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**Public Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Hybrid Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM.

**1. Roll Call**

Commissioners

Bryan Lambert - Chair

John Navien

Oded Carmi

Sarah Wilkinson - DOL Commissioner

Brett Miller

Staff

Chris Rogers – Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Andrew Bridges – Associate Deputy Commissioner

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator

John Moreschi – 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner

Members of the Public

Michael Polvere – Cage Titans

Pat Sullivan – TCL

Dr. Edgar H Bellenas – Licensee

Stephen Trifetti - Counsel

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024

John Navien made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 13, 2024. Oded Carmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sarah Wilkinson abstained from the motion.

Brett Miller joined the meeting after this item.



### **3. Executive Director Report**

#### **a. Boxer Fund**

As of May 1, 2024 the Boxer's Fund total is \$280,234.39, and no applications are currently under review.

#### **b. Application for Complaint**

A specific application for complaint was reviewed by the Commission. Sarah Wilkinson then made a motion to open the matter for investigation. Oded Carmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Staff requested delegation to staff of opening investigations into possible complaints, as is common with other Division of Occupational Licensure Boards. Brett Miller made a motion to delegate the process of agency led complaints to the Executive Director of MSAC. John Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **c. TCL Cease and Desist Letter**

A letter was provided for the Commission to review for informational purposes.

### **4. Board Counsel Report**

No matters were brought before the Commission for discussion at this time.

### **5. USA Boxing Monthly Report**

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

### **6. Discussion**

#### **a. Applications**

##### **i. Review of Boxing and Muay Thai Judge's Application for Steve Rita**

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Review of MMA Judge's Application for David Trelli

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

### **7. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting**

Staff noted a promotion had been inquiring about hosting a sanctioned event that may require the Commission to review variances for the event. The Commission encouraged the promotion to remain in contact with staff to ensure the potential event could be reviewed in a timely manner. John Navien made a motion to move to quasi-judicial session and to then adjourn the meeting from closed session. Sarah Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **8. Hearing on 2022MSAC0005 (Respondent Dr. Edgar H. Ballenas)**

The Commission held a hearing in the matter of Dr. Edgar H Ballenas. Oded Carmi was recused from deliberating on this disciplinary matter. A written decision will be issued by the Commission.

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

### **10. Quasi-Judicial Session – CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, §, 18.**

John Navien made a motion to adjourn. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.