

ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY

The Code of Alabama 1975, Title 33

Navigation and Waterways

Established:

The Alabama State Port Authority was established to oversee and manage the state's public seaport facilities, primarily the Port of Mobile. In essence, the board was established to provide the necessary leadership, direction, and oversight for the Alabama State Port Authority to effectively manage and develop the state's ports and waterways, contributing to economic growth and job creation.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Alabama State Port Authority's board of directors is to oversee the agency responsible for promoting, supervising, controlling, managing, and directing the state docks and all other state lands within its jurisdiction. They also ensure that the Port Authority operates effectively and efficiently, contributing to economic development and job creation throughout Alabama.

Membership:

To be appointed to the Alabama State Port Authority's board, an individual must be nominated by the Governor, confirmed by the State Senate, and have relevant business management experience, with one position reserved explicitly for a labor representative.

1. Gubernatorial Appointment:

- The Governor of Alabama is responsible for appointing eight of the nine board members.
- These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Alabama Senate.

2. Ex-Officio Membership:

- The ninth board member is the Mayor of Mobile or the President of the Mobile County Commission, who serves as an ex-officio member.
- This ex-officio position rotates annually between the Mayor and the County Commission President.

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3. Term Length:

- Appointed members serve five-year terms
- No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive terms.
- The ex officio member serves a one-year term

4. Experience and Qualifications:

- Appointed members and their successors should possess substantial business management experience at the executive level.
- However, one member and their successor are designated to represent labor.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Merceria Ludgood
Ex-Officio County Commission
President

Tony R. Cochran
Northern Region

Carl Jamison
Central Region

Zeke Smith
Member At-Large
Chairman of the Board

Dr. Patricia Sims
Northern Region

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Central Region

Robert Hope
Southern Region

Sandy Stimpson
Southern Region

Brandon Bishop
Member, At-Large