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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Josh Zakim - Chair	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
John Navien	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Brett Miller	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent (joined late at 1:04 p.m.)
Melissa Kelly	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Sean Pierce	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

2. Discuss / Vote Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2025

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. Executive Director Report

Bruce Johnson reports that the Boxers' Fund current balance as of 11/12/25 is \$165,849.16.

4. Board Counsel Report

Nothing to report.

5. Applications

a. Casey Lamonte, Boxing Judge, Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application for Casey Lamonte which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

b. Justin Bombardier, MMA Referee, Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Zakim tabled this MMA



Referee application.

c. Josh Diekmann, MMA Referee, Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the MMA Referee Application for Josh Diekman, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

d. Tiffany Bacon, Boxing Judge, Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application for Tiffany Bacon which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Request for Change of Decision from Cristina Morisco, pursuant to 523 CMR 14.20

Licensee requested change of decision for a fight on October 18, 2025, at No Boundary in Melrose, MA. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Navien made a motion to grant a hearing based on 523 CMR 14.20(2)(c) Flagrant referee error resulting in a decision given to the wrong unarmed combatant, and Commissioner Pierce seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

7. Variance Request for Cage Titans 12/13/25

Mr. Polvere requested certain variances, previously approved for other events, for a Cage Titans/Ring Titans event on Saturday, December 13.

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the variance request as submitted, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

8. Discussion of 523 CMR 6.08

Commissioners discussed licensing requirements for ring officials. The discussion focused on experience and considered whether letters of recommendation or different specific requirements for different license types would be appropriate. This topic will be added to the December 10, 2025, MSAC Monthly meeting agenda.

9. Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Edgar Ballenas, Boxing Second Application

Dr. Ballenas was not in attendance to discuss his application, and a motion was made by Commissioner Miller to table the application until he could be present. The motion was

second by Commissioner Navien, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Navien at 2:18pm to close public session and move to closed Executive Session to discuss, and adjourn from there, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. Executive Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual.