

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Pam Shealy, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Shealy announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Board Members:

Commission members present in this meeting included:

Pamela Shealy – Chair - At-Large Member
Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – Vice-Chair - 3rd Congressional District
William McCullough – 1st Congressional District
Hamp Kennemore – 4th Congressional District
Dr. James Phillips – At-Large Physician

Staff members participating during the meeting included Rod Atkinson, Wanda Cooke, Diana Williams, Laura Smith, Christine Barnes, Sharon Wolfe, Investigations and Enforcement, and Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Invocation was offered by Commissioner Eubanks.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2014 and November 10, 2014 meetings

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Pam Shealy

Ms. Shealy welcomed Gerald Glascock and Derrick Shoemake to the meeting. They have been nominated for an appointment to the Commission. There is one other nominee, Dylan Vaught, who could not attend the meeting.

Ms. Shealy also welcomed Tim Lueckenhoff, President, Association of Boxing Commissions.

Administrator's Remarks - Rod Atkinson

- a. The budget report was reviewed. Discussion ensued.
- b. Report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement was presented by Sharon Wolfe.
- c. The Investigative Review Committee Report for January 26, 2015 was reviewed.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approved the IRC report from January 26, 2015, as presented. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- d. Licensing Update – was reviewed.
- e. Statements of Economic Interest – Mr. Atkinson reminded the Commissioners that March 30, 2015, is the deadline for submitted their Statements of Economic Interest to the State Ethics Commission.
- f. Agency reorganization – Mr. Atkinson announced that LLR is currently undergoing some administrative changes. We have a new Interim Director, Richele Taylor. Effective February 2, 2015, the Appraisers Board and the Athletic Commission will be separated from the Real Estate Commission. Rod Atkinson will continue to be the Administrator for the Real Estate Commission and a new Administrator will be hired to oversee the Appraisers Board and the Athletic Commission. Laura Smith has been name Interim Administrator for the Appraisers Board and the Athletic Commission.

New Business

a. Application Hearings

Mixed Martial Arts - Age Restriction Waiver Hearing *Amos Collins*

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Amos Collins. Mr. Collins appeared before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

Mixed Martial Arts - Age Restriction Waiver Hearing *Tomar Washington*

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Tomas Washington. Mr. Washington was unable to appear before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of these cases and receive legal advice. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Phillips made a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Phillips made a motion to approve Mr. Amos Collins' application. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve Mr. Tomar Washington's application. Dr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

- b. **Association of Boxing Commissions** – President, Mr. Tim Lueckenhoff, gave a presentation regarding the ABC. This presentation included the history, goals, issues facing the Commissions, etc.
- c. **Licensee Code of Ethics** – Pam Shealy, Will McCullough and Rod Atkinson prepared a draft Code of Ethics for the Commission to review and approve. A copy of this will be included in each application packet. The Commission reviewed the draft and discussed same.

MOTION:

Mr. Kennemore made a motion to accept the Code of Ethics, as presented. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- a. Casey Oxendine, CEO of HipShow, parent company of Arena Combat, gave a presentation and showed a brief video, regarding Arena Combat. Arena Combat is America's first two on two fighting event. Mr. Oxendine took questions from the Commission regarding the procedures and safety precautions that are being followed in other states.
- b. The Commission discussed issuing Wrestling Multiple Event Permits, also referred to as WMEP, as provided for in Regulation 20-24.9 (2) (c) (3).

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to issue WMEP's with a fee of \$250 to cover four (4) to eight (8) events within a thirty (30) day period. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- c. The Commission reviewed the proposed draft Statute amendments, as presented by the Legislative Task Force. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to accept the changes to the Statutes, as presented. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Phillips made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is scheduled for May 12, 2015.