

**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**1000 Washington Street, Boston**

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Date:** May 30, 2019

**Location:** Rm. 1D

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Rod Walkey  
Commissioner Paul Karger  
Commissioner David Riccio

Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement  
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III  
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III  
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Commissioner Bryan Lambert

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Joe Leonard, Western Mass MMA  
Krystyne Curtis, Applicant  
Ken Volovick, Applicant (via telephone)  
Michael Scott, Rondell Clark Foundation  
Terrell Clark, Rondell Clark Foundation  
Michael Polvere, Matchmaker  
Eric Grossman, Trainer

**Meeting called to order by Chair Rod Walkey at 11:02 AM.**

**1. Roll call**

Commissioner Paul Karger  
Commissioner David Riccio  
Joe Leonard, Western Mass MMA  
Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement  
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator  
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer  
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer  
Krystyne Curtis  
Eric Grossman  
Michael Scott  
Terrell Clark

**2. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2019**

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the minutes from March 18, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **3. Approval of Medical Advisory Board Minutes from March 27, 2019**

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the MAB minutes from March 27, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **4. Scorer Application – Kenneth Volovick**

Applicant Kenneth Volovick applied for licensure via telephone. Mr. Volovick spoke of the licenses he currently holds officiating at MSAC events as a boxing judge, boxing timekeeper, SEAK time keeper, and mixed martial arts timekeeper. He stated that he has over twenty years of experience as an official and enjoys working these events. As a scorer, he would have additional opportunity for work in an industry he has great passion for.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **5. Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker Application – Krystine Curtis**

Applicant Krystine Curtis detailed her eight year career in the unarmed combat industry as an event coordinator, travel coordinator, and assistant to the licensed matchmaker. Krystine stated that she has experience in matchmaking and has matched bouts based on competitiveness, styles, and safety. In addition, Krystine expressed her passion for the sport as boxing and mixed martial arts has been in her family since her youth and has trained in the gym. MSAC staff stated that Krystine was the direct contact for past promotions and that she was cooperative and followed procedure. The board agreed to approve the application provided MSAC staff keep close watch on matches proposed on the first few cards by Krystine and report back if requirements of matchmaking were not met.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the application pending the review of bouts matched during her first few shows by MSAC staff, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

Clinton Dick, legal counsel for the board, that the addition of this agenda item is for matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting. If members of the public desire to raise issues that they did not submit to Board staff, it is the sole discretion of the Chair to allow the issue to be raised. Mr. Dick also advised that when requesting variances or seeking decisions, the board should have time to review the issues.

Michael Scott of the Rondell Clark Foundation asked the board to confirm any further progress on the implementation of regulations or enforcement to eliminate weight cutting. Chair Walkey stated that MSAC is currently in review of all its regulations and that such review is a timely process but understands the necessity for such regulation changes to help eliminate the practice of severe weight cutting.

MSAC staff added that the Medical Advisory Board has recently implemented weigh cut counseling into their medical exams at pre and post - fight evaluations not only to focus in on possible issues but to educate fighters on the practice.

Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker Michael Polvere asked the board for multiple variances from 523 CMR to add Southeast Asian Kickboxing (SEAK) to their July 13, 2019 mixed martial arts event. Mr. Polvere referenced multiple sections of 523 CMR. Chair Walkey asked Mr. Polvere to put his variance in writing specifically stating which regulations he wishes to vary from. Once Mr. Polvere sends in his variance, it will be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Commissioner Riccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 PM.

**Board Exhibits:**

Draft minutes from March 18, 2019

Draft MAB minutes from March 27, 2019

Application – Kenneth Volovick

Application – Krystine Curtis