

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: December 17, 2020

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

David Riccio, Commissioner

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

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Brian O'Connell, First Deputy Commissioner
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel
Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

2. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2020

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

3. Review Request for Appeal of Decision – Shawna Ormsby

Board Counsel Kristina Gasson presented to the board after a review and investigation by MSAC Staff an internal scoring error that occurred on Fight Pass WP 2/28/2020 during the final tally of the scores between Shawna Ormsby and Marisa Messer-Belenchia.

Counsel recommended to the board that a hearing would not be required where the error was found to be internal and in accordance with CMR 523 Section 14.20 (b) *Scoring error resulting in a decision given to the wrong unarmed combatant*. The win was awarded to Marisa Messer-Belenchia in error.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to overturn the decision and award the win to Shawna Ormsby, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Board Counsel Kristina Gasson addressed the board on the safety standards issued by Governor Baker for COVID-19 for performance venues. Counsel notified the board that a few promoter inquiries on holding events were received. Counsel explained to the board that prior to engaging in a professional sporting event that the promoter would be required to submit a COVID-19 outline of health and safety guidelines specifically created for their event to the Department of Public Health for review and approval. If approved, the outline would come before MSAC for review and approval.

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

Commissioner Lambert suggested the formation of a Sub-Committee charged with developing an application for beneficiaries of the Boxers Fund and proposing changes the MGL pertaining to the eligibility requirements of the applicant and Deputy Commissioner pay. Recommendations of the subcommittee to be ratified by the full Commission.

Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve such a Sub-Committee with voting members Commissioner Lambert and Commissioner O'Connell assisted by MSAC Staff, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

Board Exhibits:

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Request for Appeal Documents from Shawna Ormsby

Safety Standard Documents Issued by Governor Baker for COVID-19 for Performance Venues