



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2025  
Davy Crockett Tower  
Conference Room 1B**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on September 22, 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, Corey Sippola.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Quinley

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roxana Gumucio and 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 September 8, 2025, meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 17, 2024; additionally, notice of the rescheduled meeting date for September 22, 2025, was added to the website September 11. This month's agenda has been posted to the website since September 11, 2025."

Director Gumucio thanked Dan McGrew for his time serving the commission. She introduced Brian Quinley, the new commission member.

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**

Ben Grove motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Corey Sippola. The motion passed unanimously.

## **JUNE MINUTES**

Ben Grove motioned to adopt the June minutes as written, which was seconded by Rickey Goodrich. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

### ***Budget Report***

Director Gumucio presented the final FY24-25 financial information. The commission ended the period with a deficit of \$26,870. The reserve balance is \$69,401. The year had several large events that lost the program money.

## **LEGAL**

### **Legal Report (presented by Jesse Gentry)**

**1. 2023058101**

**First Licensed: 10/31/2023**

**Expiration: 10/30/2025**

**Type: Combatant**

**History: None.**

**Summary: Respondent was contracted to participate in a boxing contest on November 7, 2023. The Respondent did not show up to the contest and the Complainant, on behalf of the promoter, filed this complaint. The Complainant stated the promoter has incurred upwards of \$1,000 in expenses related to the Respondent's failure to fight. The Complainant specifically stated the Respondent was advanced \$300 in travel expenses and an additional \$135 to cover gas after the Respondent missed his flight. The Complainant did not outline the rest of the expenses incurred related to this matter, however, the Respondent also did not respond to the allegations of the complaint.**

**Recommendation: Authorize formal charges with an offer to settle this matter by a Consent Order with a \$250 civil penalty for a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-115-209(a)(4)(fails to give best efforts or compete).**

**Commission Decision: Concur.**

**New Information: We have not been able to serve the Respondent with notice of the complaint or our Notice of Hearing and Charges. He resides out of state and we have attempted personal service and contacted other agencies for contact information for this Respondent. Additionally, we asked the complainant for additional information or willingness to participate in a formal hearing and have not heard back from her.**

**The Respondent has boxed in another state after he failed to show up to his bout in Tennessee, but they didn't have any additional information to provide on the Respondent's contact information.**

**Given the inability to serve the Respondent at this time, it is recommended to close this case with a letter of warning and to flag the Respondent's Tennessee license, in case he applies to renew it after it expires.**

**New Recommendation: Close with a letter of warning; flag the Respondent's license.**

**New Commission Decision: Concur**

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

### **Rule Update**

Jesse Gentry updated the commission on the bills signed into law during the legislative sessions and status of the proposed rules.

Jesse Gentry updated the commission on the ABC conference held in New Orleans. The unified rules for bareknuckle boxing have some revisions. Ben Grove motioned to request legal counsel work on rule updates to follow the unified rules, which was seconded by Corey Sippola. The motion passed unanimously.

Jesse Gentry, legal counsel for the commission, provided the "You Are My Sunshine" presentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jesse Gentry presented a waiver for certain MMA rules requested by Dirty Boxing Championship. The commission asked questions. Mr. Jacob Stern appeared in person and Mr. Malki participated through Teams. Ben Grove motioned to adopt the presented waivers, which was seconded by Rickey Goodrich. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Rickey Goodrich. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.