee customarily paid for that service.

Advisory Opinion No. 2026-07

Requested by Brad Logan, Executive Director, Childersburg Parks and Recreation

Mr. Paterson explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2026-07. **Mr. Pierce moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2026-07 as written. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.** Opinion No. 2026-07 holds that the Ethics Act does not prohibit a public employee, who is the executive director of a municipal department, from hiring a family member of the mayor of the municipality provided the mayor is not involved in the hiring process and does not use his official position to assist his family member in being hired.

Advisory Opinion No. 2026-08

Requested by Jonathan R. Maples, Attorney, Phelps Dunbar LLP

Mr. Paterson explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2026-08. **Mr. Pappas moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2026-08 as written. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.** Opinion No. 2026-08 holds that the Ethics Act does not prohibit a city council member from allocating discretionary funds to a non-profit neighborhood association of which he is a member for improvements to a neighborhood in which he resides provided the association is not a business with which he is associated and provided neither the council member nor any of his family members will benefit from the allocation.

Advisory Opinion No. 2026-09

Requested by Manley L. Haynie, IT Specialist IV, Alabama Department of Transportation

Mr. Paterson explained the request for Advisory Opinion No. 2026-09. **Mr. Pierce moved to adopt Advisory Opinion No. 2026-09 as written. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.** Opinion No. 2026-09 holds that the Ethics Act does not prohibit an employee who works as an IT Systems Specialist IV at ALDOT from owning a private business provided the public employee conducts all business activities on their own time and does not otherwise use their position,

including any confidential information obtained from their position or any public equipment, facilities, time, materials, human labor, or other public property under his discretion or control to benefit himself or his business. The Ethics Act does not prohibit a public employee's private business from providing goods or services to counties or regional development organizations in Alabama provided the public employee does not use their public position to benefit their private business and file a copy of any contract that is to be paid in whole or in part with state, county, or municipal funds.

FCPA Appeals

Bryan Newell

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. ***Judge Smitherman moved to uphold the fine and offense for the first violation. Remit the fine and offense for violations two through six. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

Deangelo Hall

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. Pierce moved to uphold the fine and offense for the first violation. Remit the fine and offense for violations two through five. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

Jeffrey McLaughlin

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Joey Bryan Callahan

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Roderick Jermaine Rover

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. Pruet moved to uphold the fine and offense for the first violation. Remit the fine and offense for violations two through four. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

COASTAL PAC

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. Pierce moved to uphold offense and reduce fine to \$300.00. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

Yolanda Rochelle Flowers

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. Ms. Flowers spoke on her own behalf. ***Mr. Pruet moved to uphold the offense and set aside the penalty. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

Danielle Matthews

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. Ms. Matthews and Ms. Arminica Jones Wagner spoke. ***Mr. Pierce moved to uphold the fine and offense for the second violation. Remit the fine and offense for violations three and four. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.***

Ronald Lyles Burns

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Amanda Holmes Inabinett

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Angela Shepherd

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Carlos Brian Shackelford

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Derek Britt Farr

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Tisha Dickson Nickson

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David Loyd Little

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Brian Scott Long

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James Claude Toomey

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Priscilla Andrews

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Forrest Via Satterfield

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Rebecca Ann Warren

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Judith Clark Taylor

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Rodney Keith Homan

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Rudolph Valentino Drake

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Daniel Grant Blackburn

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EDU PAC

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Emily Baggett

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Jonathan M. Benison

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Phillip Kyle Ellison

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Verjilya T. Hughes

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Marshae Madison

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Jimmy O'Shawn McCray

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Elizabeth House Saucer

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Jeffrey A. Williams

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Kenneth L. Crowe

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Ronald L. Anders

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Timothy Lee Kimbrell

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John Wilson Knapp

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Thomas Jackson

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Katherine Smith Kramer

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Jeffrey Lynn Monroe

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Jackie Woods

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Susan Dubose

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Liliana Peinder

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Joshua Speakman

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Lisa Carden

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. *Judge Smitherman moved to set aside the penalty and offense. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.*

At 11:05 a.m., Mr. Pappas moved that the Commission go into Executive Session. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

At 2:07 p.m., Mr. Pierce moved that the Commission go back into Open Session. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0135

Lillian Smith, (Former) Case Manager, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Lillian Smith 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. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0184

David Guice, Mayor, Town of Clayhatchee

Mr. Pierce moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that David Guice 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 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0194

David Guice, Mayor, Town of Clayhatchee

Mr. Pruet moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that David Guice 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. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0527

Tiffany Sparks, (Former) Employee, Alabama ABC Board

Mr. Pierce moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Tiffany Sparks 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 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0577

Richard Nason, (Former) Sales Associate I, Alabama ABC Board

Mr. Pappas moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Richard Nason 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. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting

Case No. 2025-0294

Brett Easterbrook, Alabama State Representative and Candidate for Senate

Mr. Pruet moved that based on the evidence as presented to this Commission, there exists cause to hold that Brett Easterbrook has violated the Fair Campaign Practices Act, and further moved that this case be referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 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. 2025-0208; Case No. 2025-0230; Case No. 2025-0278; Case No. 2025-0317; Case No. 2025-0578; Case No. 2025-0579; Case No. 2025-0580; Case No. 2026-0031; Case No. 2026-0039; Case No. 2026-0044; Case No. 2026-0045; Case No. 2026-0046; Case No. 2026-0047; Case No. 2026-0048; Case No. 2026-0049; Case No. 2026-0050; Case No. 2026-0051; Case No. 2026-0052; Case No. 2026-0053; Case No. 2026-0070; Case No. 2026-0161 and Case No. 2026-0174. Mr. Pappas moved that the Commission dismiss the cases as recommended. Judge Smitherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.**

Case No. 2025-0190

Kevin Cheatwood, (Former) Deputy Sheriff, Geneva County Sheriff's Department

Mr. Pierce moved that on April 1, 2026, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Kevin Cheatwood, (Former) Deputy Sheriff, Geneva County Sheriff's 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 33rd Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on April 13, 2026. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) An administrative penalty in the amount of \$25.00 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 7, 2026; 2) There is no restitution owing

for this minor violation. Mr. Pappas seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0574

Brad McAlister, (Former) Police Officer, City of Adamsville

Mr. Pappas moved that on April 1, 2026, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Brad McAlister, (Former) Police Officer, City of Adamsville, 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 (Jefferson / Birmingham Division) who approved the administrative resolution on April 28, 2026. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) An administrative penalty in the amount of \$200.00 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 7, 2026; 2) There is no restitution owing for this minor violation. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

Case No. 2025-0583

Jennifer Sutton, Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residence Life, University of North Alabama

Mr. Pierce moved that on April 1, 2026, the Alabama Ethics Commission unanimously found Jennifer Sutton, Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residence Life, University of North Alabama, 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 11th Judicial Circuit who approved the administrative resolution on April 16, 2026. Accordingly, I hereby move as follows: 1) An administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 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 7, 2026; 2) Restitution in the amount of \$4,550.00 be ordered to be paid to the Ethics Commission by cashier's check, money order, or online payment on or before October 7, 2026, and disbursed to The University of North Alabama thereafter. Mr. Pruet seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 2:18 p.m., Mr. Pappas moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with all those present voting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is August 5, 2026.



J. David Dodd, Chairman



Thomas B. Albritton, Executive Director



Byron Butler, Recording Secretary