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Public Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 10, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

1000 Washington Street, Boston MA, 02118 Conference Room 1D

Hybrid Meeting

**1. Roll Call**

Commissioners  
Bryan Lambert  
Oded Carmi  
John Navien  
Thomas Lacey  
Brett Miller

Staff

Chris Rogers - Executive Director  
Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel  
Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator  
Andrew Bridges – Associate Deputy Commissioner  
Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Meeting Minutes for MSAC Meeting June 6, 2024, and June 18, 2024.

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 6, 2024, and June 18, 2024. John Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brett Miller joined the meeting at this point in the meeting and participated in all future votes.

**3. Executive Director Report**

- a. Boxer's Fund

The current total for the Boxer's Fund is \$283,451.40. There is one application in process and under review by staff.



b. **Deputy Training**

Executive Director Christopher Rogers shared that there are current plans to host a September and November deputy commissioner training by staff. He noted a priority topic that will be included in the training will be hand wraps. The training will occur at a state location and will be required training for Deputy Commissioners. The training PowerPoint previously approved by the Commission is being reviewed and updated. Oded Carmi asked about advertising to get more Deputy Commissioners, and staff indicated that options for advertising can be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Executive Director provided the Commission with an update related to a Team Combat League sanctioned event hosted by CES which was discussed in depth at prior meetings. It was noted that the requirements the Commission voted on for licensing the event have not been met. The Commission directed CES to complete at least 75% of licensure prior to 10 days before the July 17, 2024, event. As of this meeting, 7 days before the event, there is only 70% completed. Staff also noted that promoters are required by regulation to have 100% of the licensure completed 7 days prior to the event.

**4. Board Counsel Report**

Oded Carmi asked Board Counsel Jamie Dalton when the Commission can expect to review and update the regulations. She advised that the Commission think about how they would like to address drafting the regulatory changes and what safety concerns brought to the attention of the Commission should be addressed in reviewing the regulations. It was also noted the Commission may want to consider scheduling additional meetings to focus on the regulatory changes. The Commission requested an agenda item be added to the next meeting to discuss topics to potentially be addressed during regulatory changes.

**5. USA Boxing Monthly Report**

Alex Sepulveda provided a brief overview of the updates for events held by USA Boxing New England and shared that the chapter would also be hosting a training event that the Commission is welcome to attend. Chris Rogers asked if there will be training at these events to help officials to apply to the MSAC for licensure, as the agency has been made aware of several officials working USA Boxing events who are not licensed with MSAC. Mr. Sepulveda and Mike McAtee, Executive Director, CEO, USA Boxing cited there had been a variance issued in 2018 wherein officials for USA Boxing events did not need to be licensed with the MSAC. Board Counsel Jamie Dalton referenced the minutes from the meeting in 2018 where the variance was requested and shared that the minutes reflect that variance request was denied. She requested that Mr. McAtee provide via email as soon as possible whatever evidence he has of the approved variance. The Commission did note that the current standing of the requirements for officials performing at sanctioned events through MSAC or USA Boxing must hold a license for their respective roles in officiating during events. The licensing of USA Boxing Officials will be addressed as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Executive Director Christopher Rogers asked Mr. Sepulveda about an event to be hosted on July 13, which has not been permitted by the state. Mr. Sepulveda indicated he would contact staff after the meeting to resolve this issue and would also provide a financial report of the year's fees collected at USA Boxing events.

**6. Discussion**

a. Applications

- i. Review of Boxing and Muay Thai Judge's Application for Steve Rita (shadowing completed)

After a brief discussion, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application for Steve Rita. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Bryan Lambert made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Judge Application for Steve Rita. John Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Navien temporarily left the meeting after this item.

- ii. Review of Ringside Physician Application for Steven Bbuye (shadowing completed)

After a brief discussion, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Ringside Physician Application for Steven Bbuye. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Review of Boxing promoter Application for Martin Grealish

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

John Navien returned to the meeting after this item.

b. ABC Conference

The chair opened the discussion sharing that the next ABC conference will be July 20th through the 24th. He noted that there would be the opportunity for the Commission to vote on various matters that occur during the ABC, and as not all commissioners will attend the meeting, the Chair requested the Commission designate a commissioner to vote at the conference on behalf of the Commission. Brett Miller made a motion to delegate authority to Oded Carmi to vote on behalf of the MSAC at the ABC Conference from July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. John Navien seconded the motion. Oded Carmi abstained from the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board Counsel reminded Commissioner Carmi of Commonwealth ethics and disclosure requirements related to traveling to a conference, and he confirmed that he would comply.

c. Shadowing

A proposal for shadowing requirements for new licensees was reviewed by the Commission. Board Counsel proposed some edits to have the policy more closely align with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as noting that some questions may need to be reworded to standardize the process of shadowing. The roles that would potentially require shadowing are judges, timekeepers, scorekeepers, referees and doctors. A concern was raised of how to best delegate oversight to reviewing the shadowing, as well as further clarifications on how other licensure and experience may impact an applicant's credibility in applying

for a new license. The Chair indicated he would revise the proposal and bring it back to the Commission for further review

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

No matters were brought to the attention of the board that were not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours.

Oded Carmi made a motion to move to closed session and to then adjourn from closed session. Brett Miller seconded the motion. 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)**

Oded Carmi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brett Miller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM