Public Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi

Brett Miller

John Navien

Brian O’Connell

Staff:

Greer Spatz Croxford – Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Peter Kelley – Senior Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator

Members of the Public:

Michael Polvere

Frederic Belleton

Alan Lau

Kalvin Kater

William Neugen

Edgar Bellenas

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for November 21, 2022, and January 12, 2023

After a review of the minutes Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 21, 2022. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

The meeting minutes for January 12, 2023 were briefly discussed and the Commission decided to review the minutes further and vote on them at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton indicated to the board that there were no updates to be provided to the Commission at this time. The Chair requested that 523 CMR be ready for a final vote at the next regular monthly meeting.

1. Executive Director Report
	1. MSAC Financials

The Boxer’s Fund has not sent out payments to the respective parties voted at previous meetings, however the payments should be sent out within the next month per an update provided to the Executive Director prior to the meeting. The fund total is the same as previously stated, around $180,000. The amount will change once the payments are dispersed.

* 1. Annual Report to General Court

There is no information at present available regarding the Annual Report, however any further updates will be provided at a future meeting.

1. Applications
	1. Review of Ringside Physician’s Application for Joseph Leary

After a review of Dr. Leary’s ringside physician's application and his history with MSAC related activities, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the application for Ringside Physician from Dr. Joseph Leary, and John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

* 1. Review of Promoter’s Application for Thomas Loeffler

After a review of Mr. Loeffler’s application and his history as a promoter in other states, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the Promoter’s application for Thomas Loeffler, and John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

1. **Review/Vote** Cage Titans Variance Request

The variance request submitted by Cage Titans, which requested variances from 523 CMR Sections 10.05; 12.05; 23.02; and 23.09, was reviewed by the Commission. After a brief discussion of the requested variances, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance requests as written in the statement provided by Cage Titans for the Commission’s review. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

1. **Discuss/Vote** Deputy Commissioner Training Session Details

After a discussion of the changes made scince the previous MSAC meeting, as well as some additional nuances that should be discussed during the presentation of the training, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the training deck in its revised form, as was provided to the Commission prior to the meeting. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the time and date of a training session using the just approved training deck. After determining the date, time and location, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve a Deputy Training Session to occur on Saturday February 18, 2023 at 1 PM at the Melrose Memorial Hall, and will be led by Commissioner Oded Carmi using the approved training deck. John Navie**n Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

1. **Review/Discuss** MSAC Proposed Fight Card Updates

Chair Bryan Lambert opened the discussion and explained to the Commission that this is an item he would like to bring up and vote on at a future meeting. In the meantime, he asked the Commissioners determine any changes they would like to see on the proposed fight card and bring those proposed changes to the next meeting.

1. **Review/Discuss** Officials Pay

The Commission indicated that the payments certain licensed officials receive at sanctioned events needed to be revisited and adjusted to keep Massachusetts competitive with other states hosting events. Oded Carmi indicated he would like to raise the scorekeeper’s pay to $175 per event, the judge’s pay to $275 per event, and the referee’s pay to $300. Other officials either received a pay increase in previous years or their rates are similar to other states. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to increase the scorkeeper’s pay from $125 to $175, the judge’s pay from $250 to $275, and the referee’s pay from $250 to $300. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

1. **Discuss** Combat Sports Advisory Committee

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to be discussed at a future MSAC meeting.

1. **Discuss** Youth Combat Sports Sanctioning Organization

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to be discussed at a future MSAC meeting

1. **Review/Vote** Medical Advisory Board Applications

Chair Bryan Lambert indicated that all the appointed Medical Advisory Board appointee’s terms had expired and new appointees, at least 3 members would need to be appointed from the applications provided. Applicants were encouraged to provide a CV and a letter of intent to join the Medical Advisory Board. The new board members were to be voted by a slate, with the Chair being nominated after the slate is voted on. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to appoint Dr. Lou Durkin, Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, Dr. Hector Osoria, and Dr. Peter Warriner to the Medical Advisory Board. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

Brett Miller then made a **Motion** to appoint Dr. Peter Warriner as the Chair of the Medical Advisory Board. Oded Carmi **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

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

No matters were presented to the Commission that were not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to move to closed session and to then adjourn from closed session. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

1. **Closed Session –** Investigatory Conference pursuant to G. L .c. 112 Sec.65C

Oded Carmi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Brett Miller Seconded the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Bryan Lambert voted **YES,** Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, and John Navien voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM

*Documents Used During Meeting:*

Draft November 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Draft January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ringside Physician’s Application for Joseph Leary

Promoters Application for Thomas Loeffler

Cage Titans Variance Request

Blank MSAC Fight Card

MAB Applications