***Meeting of the Southern Rail Commission***

September 6, 2019 9:00am-12:00pm

RSA Plaza Building

5th Floor 770 Washington Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Conference Phone Number: 1 (225) 263-2052

Access Code:998209016#

Chair Code:89935

**Call to Order:** *Chairman John Spain*

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**

**Recognition of Special Guests**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2019
2. Update on JSU Study-*Toby Bennington*
3. Legislative Affairs Update - *John Robert Smith* (By Phone)
   1. Update on CRISI Grants
   2. Discussion of new contract with T4A
4. Financial and Administrative Report- *Wiley Blankenship/Debbie Vignes* (By Phone)
   1. Update on States Dues-*John Spain*
   2. Discussion of expense reimbursement from the Federal Railroad Administration
5. Communications and Media Update-*Joni Emmons and Dan Dealy*
6. Election of Officers

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on Executive Committee activities - *Spain, Ross, Blankenship*
2. Update on Gulf Coast Working Group next steps - *Spain, Ross and John Robert Smith*
3. Update on station planning grants -*John Robert Smith*
4. State Reports:

Louisiana:

* + 1. Update on New Orleans to Baton Rouge passenger rail project
    2. Conversation between Amtrak and KCS

Mississippi: Update on the Gulf Coast funding

* 1. Proposed bus bridge from Memphis to Birmingham

Alabama:

1. City of Mobile on Gulf Coast project
2. Montgomery – Mobile Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Phase II

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Reports from Amtrak: Todd Stennis

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. December 6, 2109 Mississippi

**ADJOURNMENT**