

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: September 16, 2020

Location: Teleconference

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Ricco, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walkey at 11:02 AM.

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

2. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2020

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

3. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Chair Walkey stated that at the present time there were no updates from the Governor's Office specific to the sports the State Athletic Commission regulates. Board Counsel Kristina Gasson referenced Governor Baker's COVID-19 Revised Gatherings Order No. 46; reducing the allowable outdoor crowd sizes from 100 to 50 people and indoor crowd sizes from 50 to 25 people. This order took effect on August 12, 2020.

Commissioner Lambert asked Board Counsel if it were possible to obtain an updated release of the COVID-19 Safety Protocol Guidelines for Professional Sports for a review by the board. Board Counsel and MSAC Staff will research and report back at the next meeting.

In addition, Chair Walkey asked MSAC Staff to reach out to the Promoters who had previously inquired about holding events as they were asked to send in an outline of how they envision an event to take place safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. 523 CMR Regulation Review

Board Counsel Kristina Gasson asked the board to review the red-line draft of 523 CMR, Sections: 5 through 23 as they required a final review from the board to advance them to the next phase of the regulation review process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lambert to authorize a final review of the draft revisions of 523 CMR by Board Counsel and MSAC Staff to allow for any grammatical or formatting corrections and to proceed forward with review by the Secretary of State's Office, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

Matters not present on the agenda were not presented.

Commissioner Karger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Board Exhibits:

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Draft Minutes – July 21, 2020

Draft 523 Regulations, Sections: 5 through 23.