



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2019
Conference Room 1B
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission convened on June 10, 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: Steve Hannah (teleconference), Patrick Wrenn (teleconference), Christy Halbert, and Dan McGrew

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Kopchak, Pamela Spicer, Erica Smith

ROLL CALL / NOTICE OF MEETING / STATEMENT OF NECESSITY

Director Kopchak read the Notice of Meeting into the record and took roll call. Upon establishing quorum, he read the Statement of Necessity. Dr. Halbert motioned to approve the Statement of Necessity which was seconded by Mr. McGrew. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AGENDA

Director Kopchak requested that there be some flexibility in the agenda by moving the "USFMMA Sanctioning Body Review" after the Legal Report and to add a vote on "Board Meeting Dates" after a review of the budget. Motion made by Dr. Halbert and seconded by Mr. McGrew to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MINUTES

Dr. Halbert put forth a motion to adopt the minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. McGrew. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget

At the previous meeting, Director Kopchak reviewed the prior fiscal year reserve balance, administrative costbacks, monthly expenses for this fiscal year through December, and provided a thorough analysis of each. As a result, he limited the review of the budget to a review of January through April which provided a pattern reflecting a net deficit throughout the entire year balanced by a surplus for the month of April large enough to ensure program solvency for the past two (2) years. Director Kopchak stated that the budget is now in good fiscal health and is expected to remain in surplus for the year.

Board Meeting Dates

Director Kopchak provided a list of meeting dates for next year's board meetings. Those include the following dates: March 9th, June 8th, September 21st, and December 14th. Mr. McGrew motioned to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Dates, which was seconded by Dr. Halbert. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

LEGAL

Legal Report

- Case No.: 2019016311**
1st Licensed: 01/16/19
Expiration: 01/15/21
Type: Promoter
History: N/A

An inspector noted that when he went to verify the presence of emergency service workers at a boxing event, there were two firefighters/paramedics on hand with all necessary lifesaving equipment in compliance with statutory requirements. When the inspector inquired about an ambulance, the lead fireman informed him that County ambulances were on a 24-hour rolling patrol and they were in constant contact with the crews by radio. The firefighter also stated that the response time would be nearly instantaneous and they could contact the ambulance crews at any time with the radios they were wearing around their shoulders. After verifying the presence of all necessary lifesaving equipment and in consultation with his supervisor, the inspector allowed the fight to proceed.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-115-404(f)(1) states, "An ambulance or other emergency vehicle shall remain on the premises at all times during a professional contest." 15 U.S.C.A. § 6304 states, in pertinent part:

- (2) Except as otherwise expressly provided under regulation of a boxing commission promulgated subsequent to October 9, 1996, an ambulance or medical personnel with appropriate resuscitation equipment continuously present on site.

Recommendation: Close with Letter of Warning

Commission Decision: The board accepted the recommendation of legal counsel.

Legislative Updates

Ms. Spicer estimated that both the Amateur Deregulation rules package and the Weigh-in and Weight Classification rules package will be effective August 6th.

There were no additional updates on the Vinyl Mat and the Female Boxing rules package which are still in the review process.

USFMMA Sanctioning Body Review

As it pertains to approving and recognizing sanctioning bodies, the Commission was directed to the Amendment to Rule 0145-05-.02 (Effective August 6th) which states the following: "The Commission will only approve and recognize those amateur sanctioning organizations that are able to establish and enforce rules regarding safety and rules regarding amateur conduct during unarmed combat as strict as, or stricter, than those established by the Commission for professional unarmed combat contests." In order to responsibly exercise their discretion, the Commissioners requested more time to continue their review of the United States Federation of Mixed Martial Arts (USFMMA) Rules against those rules that currently regulate professional contests to ensure the aforementioned standard is met.

Member Training Update

Ms. Spicer provided refresher / update training in regards to the Sunshine Law, Open Records Act, Public Meetings Act, and the Supreme Court decision in regards to NC Board of Dental Examiners v. FTC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mr. McGrew and seconded by Dr. Halbert to adjourn at 2:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.