

Organizational Meeting  
Thursday, August 18, 2011  
State House, Room 727

The Joint Legislative Prison Committee met on Thursday, August 18, 2011. Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey called the meeting to order.

Members present were Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, Senator Cam Ward, Senator Bobby Singleton, Representative Allen Farley and Representative Jim McClendon.

After a quorum was established, Lt. Governor Ivey accepted nominations for Chairman. Rep. McClendon nominated Senator Ward to serve as Chairman and the motion was seconded by Rep. Farley. A voice vote was taken and Sen. Ward was unanimously elected to serve as chairman.

The nominations for Vice Chairman were opened with Sen. Ward nominating Rep. Farley and Rep. McClendon seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken and Rep. Farley was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the committee.

The Committee was briefly addressed by Rosa Davis of the Alabama Sentencing Commission, Department of Corrections Commissioner Kim Thomas, and Cooper Shattuck of the Governor's Office. There was general discussion regarding Committee expectations, prison overcrowding, correctional officer safety and first time youthful offenders, and alternative proposals dealing with community corrections and drug courts.

A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Singleton and seconded by Rep. McClendon.