Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi

John Navien

Brian O’Connell

Staff:

Greer Spatz Croxford – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Michael Herren

Ron Rayosa

Kristopher Jacobs

Brendan Cohen

Jennifer Deakins

Edgar Bellenas

Ken Volvick

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for March 9, 2023, and May 10, 2023

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the May 10, 2023, MSAC meeting minutes. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the March 9, 2023, MSAC meeting minutes as revised by staff per direction from the Commission. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the Commission that the next MSAC meeting in July will contain 3 hearings related to complaints submitted to the Commission, she advised that the Commission meet earlier on that day to ensure that all items on the agenda are reviewed. The official date and time for the next MSAC meeting will be posted on the mass.gov website in accordance with all Open Meeting Law requirements.

1. Executive Director Report

A new Executive Director for the Public Safety Boards Unit will begin her position on June 20, 2023. The Compliance Officer vacancy that arose recently will be posted to the public website as a backfilled position in the coming month, with an ideal start time in the fall of 2023.

* 1. Boxer’s Fund Status

The two applications that were in process for payment from the Boxer’s Fund were received by the designated parties. The total of the Fund has not been changed aside from these payments.

1. Applications
	1. Review of MMA Judge’s Application for Jennifer Deakins

After a brief review of Ms. Deakins’ application and experience in combat sports, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve her application for MMA Judge. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Manager’s Application for William O’Reilly

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review of Boxing Referee’s Application for Jack Reiss

After a brief review of Mr. Reiss’ application and experience in combat sports, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve his application for Boxing Referee. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Referee’s Application for Edgardo Claudio

After a brief review of Mr. Claudio’s application and experience in combat sports, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve his application for Boxing Referee. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of MMA Judge’s Application for Brendan Cohen

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review of Boxing Judge’s Application for Michael Harrington

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review of MMA Promoter and Matchmaker’s Application for William Campbell

After a brief review of Mr. Campbell’s application and experience in combat sports, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve his application for MMA Promoter and Matchmaker. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Matchmaker’s Application for Carlos Alvarado

After a brief review of Mr. Alvarado’s application and experience in combat sports, John Navien made a **Motion** to approve his application for Boxing Matchmaker. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **NO**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion **PASSED** 3-1.

* 1. Review of MMA Matchmaker's Application for Timothy Gillett

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review of Boxing Promoter’s Application for Kristopher Jacobs

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review of Muay Thai Promoter’s Application for Dennis Warner

After a brief review of Mr. Werner’s application and experience in combat sports, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve his application for Muay Thai Promoter. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of MMA Promoter’s Application for Michael Herren

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Review/Vote** Second’s and Trainer’s Application Forms

This item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

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

After a brief discussion of the changes made to the fight card, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the draft MSAC Fight Card name and format changes pending approval from staff and DOL management. John Navien **Seconded** the motion A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss** Bout Card approval guidelines.

The Chair explained that this draft document is meant to be a draft for the commission to provide feedback on and propose suggested edits at a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Discuss/Vote** UFC Drug Testing Protocols

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton and Executive Director Greer Spatz informed the Commission the UFC had some drug testing concerns that they would like to have the commission review at an upcoming meeting. The Commission was advised they may receive a variance request from the UFC, however there were no documents to vote on. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Discuss** Upcoming Events

The Commission did not publicly review the upcoming events list due to time constraints. No action was taken on this item.

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

Ken Volvick provided a statement regarding his experience as a timekeeper in combat sports and frustration with official timekeepers in Massachusetts not receiving a raise along with other officials in the previous discussion and vote for MSAC officials and their pay per event. The Chair indicated that the Commission will be revisiting the pay of timekeepers at a future meeting and strongly encouraged Mr. Volvick to speak on this topic when it is a future agenda item in an upcoming meeting where the topic is to be discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

*Documents Used During Meeting*

MSAC minutes for March 9, 2023

MSAC minutes for May 10, 2023

MSAC Applications

MSAC Draft Proposed Fight Card

MSAC Draft Bout Card approval guidelines

UFC Drug Testing Protocols

Upcoming Events List