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## **Public Session Minutes**

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission **Date: Thursday, June 2nd, 2022** 

Time: 9:00 AM

#### Via Videoconference

1. Roll Call- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM

Commission:

Paul Karger – Chairman

Bryan Lambert - Commissioner

Oded Carmi - Commissioner

Dave Riccio – Commissioner

Staff:

Greer Spatz Croxford – Executive Director

Peter Kelley – Board Counsel

Guy Liccardi – Compliance Officer III

Wilfred St. Hilaire - Compliance Officer III

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Michael Polvere - Cage Titans

Alan Lau

## 2. Review/ Vote MSAC minutes for May 18, 2022

A motion was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the May 18, 2022 public session minutes and the executive session minutes and was seconded by Oded Carmi. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

- 3. Discuss/Vote Boxer's Fund Application and variances
  - 1. Request for a variance from 529 CMR 2.03(b) pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to residential address of Christian Lubenga in Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022.

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A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the variance for 529 CMR 2.03(b) pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to residential address of Christian Lubenga in Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022 and was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

2. Request for a variance from 529 CMR 2.01 pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to Christian Lubenga's status as an amateur fighter in Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022.

A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the variance from 529 CMR 2.01 pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to Christian Lubenga's status as an amateur fighter in Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022 and was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

3. Request for a variance from 529 CMR 2.08(1) pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to requirement that disbursements not exceed 5% of the total amount of the fund relative to the Beecher & Bennett bill for services rendered and included as an attachment to the Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022.

A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the variance from 529 CMR 2.08(1) pursuant to 529 CMR 2.10 related to the requirement that disbursements not exceed 5% of the total amount of the fund, relative to the Beecher & Bennett bill dated March 22, 2022 for proposed funeral services and included as an attachment to the Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022. The motion was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Finally, a **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the Lubenga Boxers' Fund application in an amount of \$9,178.57, said amount related to the Beecher & Bennett bill dated March 22, 2022 for proposed funeral services and included as an attachment to the Boxer's Fund Application received on March 25, 2022. The motion was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. A Roll Call vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

## 4. **Discuss** Regulatory Review

1. 523 CMR 13.00: WEIGHT CLASSES, WEIGH-INS, PRE- AND POST-FIGHT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Commission reviewed the prior regulation changes and, in addition proposed additional changes to the following sections: §13.02 §13.04, and § 13.06.

5. Other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

It was determined the next regulation review meeting is to be held Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM until 11 AM. The regularly scheduled MSAC meeting that was originally on July 13, 2022 is to be held instead on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 4 PM in person at 1000 Washington Street, Boston MA, 02118.

Bryan Lambert made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 AM. Oded Carmi **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, and David Riccio voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

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