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Massachusetts State Athletic Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Josh Zakim - Chair	X present ☐ absent
John Navien	X present ☐ absent
Brett Miller	X present ☐ absent
TJ Lacey	X present ☐ absent
Melissa Kelly	X present ☐ absent

2. Discuss / Vote Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2025

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 13, 2025, which was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report

Bruce Johnson reports that the Boxers' Fund current balance as of 9/4/25 is \$162,200.95 and there are no pending applications. He reminded Commissioners of the recurring additional MSAC meetings starting October 15, 2025, from 1:00pm-4:00pm for regulation review.

4. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton states that she has no information to report.

5. Applications

a. Chris Palmquist MMA Judge Application

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



b. Kyle Vieira MMA Manager Application (Tabled in August)

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the MMA Manager Application for Kyle Viera which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Jean Paul Zuniga Muay Thai Referee Application

After a brief conversation with the applicant, Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Referee Application for Jean Paul Zuniga which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Variance Request for Michael Reyes November 22, 2025

Mr. Reyes submitted a variance request that is identical to the one previously recently approved by the Commission, except that the date has changed due to venue scheduling. It will include a combined boxing and MMA event to now be held at Harley Davidson in Revere, MA on November 22, 2025.

Commissioner Navien made a motion to approve the variance for Mr. Reyes which was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Hearing on 2024MSAC00008 (Respondent Erin Croke)

Respondent Erin Croke was not present for the hearing due to her day job. Chris Traietti, her partner at Granite Chin Promotions, stated that he was present to speak on her behalf at her request. Commissioners agreed that case could move forward because Ms. Croke was given sufficient notice of the hearing date. Commissioner Zakim opened the hearing, Prosecutor Seth Henderson presented the facts to the Commission, Commissioners asked questions to both parties, and Mr. Traietti made a statement. Commissioner Zakim then closed the hearing and informed the public that a written decision would be issued when it is ready.

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

Commissioner Lacey announced this was his last MSAC meeting, because he is leaving the agency. A new designee will be determined by the DOL Commissioner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to move to closed session and seconded by Commissioner Navien. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

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

