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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Date: January 21, 2025
Time: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:31pm

1. Roll Call
Bryan Lambert- Present
Thomas Lacey -Present
Brett Miller -Absent
John Navien -Present
Oded Carmi- Present
2. Hearing regarding status of USA Boxing New England related to 523 CMR 19.03 (Amateur Sanctioning Organization).

Commissioner Lacey stated the intent of this hearing is not to limit the opportunities for amateur boxing in the Commonwealth, but to highlight ongoing concerns the Commission has with USA Boxing New England and to promote safety, which is the Commission's obligation. Since at least March of 2024, the Commission has noticed an inability or lack of desire to comply with relevant statutes and regulations, potentially putting fighters' safety at risk.

Commissioner Lacey added the Commission has regularly been in touch with USA Boxing about different areas of noncompliance and today the hearing would consider facts relevant to the question of whether USA Boxing should retain its status as an approved amateur sanctioning organization pursuant to 523 code of Massachusetts regulations 19.03.

Commissioner Lacey explained that it is not anticipated that determination will be made at the immediate conclusion of this matter, but a written decision will be made when the Commission has made its determination.

Representing USA Boxing New England and sworn in for hearing:

Steven Hess – attorney for USA Boxing and USA Boxing New England
Mike McAtee - USA Boxing National Office
Alexander Sepulveda- President of USA Boxing New England
Steve Clark- Chief of Officials USA Boxing New England.
Andrew Burnett- USA Boxing National Office



Commissioner Lacey noted that USA Boxing had failed to timely or completely submit the documentation requested by the Commission in advance of the hearing.

The Commission then discussed various areas of interest with USA Boxing and USA Boxing New England, including through their attorney. The subjects included: key personnel for USA Boxing New England; pre-fight medical examinations for fighters; the necessity for USA Boxing New England officials to also be licensed by the MSAC; insurance coverage available through USA Boxing New England; USA Boxing New England's process for proposing and reporting the dates of its events to the MSAC; additional information about staffing at those events; payment of statutorily required fees; post-fight physicals and documentation of same; process for reporting suspensions and injuries; the December 16, 2024 event run by NE LBC; policies of USA Boxing applicable to USA Boxing New England; and, the complete rule set for USA Boxing New England.

Counsel for USA Boxing then requested time to ask questions of his client on the record, which the Commission granted. Counsel also made argument asserting that in certain instances, USA Boxing was subject only to federal law and not Massachusetts statute or regulation. The Commission later requested that USA Boxing provide a legal memorandum on this topic, so that the Commission could give it full and fair consideration.

The Commission and USA Boxing then agreed to a timeline for USA Boxing to submit the remaining requested documentation that had not been provided prior to the hearing.

3. Open session for Topics not Reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting -DOL will be moving in March of 2025 to One Federal Street, Boston. Logistics and outreach for the move are currently being addressed and planned

Commissioner Carmi made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Lambert. The meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.