



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2019
Conference Room 1B
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission convened on December 9th, 2019, in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Glenn Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Wrenn (teleconference), Christy Halbert (teleconference), Dan McGrew (teleconference), and Steve Hannah (teleconference).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Wynn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Kopchak, Roxana Gumucio, Elizabeth Bendell

ROLL CALL / NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Kopchak called the meeting to order and took roll. Upon establishing quorum, he read the Notice of Meeting into the record.

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY

Mr. Hannah motioned to adopt the statement of necessity, which was seconded by Dr. Halbert. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AGENDA

Dr. Halbert motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

MINUTES

Mr. McGrew motioned to adopt the September minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget

Director Kopchak reviewed the budget and provided a thorough analysis of the items that were of particular impact to the program this fiscal year, such as the reduction in licensing revenue for July and August and an increase in legal costs for July and September. The reallocation of event permits and refunds contributed to a decline in expected revenue for July and August. The Legal Division's participation in various legislative committee hearings and member briefs, which is required when new

rules are presented for review, resulted in an increase in legal costs to the program in July and September. As a result, the program is again running an overall deficit. As has been the case in the past, the program has depended on the revenues generated from a high grossing event to maintain program fiscal solvency for each 2-year sunset review cycle.

LEGAL

Legal Report

- 1. Case No.: 2019071401**
First Licensed: 05/10/2019
Expiration: 05/09/2021
Type: Participant
History: None.

Complainant states that the Respondent owes \$2,202.00 for travel expenses related to a boxing event which was held in Memphis, TN. The Respondent provided a response stating that the expenses have been paid.

Recommendation: Closure

Commission Decision: APPROVED

- 2. Case No.: 2019072901**
First Licensed: 08/05/2019
Expiration: 08/04/2021
Type: Combatant
History: None.

Complainant states that on a boxer application, the Respondent marked "No" for the following two questions: "Have you been convicted of a felony offense(s)?" and "Are there any criminal charges pending against you for felony or misdemeanor offenses at this time?" Complainant received a felony warrant from the State of Louisiana showing that the Respondent had a felony conviction of simple burglary on 10/11/2016 and was sentenced to five years of probation. The outstanding arrest warrant stated that the Respondent was charged with absconding/failure to appear on 07/31/2018.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement with agreed suspension of license during time of probation. If no agreed suspension set for summary suspension.

Commission Decision: APPROVED

- 3. Case No. 2019093451**
First Licensed: 10/31/2019
Expiration: 10/30/2021
Type: Participant
History: None.

This complaint stems from a licensee who has been determined by the SAVE program as unauthorized to work in the United States.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement with agreed revocation of license. If no agreed revocation set for summary suspension.

Commission Decision: APPROVED

4. **Case No. 2019093461**
First Licensed: 10/29/2019
Expiration: 10/28/2021
Type: Combatant
History: None.

This complaint stems from a licensee who has been determined by the SAVE program as unauthorized to work in the United States.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement with agreed revocation of license. If no agreed revocation set for summary suspension

Commission Decision: APPROVED

Legislative Updates

The Vinyl Mat and the Female Boxing rules package will be effective Dec 24th 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McGrew inquired as to how the Commission could bring bigger events into Tennessee, especially boxing. Director Kopchak commended the Commission's continued efforts to bring its rules into line with industry standards as articulated by the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) and its efforts to remove any other barriers to interstate commerce. Director Kopchak further iterated that the Commission may have another opportunity at the end of this fiscal year to introduce another rules package and formally adopt those remaining Unified Rules that have yet to be formally recognized in the Commission's rules.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Steve Hannah and seconded by Dan McGrew to adjourn at 2:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.