Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

Public Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert – Chair

Oded Carmi

Brian O’Connell

John Navien

Brett Miller

Staff:

Greer Spatz – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Frederic Belleton

Scott Lucey

Christina Knight

Edgar Bellenas

Mary McCarthy-Collins

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

The minutes were tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken on this item.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the board that former Commissioner Layla D’Emilia has been appointed to the position of Undersecretary of HED, and that Deputy Commissioner Sarah Wilkinson will now act as Commissioner for the Division of Occupational Licensure. The regulations approved at the previous MSAC meeting are being reviewed by the new Commissioner.

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

The two applications previously approved are still being processed by accounting. Pyments to the relevant parties have not yet gone out, however it has been confirmed there is nothing outstanding needed from the constituents or staff to further facilitate the payment being processed.

Greer Spatz has stepped into the role of General Counsel for DOL and will continue to act as Acting Executive Director until the role has been filled.

1. Applications
   1. Review/Vote of Boxing Manager’s Application for Scott Lucey

After a review of the application and Mr. Lucey’s history with boxing, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the application. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** was had where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES.** The motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review/Vote Boxing Judge’s Application for Kenneth Ezzo

It was determined by staff that Mr. Ezzo intended to renew his license as opposed to applying for a new license. No action was taken on this item.

* 1. Review/Vote of Deputy Commissioner's Application for Miguel Santos Jimenez

After a review of the application and Mr. Jimenez’s experience Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the application. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** was had where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES.** The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Entertain motions regarding Deputy Commissioners: Jennifer Riviera, Francis Carino, Douglas Roberts, Tiffany Bacon

A brief discussion was had regarding deputizing the above individuals by motion consistent with action during recent meetings, and subsequently Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to deputize Jennifer Riviera, Francis Carino, Douglas Roberts, Tiffany Bacon, and John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** was had where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES.** The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission also directed that an agenda item be added for a future meeting for further discussion of deputies.

1. **Review/Vote** Variance Request for NoBoundary

After a discussion of the requested variance, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request from NoBoundary regarding CMR 523 Section 23.08 with regards to shin guards and Section 23.09 for the weight of the gloves, on the condition that the fight card, and applicable fighter’s licenses for the event are approved by staff. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** was had where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES.** The motion passed unanimously.

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

Changes made to the draft fight card were discussed, including implementing an attestation, including a line where the fighting record of the individual can be noted, including their amateur record, a date of birth line, and the federal ID. The next steps will include legal review of the draft, and staff comments on the proposed changes. Oded Carmi inquired if there was a way to have the fight card forms be sent online, or if a form could be put on the Massachusetts state website. Staff informed the Commission that there is a process underway for moving the applications/forms online as opposed to completing a paper copy and submitting it to staff, however it is not available for applicants to use at present. It is expected that the draft fight card will be voted on at an upcoming MSAC meeting.

1. **Review/Vote** Second’s and Trainer’s Applications

This agenda topic was moved to be reviewed at a future meeting. No action was taken on the item.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM

*Documents Used During Meeting*

Draft MSAC minutes for March 9, 2023

Boxing Manager’s Application for Scott Lucey

Deputy Commissioner's Application for Miguel Santos Jimenez

Deputy Commissioner's Application for Jennifer Riviera

Deputy Commissioner's Application for Francis Carino

Deputy Commissioner's Application for Douglas Roberts

Deputy Commissioner's Application for Tiffany Bacon

Variance Request for NoBoundary

Draft MSAC Proposed Fight Card