



ALABAMA COMMISSION ON THE EVALUATION OF SERVICES

Meeting Minutes

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Date and Location

The Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services met on April 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 825 of the Alabama State House, 11 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL.

Attendance

Member	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Chairman Orr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chair Filmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Albritton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Carlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Coleman-Madison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Gray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Sawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Sells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Story	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Whitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Poole, <i>ex officio</i> (<i>Finance Director</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Fulford, <i>ex officio</i> (<i>LSA Fiscal Division Deputy Director</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



A lawful quorum of voting members is present to conduct business.

Notice of Meeting:

Sufficient notice of the meeting was posted on March 24, 2023, to the Secretary of State's Open Meeting Act Posting Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on December 2, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitt to adopt the minutes as written. Vice-Chair Filmore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

Reports and Presentation:

Assistant Director, Patrick Dean provided an update on the ongoing TEAMS evaluation covering fieldwork activities to include formal interviews and focus groups with administrators, current teachers, and prospective teachers. Additional work related to the teacher workforce pipeline improvement is utilizing similar fieldwork techniques.

[Presentation of the Policy Spotlight whitepaper: Addressing Judicial Allocation](#)

Questions and Answers provided following the presentation:

Commission Albritton wanted further clarification on the costs used to fund 13 new judges and whether the cost included other administrative or indirect costs. Mr. Dean responded that the number used related only to the judicial salary increase and did NOT cover other associated costs.

Chairman Orr raised a concern of distinguishing between circuit and district deficits or surpluses. Mr. Dean responded and agreed that the distinction should be considered or addressed.

Commissioner Albritton discussed how ACES research goes against current data being provided to policymakers and applauds the work and effort put into the research.

Chairman Orr presented questions regarding the plan to use magistrates and referees. Primarily, does Alabama have any enacted legislation to use these types of professionals, especially in civil procedures? Mr. Dean responded and further clarified that Alabama does currently use magistrates and referees.

Chairman Orr asked if St. Louis, Missouri also faced similar issues with having a surplus of judges while declining in population. Mr. Dean responded with he was unsure, but the answer could be looked into.

[Ongoing Work Update](#)

Director Morgan provided a status report on the work related to Pardons and Paroles, the trainings being provided to the Department of Early Childhood Education, the collaboration of ACES and the Board of Nursing as well as the Area Health Education Centers to strengthen the accountability of proposed legislation, and the initial discussions with the Alabama Committee on Grade-Level Reading.

Old Business:

None



New Business:

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairman Orr expressed the desire to continue in the Chair and Vice-Chair roles. A motion was made by Commissioner Albritton to retain Chairman Orr and Vice-Chair Filmore. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all those present voting.

Director Morgan started a discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Workplan. Mr. Morgan presented the idea to continue last year's process of meeting with members individually to get workplan ideas then survey the entire commission on priorities before submitting the results to the Chair and Vice-Chair for consideration. The Commission agreed and the discussion concluded.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, at 11:06 a.m. Chairman Orr moved that the meeting be adjourned.