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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

1000 Washington St, Boston MA, 02118 Conference Room 1D
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2024, tabled until the next meeting.

3. Executive Director Report

- a. Boxers' Fund

Executive Director Christopher Rogers stated the Boxers' Fund balance is currently \$290,026.27.

- b. Deputy Training

Executive Director Christopher Rogers let the Commission know that deputy training will be held on Saturday November 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waltham Boys and Girls Club. Training will include a PowerPoint presentation and a demonstration on hand wrapping.

- c. Variance Request Form

Mr. Rogers shared with the Commission the variance request form prepared by staff. Commissioner Carmi requested adding a link to relevant statute on the form. Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the form with the addition of the link, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously.



4. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the Commission that the variance request form is likely to make the process more efficient for everyone.

5. USA Boxing New England Monthly Report (August + September, tabled in September 2024)

Alex Sepulveda representing USA Boxing reported that there was a 20% increase in their membership for the year. He also stated they are continuing to submit applications for amateur boxing officials, and reported that during a boxing event in Puerto Rico, seven Massachusetts Boxers participated, and six won gold medals.

6. Discussion

a. Applications

- i. Martin Grealish was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, the Commission tabled the application for Boxing Promoter's license as incomplete, because it is missing a bond which is required for this license.
- ii. Edward Scuncio was present for today's meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve his Boxing Judge License Application, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Justin Bombardier was present for today's meeting. After discussion with the applicant, the Commission determined that Mr. Bombardier should continue in his Deputy Commissioner role and consider reapplying for licensure in the future. Mr. Bombardier voluntarily withdrew his MMA Referee application.
- iv. Shalom Jones was present for today's meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi suggested Mr. Jones study 523 CMR to learn the regulations related to Boxing Managers. The Commission tabled Mr. Jones' application for Boxing Manager.
- v. Walter Panis was present for today's meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Physician's Application for Walter Panis contingent on shadowing at two MSAC events and two weigh-ins, and the receipt of comments from licensed Physicians. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Derek Martin was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve Mr. Martin's Boxers' Fund Application for \$1,708.59, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Joshua Beeman was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve Mr. Beeman's Deputy Commissioner Application, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Variance Request for Noboundaryfight to increase rest period to two minutes (523 CMR 23.04(4)(b))

After a discussion with the Promoter, Frederic Belleton, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the variance request as submitted, and the motion was seconded by Bryan Lambert. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. USA Boxing statutory and regulatory compliance

Commissioner Bryan Lambert briefly voiced the concerns that staff and the Commission have regarding the low volume of official's applications submitted by USA Boxing. Commissioner Lambert inquired about the steps USA Boxing is taking to be more productive with respect to application submissions. Mr. McAtee stated that more applications would be submitted this week and informed the Commission that his organization is working on improving their process. Commissioner Lambert stressed how important it is to follow the regulations and stay in compliance to maintain a professional partnership and how it is essential to safety to have licensed officials at USA Boxing events. Commissioner Lacey agreed with Commissioner Lambert and Mr. McAtee acknowledged these issues and committed to prioritize correcting them.

- d. Shadowing (tabled in September 2024)
Tabled until November 2024 meeting.

- 7. Hearing - 523 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 1 4.20 - request of contestant Alejandro Fugon for a change of decision. Hearing to begin at 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Fugon was not present at the time of hearing. The Commission tabled his request until the November meeting.

- 8. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Thomas Lacey, and seconded by Oded Carmi. The motion passed unanimously. Time was 3:45.p.m

- 9. Investigatory Conference – CLOSED per M.G.L c. 112, § 65C

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