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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission Public Meeting Minutes Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:31pm

- Roll Call Bryan Lambert- Present Thomas Lacey -Present Brett Miller -Present John Navien -Present Oded Carmi- Present
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. September 11, 2024, and October 9, 2024, meeting minutes

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

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the October 9, 2024, meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Lambert with amendments. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Executive Director Report
  - a. Boxers' Fund

Executive Director Christopher Rogers reported that current balance of the Boxers' Fund is at \$141,479.11. Chairman Lacey informed the Commission that pursuant to statute, excess funds in this account were swept into the Commonwealth's General Fund, but DOL advocated for and was able to retain a significant amount in the Boxers' Fund.

b. Deputy Training

Executive Director Christopher Rogers reported that a productive training session was held for Deputy Commissioners on November 2 at the Waltham Boys and Girls Club. He mentioned that the training specifically covered compliant hand wrapping techniques.

Mr. Rogers informed the Commission that there will be more deputy trainings in the future.

Mr. Rogers also reported there are now 29 USA Boxing Amateur officials fully licensed, and staff has been working with USA Boxing to get all USA Boxing officials licensed.

4. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the Commission Mr. Fugon was absent for his hearing last month but the Commission will be considering his request to reschedule that hearing during at today's meeting, but that his hearing would not occur today. She also flagged that there will be a hearing regarding licensee James Williams at today's meeting.

## 5. Applications

- i. Commissioner Lacey informed the Commission that MSAC staff are trying to improve the process for applicants by streamlining the application review process and will be suggesting changes to the Commission for review.
- ii. Dexter Stroude was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Eilo R. Dejesus Gonzalez was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Deputy Commissioner Application, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Kyle Gross was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Deputy Commissioner Application, which was seconded by Commissioner Lambert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- v. Nathaniel Cantu was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application, which was seconded by Commissioner Lambert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Scott Lapointe was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, John Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Referee Application conditionally upon the completion of two shadowing events, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Scott Lapointe was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the MMA Referee application conditionally upon the completion of two shadowing events, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- viii. Scott Schwartz was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve the Deputy Commissioner Application,

which was seconded by Commissioner Lambert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

- ix. Shalom Jones was present for today's meeting. After a discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to deny the Boxing Judge Application, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Discussion of Alejandro Fugon's Request for Change of Decision pursuant to 523 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 14.20

Alejandro Fugon was present for today's discussion. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Carmi made a motion to approve Mr. Fugon's request to reschedule to the hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Hearing on licensee James Williams, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 147, Section 36 (good faith competition).

Mr. Williams was present for today's hearing. Compliance Officer Guy Licciardi presented a video recording of the boxing match he received from promoter Vincent Traietti of Granite Chin for the boards review. Judge Michael Zullo, Judge Robin Hayes, and Mr. Williams also testified.

The Commission took the matter under advisement.

At 3:10 p.m., Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session and adjourn from there, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Investigatory Conference CLOSED per M.G.L c. 112, § 65C
- 9. Quasi-Judicial Session CLOSED per M.G.L c. 30A, § 18(d)