

# **Massachusetts State Athletic Commission**

## **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES**

Date: September 8, 2021

Location: Teleconference

Time: 11:00 AM

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Lambert, Commissioner  
Acting Chairman Brian O'Connell  
Oded Carmi, Commissioner  
David Riccio, Commissioner

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel  
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III  
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

### **COMMISSION NOT PRESENT:**

Paul Karger, Commissioner

**Preliminary:** Given Commissioner Karger's absence, Commissioner Oded Carmi moved to nominate Commissioner O'Connell as acting chair. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian O'Connell at 11:00 AM.**

### **1. Roll Call**

Bryan Lambert, Commissioner  
Acting Chairman Brian O'Connell  
Oded Carmi, Commissioner  
David Riccio, Commissioner  
Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel  
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III  
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

### **2. Minutes from July 14, 2021**

Tabled

### **3. Review of Muay Thai Matchmaker Application for William C Newcomb:**

The Board reviewed the Muay Thai Matchmaker Application for William C Newcomb and determined Mr. Newcomb has the experience to be a matchmaker for Muay Thai events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Brian O'Connell to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**4: Review of Muay Thai Matchmaker Application for Igdalia Medina:**

The Board reviewed the Muay Thai Matchmaker Application for Igdalia Medina and determined Ms Medina has the experience to be a matchmaker for Muay Thai events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Brian O’Connell to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**5: Review of a Boxing Matchmaker Application for Anthonee J Rivera:**

The Board reviewed the Boxing Matchmaker Application for Mr. Anthonee J Rivera and determined Mr. Rivera has the experience to be a matchmaker for boxing events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Lambert to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**6: Review of a Boxing Manager Application for Ryan H Roach:**

The Board reviewed the Boxing Manager Application for Mr. Ryan H Roach and determined Mr. Roach has the experience to be a manager for boxing events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Brian O’Connell to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**7: Review of a Boxing Manager Application for Sean J Jennings:**

No action taken.

**8: Review of a Boxing Manager Application for Anthony A Tedesco:**

No action taken.

**9: Review of Muay Thai Referee Application for Marcel Varela:**

The Board reviewed the Muay Thai Referee Application for Marcel Varela and determined Mr. Varela has the experience to be a Referee for Muay Thai events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Lambert to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**10: Review of a Boxing Judges Application for Donald Trella:**

No action taken.

**11: Review of a Scorers Application for Michael O’Connor:**

The Board reviewed the Scorers Application for Mr. Michael O’Connor and determined Mr. O’Connor has the experience to be a Scorer for events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Oded Carmi to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**12: Review of a Timekeepers Application for Cassie Rodriguez:**

The Board reviewed the Timekeepers Application for Ms. Cassie Rodriguez and determined Ms. Rodriguez has the experience to be a Timekeeper for MSAC events effectively. A motion was made by Commissioner Brian O'Connell to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**13: Review of Muay Thai Exhibition Event:**

The request was withdrawn by the promoter Katelyn Estes and may be resubmitted at a later date.

**14: Review of variance request for a Charity Boxing Match by Ryan Roach:**

The Board reviewed the written request for variance, pursuant to 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 5.03 for a charity Boxing event by Mr. Ryan Roach for 10/23/21. Following discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Brian O'Connell to grant the following variances from 523 Code Mass. Regs. as received and requested for the aforementioned event:

- 1: 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 6.02(2)(b)-(e) (medical examination with additional signed waiver requirement)
- 2: 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 9.01 (manager contracts)
- 3: 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 9.10 (payment of fees to the Commonwealth)
- 4: 523 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 10.01 (filing of surety bond); 10.03 (multiple events, same date); 10.04 (licensed matchmaker requirement), 10.05 (minimum number of rounds), 10.06 (maximum number of unarmed combatants), 10.07 (unarmed combatant licensure), 10.10 (payment of fees for officiants), and 10.12 (compensation for unarmed combatant not used in program).
- 5: 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 13.01 (1)-(2) (weight classes, weight differential)
- 6: 523 Code Mass. Regs. § 14.05 (scorecard procedures)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**15: Coronavirus and its effect on Public Events:**

Commissioners inquired as to hybrid meeting (i.e., combining both remote and in-person participation) under the Open Meeting Law, which, although allowable under the statute, is not yet technologically available at the Division.

Commission requested that staff reach out to Deputy Commissioners for their health and safety concerns and to report back for consideration of further discussion or action.

**16: Upcoming Events**

The following was reported by Guy Licciardi:

September 18: Premier F/C MMA at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield

September 24: Vertex Promotions Boxing at Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham

September 25: Vertex Promotions Boxing at Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham

**17: Regulation Review:**

No further update.

**18. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting**

The Commissioners inquired as to the interpretive difference between the statutory and regulatory requirements for physician presence at unarmed combatant events. Board Counsel will provide a report at next meeting.

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carmi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

**Board Exhibits:**

Meeting Notice and Agenda

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