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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission  
Public Meeting Minutes  
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2024  
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 2:02pm

**1. Roll Call**

Bryan Lambert- Present  
Thomas Lacey -Present  
Brett Miller -Present  
John Navien -Present  
Oded Carmi- Present

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Lambert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**3. Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Christopher Rogers reported that the Boxers' Fund total is \$144,696.24, with no applications pending.

He informed the Commission that staff will be reaching out to licensees to provide updates on the economic development bill regarding insurance mandates. He added they also are contacting other commissions and researching to determine what deputy pay is in different jurisdictions to work on Massachusetts deputy pay structure.

**4. Board Counsel Report**

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the Commission that agenda item # 9 may take place later in the meeting due to witness availability.

**5. Applications**

- i. Alexa Marie Baranoski was absent for today's meeting. After a discussion, the Commission tabled the Muay Thai Referee application.



- ii. Adam Wagner was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Kickboxing Referee application which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- iii. Alexander Pinero was absent for today's meeting. After a discussion, the Commission tabled the Muay Thai Referee application.
- iv. Earl Peterson was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Referee application, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- v. Kevin Small, Jr was absent for today's meeting. After a discussion, the Commission tabled the Boxing Manager application.
- vi. Michael J. Saia was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge application pending 2 sessions of shadowing during a boxing event, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- vii. Josh P. Zoccola was absent for today's meeting. After a discussion, the Commission tabled the Deputy Commissioner application.
- viii. Julie E. Cohen was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Referee and Muay Thai Judge applications, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- ix. Phillip A. Syers was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager application, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- x. Michael Weber was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Referee and Muay Thai Judge applications, which was seconded by Commissioner Lambert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

## **6. Variance Request for Granite Chin Promotions**

Chris Traietti asked the Commission to allow his event to go forward with a minimum of 18 rounds. He withdrew the variance requests related to referee and doctor numbers. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Cami made a motion to approve the Variance Request to lower the minimum round limit to 18 rounds for this boxing event, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

## **7. Variance Request for Cage Titans**

After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the cage Titans variance (as written, regarding SEAK matches in a cage, combined minimum round requirement of 20, and SEAK in MMA gloves), for up to eight events to take place within the calendar year of 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**8. CES Broadcast Fee Discussion**

The Commission discussed the proposal received for CES for assessing the statutorily required distribution fee. The Commission decided to add this item to a future agenda for discussion.

\*Commissioner John Navien left the meeting at 3:48 pm

**9. Hearing on licensee Eric Palmer pursuant to 523 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 14.20 (Change of Decision). Hearing to begin at approximately 2:30 p.m.**

Eric Palmer and opponent Matthew Doherty testified and had the opportunity to answer questions from the Commission. Justin Philippe and Michael Reyes also testified. The Commission's determination will be memorialized in a written decision.

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**10. Open session for Topics not Reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting**

**11. Investigatory Conference – CLOSED per M.G.L c. 112, § 65C**

**12. Quasi-Judicial Session - CLOSED per M.G.L c. 30A, § 18(d)**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lambert seconded by Commissioner Miller the time was 4:03pm.