Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1000 Washington Street, Boston MA, 02118 Conference Room 1D

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM

1. Roll Call

Thomas Lacey made a motion to appoint Oded Carmi as temporary chair in the absence of the Chair. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners:

Oded Carmi – Acting Chair

Thomas Lacey

Brett Miller

John Navien

Staff:

Andrew Bridges – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Michael Polvere

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for September 13, 2023, October 5, 2023, and October 17, 2023

Brett Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Thomas Lacey Seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Brett Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 13, 2023, and October 5, 2023, meeting minutes. John Navien Seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Thomas Lacey recused himself from this vote.

1. Board Counsel Report

Staff and the Commission discussed hosting training for Deputy Commissioners and an ABC training session. Details regarding the needed space and accommodation to host the event were discussed as well as the topics of the training. Staff indicated that the request would be brought to management and details regarding a potential event would be discussed at a future meeting.

1. Executive Director Report
	1. Boxer’s Fund Status

Acting Executive Director Andrew Bridges informed the Commission that the current balance as of 10/17 is $266,863.02. No applications for funds are under review by staff currently.

* 1. Request for Website Updates

Acting Executive Director Andrew Bridges informed the Commission that there would be changes made to the website to include a regularly updated portion of the website with current sanctioned events. The Commission inquired if there were changes in process for the website to display the Boxer’s Fund and other programs that MSAC offers. Staff will consider potential changes to the website to make information more easily accessible to licensees.

1. Applications
	1. Review of Ringside Scorer’s Application for Casey LaMonte

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Ringside Scorer’s application for Casey LaMonte pending the completion of 2 shadows. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing, Muay Thai and MMA Timekeeper’s Application for Casey LaMonte

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Boxing, Muay Thai and MMA Timekeeper’s application for Casey LaMonte pending the completion of 2 shadows per discipline. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of MMA Referee’s Application for Sean Nichols

Brett Miller made a motion to preliminarily approve the MMA Referee’s application for Sean Nichols pending the completion of 5 shadows, after which the commission will review his application for final approval. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Muay Thai Referee’s Application for Alexa Marie Halsell

Brett Miller made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Referee’s application for Alexa Marie Halsell. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Judge’s Application for Thomas Carusone

Brett Miller made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge’s application for Thomas Carusone. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Manager’s Application for Artie DePinho

Thomas Lacey made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager’s Application for Artie DePinho. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Muay Thai and MMA Manager’s Application for Brian Sclama

John Navien made a motion to approve the MMA Manager’s Application for Brian Sclama. Thomas Lacey Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Boxer’s Fund Promotion

This item was discussed during the Executive Director’s report above. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Application Language – Discipline types.

Thomas Lacey made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting. Brett Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Listening Session for State Championship Program

Brett Miller made a motion to have one listening session in the matter of the State Championship Program under 523 CMR 22.00. John Navien Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will work on scheduling the listening session and publicizing the event through agency-approved means.

1. **Discuss** Upcoming Events

The Commission discussed the upcoming events for the winter months. No action was taken on this item.

1. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

No items were raised during this time.

Brett Miller made a motion to move to closed session. John Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission conveyed that the meeting would end at the conclusion of the closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM

1. **Investigatory Conference** – CLOSED per M G. L c. 112 §, 65C.
2. **Quasi-Judicial Session** – CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, §, 18.