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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm

1. Roll Call

Josh Zakim - Chair	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
John Navien	X present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Brett Miller	<input type="checkbox"/> present X 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 July 09, 2025, and July 16, 2025.

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 09, 2025, and July 16, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss / Vote Deputy Commissioner Policy

Executive Director Rogers reviewed the Deputy Commissioner Policy for the Commissioners and after a brief conversation, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Deputy Commissioner Policy, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Rogers reported the Boxers' Fund balance of \$161,067.91 and that there are no pending applications. He reported to the Commission that Deputy Commissioner training is being planned for October, and the date will be communicated with Deputies and Commissioners once finalized.

Executive Director Rogers reported to the Commission that he will be including in the board packet the BoxRec KPI Report quarterly and hopes to see some improvement in



the Commissions ratings, given the recent efforts to standardize fight card approval.

5. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Dalton asked the Commission for guidance regarding whether a licensee sponsoring an MSAC-licensed event presents conflict of interest concerns. After a lengthy conversation, it appears there is no consensus among Commissioners at this time about sponsorship. The Commission may consider adopting a policy on this subject to provide clear guidance.

6. Applications

a. David Dole Boxing Manager Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager Application for David Dole, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Joshua Fainsod Ringside Physician Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Ringside Physician Application for Joshua Fainsod, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Paul Guarino Boxing Manager Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager Application for Paul Guarino, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

d. David Keefe Deputy Commissioner Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to deputize Davide Keefe, which was seconded by Commissioner Navien. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Casey Lamonte Boxing Judge Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Zakim tabled the Boxing Judge Application for Casey Lamonte for a future meeting.

f. Michael Polvere Muay Thai Promoter Application

1. Muay Thai Matchmaker Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Promoter Application and Muay Thai Matchmaker Application for Michael Polvere, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

g. Michael Reyes MMA Promoter Application
1. MMA Matchmaker Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the MMA Promoter Application and MMA Matchmaker Application for Michael Reyes, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

h. Shaun Spath MMA Referee Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the MMA Referee Application for Shaun Spath, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

i. Kyle Vieira MMA Manager Application

This application was tabled for a future meeting because the applicant was not present.

7. Variance Request for Michael Reyes September 20, 2025

After a brief conversation with Michael Reyes, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the variance request as submitted, for boxing to be held in an MMA ring and for rounds below the minimum required by regulation, for September 20, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Zakim. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Variance Request for Cage Titans September 12, 2025

After a brief conversation with Michael Polvere, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the variance request as submitted, for Southeast Asian Kickboxing to be held in a cage, with MMA gloves, and for rounds below the minimum required by regulation, for September 12, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Request for Change of Decision from Isaiah Small pursuant to 523 CMR 14.20

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.

10. Request for Change of Decision from Avery Andrews pursuant to 523 CMR 14.20

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.

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

12. Investigatory Conference - CLOSED per M.G.L c. 112, § 65C

13. Quasi-Judicial Session - CLOSED per M.G.L c. 30A, § 18(d)