Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

Public Meeting Minutes

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi

John Navien

Brian O’Connell, DOL Commissioner’s Designee

Staff:

Shaynah Munro – Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Andrew Bridges – Associate Deputy Commissioner

Members of the Public:

Michael Polvere

Ken Volvick

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for August 9, 2023, and August 15, 2023

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes for August 9, 2023, and August 15, 2023. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel indicated to the Commission that the regulations that were voted to be promulgated by the Commission are still under review by the Commissioner of DOL, and once that is complete, an update will be provided to the Commission.

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

The total amount available in the Boxer’s Fund has not changed aside from the regular contributions made by the promoters who host sanctioned events that occur within the Commonwealth.

* 1. UFC Financial Review

The financial totals received by the state were relayed to the Commission in a brief report. A conversation was started inquiring about the procedure for responding to Public Records Requests and what sort of information is released. Staff responded that there is a systematic internal response process, including assessing whether legal exemptions require withholding of certain records from production.

* 1. Status of Bout Card, Second’s and Trainer’s Applications

Staff reported that these forms, recently approved by the Commission, are currently under agency management review, and will be made available online for use upon approval..

* 1. **Review/Vote** Meeting Dates for 2024

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the meeting dates for 2024. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

1. Applications
   1. Review of Boxing and MMA Judge’s Application for Michael Harrington

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with boxing, John Navien made a **Motion** to approve the Boxing Judge’s Application for Michael Harrington pending working as an official in training for 2 events within the discipline. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with MMA, John Navien made a **Motion** to approve the MMA Judge’s Application for Michael Harrington pending working as an official in training for 2 events within the discipline. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Scorer’s Application for Tiffany Bacon

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with the discipline, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the Scorer’s Application for Tiffany Bacon pending working as an official in training for 1 event within the discipline. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Timekeeper’s Application for Melissa Kelly

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with boxing, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the Boxing Timekeeper’s Application for Melissa Kelly pending working as an official in training for 1 event within the discipline. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Timekeeper’s Application for Brooke Wagner

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with boxing, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the Boxing Timekeeper’s Application for Brooke Wagner pending working as an official in training for 3 events within the discipline. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Ringside Scorer and MMA Timekeeper’s Application for Francis Carino

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with MMA, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the Scorer’s Application for Francis Carino pending working as an official in training for 1 event within the discipline. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the MMA Timekeeper’s Application for Francis Carino pending working as an official in training for 1 event within the discipline. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Manager’s Application for Tasha Moise

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

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

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

* 1. Jerry Thomas Boxing Matchmaker’s Application

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with boxing, Oded Carmi made a Motion to approve the Boxing Matchmaker’s application for Jerry Thomas. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of MMA Promoter’s Application for David Feldman

After a brief review of the applicant’s application and history with MMA, Oded Carmi made a Motion to approve the Promoter’s Application for David Feldman pending submission of a sufficient bond. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

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

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Presentation** byOne Championship

Rich Franklin from One Championship presented to the Commission regarding his organization’s events and rule sets. He indicated that One Championship would like to host events in America, and potentially Massachusetts, under this framework.

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

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the bout card as edited during the meeting pending legal and agency review. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

1. **Review/Discuss/Vote** Timekeeper Pay

This item was tabled for the January 10, 2024, meeting, for the yearly review of officials’ payment. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Discuss** ABC Officials Training

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** State Championship Program under 523 CMR 22.00

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** Upcoming Events

The events upcoming for the months of September and October were reviewed by the Commission. 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 matters were brought before the Commission that were not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.