



ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2025
Davy Crockett Tower
Conference Room 1B

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on March 10, 2025, in the first-floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. The following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rickey Goodrich, Ben Grove, Dan McGrew, Corey Sippola.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxana Gumucio, Jesse Gentry.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Gumucio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and took roll, establishing that a quorum was present.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Gumucio read the notice of meeting into the record as follows: "Notice of the March 10, 2025, meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 17, 2024; additionally, this month's agenda has been posted to the website since March 3, 2025."

Director Gumucio explained that individuals who wish to make a public comment on an item listed on the posted agenda during the scheduled public comment period will need to sign in on the provided sign-in sheet or by placing their name in the chat box online. It is requested that comments be limited to three (3) minutes out of respect for other speakers.

AGENDA

Dan McGrew motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Rickey Goodrich . The motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER MINUTES

Corey Sippolla motioned to adopt the December minutes as written, which was seconded by Ben Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Roberts Rule of Order

Dan McGrew motioned to agree and adhere to Robert's Rules of Order to conduct meetings. This was seconded by Ben Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Director Gumucio informed the Commission that they would need to elect a Chair as part of the new year. Dan McGrew motioned to elect Ben Grove as the Chairman . Rickey Goodrich seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report

Director Gumucio presented the financial information as of January 2025 which reflects a surplus of \$8,512. The reserve balance is \$104,783.

LEGAL

Legal Report (presented by Jesse Gentry)

1. 2024062821

First Licensed: 10/17/2024

Expiration: 11/24/2024

Type: Event Permit

History: None.

Summary: The Complainant has an expired combatant license and was at an event in November 2024. Complainant alleged that after the bouts concluded, a coach confronted him, sucker punched him, and immediately left the venue.

The Respondent, a promoter, stated that it did not witness the incident alleged by the Complainant. The Respondent stated the coach named by the Complainant had several combatants participating in the event and that he was in the locker room for most of the event. After his combatants finished competing, the promoter stated the coach was seated ringside for the remainder of the event.

The Complainant did not provide any additional evidence to substantiate his allegations. The coach is properly licensed as a participant and even if there was additional evidence that would warrant discipline for the alleged incident, there is no evidence at this time to warrant discipline against the promoter, who is listed as the Respondent in this case.

Recommendation: Close.

Commission Decision: Concur.

Dan McGrew motioned to accept counsels' recommendation, which was seconded by Ben Grove

2. 2024061551

First Licensed: 11/12/2024

Expiration: 11/11/2026

Type: Combatant

History: None.

Summary: The Complainant participated in a boxing match in November 2024. After there were issues with how it was filed, the complaint was addressed to be against the opponent instead of the promoter.

The Complainant alleged that he was hit during the bout in the back of the head and was knocked unconscious. The referee did not call a foul and after the count was given, the Complainant was determined to be knocked out. The Complainant filed this complaint and requested the Commission to review the fight and overturn the result from a knockout to a disqualification.

The promoter was originally provided this complaint. The promoter stated it appeared the referee's view was obstructed when this hit landed, however, he stated the Complainant was also knocked down multiple times before this last punch. The Respondent (the Complainant's opponent) did not submit a response to the complaint or the Complainant's request for the fight result to be overturned.

After reviewing the video provided, it appears the Complainant, while trying to defend himself, is stuck by the Respondent in the back of the head. The Complainant was slightly turned away from the Respondent, but the Respondent appears to hit the Complainant on the back of the head and behind the ear.

The Complainant has asked for the Commission to review the results of this bout and overturn the results. The Complainant has provided video of the fight.

Recommendation: Discussion of fight review.

Commission Decision: Re-present and review this matter at the next meeting.

Dan McGrew motioned to accept counsels' recommendation and review at the next meeting

Ben Grove motioned to accept legal counsels' recommendation, which was seconded by Corey Sippola. The motion passed unanimously.

Rule Update

Jesse Gentry updated the commission on the bareknuckle boxing rules which went into effect March 5, 2025.

The rulemaking hearing started at 2:15.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Gumucio asked if anyone in the public, participating in person or remotely using Teams, had comments as they relate to the agenda. There were no comments provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ben Grove to adjourn, which was seconded by Corey Sippola. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.