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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 2:01pm

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
TJ Lacey	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Melissa Kelly	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

2. Discuss / Vote Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2025.

Commissioner Lacey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Rogers reported the Boxers' Fund balance of \$150,756.67 and that there was one application pending that was not ready for Commission review. He reported this application should be ready for Commission review at the June meeting.

Executive Director Rogers made the Commission aware of the upcoming Medical Advisory Board meeting on May 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Executive Director Rogers reported that another successful Deputy Commissioner training was held, and that they will continue to hold trainings in the Spring and the Fall going forward.

4. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton reported there is one fighter license application on the agenda and that it will be reviewed in closed executive session due to discussion of confidential medical information.

5. Discuss / Vote MGL 147 s. 39 Pro Debut Applications aged 16-18 Delegation



Executive Director Rogers explained to the Commission that the above statute requires special approval of the Commission for pro-debut fighters between the ages of 16-18. He suggested a delegation of approval to the Commissioner assigned to review / approve the fight card. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Navien made a motion to delegate approval of these specific pro debut applications to the Commissioner assigned to review / approve the fight card, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Applications

- Oded Carmi Applications
 1. Boxing Judge Application
 2. Muay Thai Judge Application
 3. MMA Judge Application

The Commission held a lengthy discussion with the applicant, including concerns about approving these applications due to Mr. Carmi's history of being a Commissioner, and Mr. Carmi's assurance that he has no intention of officially or unofficially acting in any other role except for licensed judge. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve all 3 applications for Oded Carmi, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner Lacey voting no, and Commissioner Kelly abstaining.

- Jareed Gaines Boxing Manager Application

After a brief discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager Application for Jareed Gaines, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

- Joseph Leonard Deputy Commissioner Application

After a brief discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to deputize Joseph Leonard, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

- Kirsten Lakin Muay Thai Referee Application

The Commission tabled this application for the applicant to be present at the next Commission meeting.

- Robert LaRoche Deputy Commissioner Application

After a brief discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to deputize Robert LaRoche, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

- Cameron MacDonald Deputy Commissioner Application

Executive Director Rogers notified the Commission that this application was withdrawn by the applicant due to his inability to come to meetings.

- Tyler Menard Deputy Commissioner Application

The Commission tabled this application for the applicant to be present at the next Commission meeting.

- Connor Norton Deputy Commissioner Application

The Commission tabled this application for the applicant to be present at the next Commission meeting.

- Tyler King Professional MMA Fighter Application (reviewed in Closed Executive Session)

7. Request for Change of Decision from Denzel Whitley pursuant to 523 CMR 14.20

Commissioner Kelly recused herself for this agenda item. Executive Director Rogers reviewed this request with the Commission and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Navien made a motion to deny this request, which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Request for Change of Decision from Gabriel Morales pursuant to 523 CMR 14.20

Commissioner Kelly recused herself for this agenda item. Executive Director Rogers reviewed this request with the Commission and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Navien made a motion to deny this request, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Granite Chin Variance Request for June 20th Event

Executive Director Rogers reviewed this variance request from Granite Chin Promotions to vary 523 CMR 10.05 reducing the minimum number of rounds from 28 to 20. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve this variance request, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

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

11. Executive Session – CLOSED per M.G.L c. 30A, § 21(a)(1)