

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2020

Location: Room 1D

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
Diane Symonds, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Cogliano, First Deputy Commissioner
Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfred St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

COMMISSION AND STAFF MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner

Meeting called to order by Chair Walkey at 11:07 AM.

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
Diane Symonds, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Ron Cogliano, First Deputy Commissioner
Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II
Wilfred St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

2. Approval of minutes from November 25, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Application for Boxing Promoter – James V. Burchfield Jr.

Applicant James V. Burchfield Jr. was unable to be present due to extenuating circumstances. Mr. Burchfield's application was put before the board for review. Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III for MSAC confirmed the applicant's long time involvement in professional unarmed combat as well as his company's forty year career as a promotional boxing organization.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Application for Boxing Matchmaker – Patrick Sullivan (Replaced by Michael Parente)

Applicant Patrick Sullivan was unable to be present due to extenuating circumstances. Mr. Sullivan's application was put before the board for review. Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III for MSAC confirmed the applicant's matchmaking skills as well as his company's forty year career as a promotional boxing organization. Mr. Sullivan also holds a Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker license with the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Variance Request – James V. Burchfield Jr.

Applicant James V. Burchfield Jr. was unable to be present due to extenuating circumstances. Mr. Burchfield's request for variance was put before the board for review. Program Coordinator II for MSAC Jennifer Fraga stated that if Mr. Burchfield's application for Boxing Promoter was approved that he would be looking to promote in February. However in the event the application for an event date surpasses the deadline, a variance from *523 CMR, Section 10.02 (Number 4) Event License: Submission and Approval of Program and Date: Payment of Fees; Cancellation of Program*, would be required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the variance if needed, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

6. Variance Request – Fred Belletin

South East Asian Kickboxing (SEAK) Promoter Fred Belletin was present and requested multiple variances from 523 CMR for his upcoming event on January 18, 2020. The board addressed each variance request as written.

523 CMR, Section 23.18 – Legal Techniques for Amateur Contest

Mr. Belletin requested a variance for the use of the elbows during the amateur title contests. This variance request has been previously approved and occurred without issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the variance, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

523 CMR, Section 23.19 – Illegal Techniques/Fouls in Amateur Contest

Mr. Belletin requested a variance for the use of the elbows during the amateur title contests. This variance request has been previously approved and occurred without issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the variance, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

7. 523 CMR Regulation Review

Board Counsel Clinton Dick tabled this item. This item will appear before the board on the next available agenda.

8. Upcoming Event Schedule

The board reviewed the upcoming event schedule.

9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The board reviewed the upcoming board meeting schedule.

10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

No matters were presented.

Commissioner Karger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Symonds. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Board Exhibits:

DRAFT Minutes – November 25, 2019

Application – James V. Burchfield Jr.

Application – Patrick Sullivan

Variance Request – James V. Burchfield Jr.

Variance Request – Fred Belletín

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