

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2021 Location: Teleconference Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
Brian O'Connell, DPL Comm'r designee
David Riccio, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sam Silverman, Rondell Clark Foundation

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walkey at 11:01 AM.

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
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2. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2020

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

3. Sub-Committee - Update

Commissioner Lambert updated the board on the three (3) tasks assigned to the Sub-Committee; a review to change the MGL language on deputy pay, creating an application to apply for the Boxers Fund, and a review to change the MGL pertaining to the eligibility for the Boxers' Fund.

Commissioner Lambert stated that language revisions were proposed, seeing to reflect a flexible pay scale for the deputies based on the discretion of the board and proposed changes to the language referring to the Boxers' Fund eligibility. Commissioner O'Connell stated that these revisions were put forth to the Commissioner of the Agency and are subject to approval. Commissioner O'Connell will update as more information is available.

The Sub-Committee was also tasked with and discussed proposed revisions to the instruction page and the Boxers' Fund application. Sub-Committee intends to present before the next board meeting for review and approval. Board Counsel Peter Kelley suggested that once the board receives these documents, they may choose to ratify as one package.

The Sub-Committee will meet again before the next meeting.

4. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Program Coordinator Jennifer Fraga notified the board that engaging in unarmed combat events will remain inactive due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. Ms. Fraga also reiterated the COVID-19 outline that was presented to the board at the December 17, 2020 meeting for professional sports. The outline would require Promoters of professional sports to submit a COVID-19 outline of health and safety guidelines specifically created for their own event to the Department of Public Health for review and approval.

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

Sam Silverman, President of the Rondell Clark Foundation, asked for an update on when the public hearing for regulation review would be held. Board Counsel Peter Kelley stated that a hearing has not been set but the public will receive advance notice when it is scheduled. In addition, Counsel affirmed that the board has voted on the proposed revisions, but that other approvals have not yet been secured.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Board Exhibits:

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Draft Minutes – December 17, 2020

Draft Application – Boxers Fund