

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Athletic Commission**  
**10:00 a.m., October 29, 2019**  
**Synergy Business Park Kingstree Building, Room 105**  
**110 Centerview Drive**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Mr. Edwin Estridge, Chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the SC Athletic Commission to order at 10:25 a.m. Other commission members attending the meeting included: Hamp Kennemore, Pam Shealy, Coleman Bates, and James Dylan Vaught.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Bob Horner, Advice Counsel; Andy Hastings, Administrator; Rod Atkinson, REC Administrator, Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator OIE & Erin Baldwin ODC.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Estridge announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, on the Commission's website 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

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**

Mr. Vaught made a motion the agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

**Approval of Absences**

James Phillips & William D'Andrea Absent – Mr. Bates made the motion to approve Mr. Phillips' & Mr. D'Andrea's absence. Mr. Vaught seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Vaught made a motion the minutes be approved. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairperson's Remarks – Edwin Estridge**

Mr. Estridge thanked everyone for their patience as the meeting got started late.

**Administrator's Remarks**

There are currently 1,279 active credentials. That number is up from 1173 as of the board meeting on August 13, 2019.

Mr. Hastings updated the board on upcoming events for the SC Athletic Commission: There will be a boxing event in Rock Hill on 11/9/19. There will be a boxing event in Columbia on 12/7/19. There will be boxing event held in Rock Hill on 12/14/19. We will have Off the Street Boxing in Columbia on 12/16/19.

Budget update – Athletic Commission is \$305,830.78 in the red as on 9/30/19. That is down from \$317,071.85 as of 6/30/19.

#### OIE Report

The Athletic Commission Case Report was presented by Mr. Rodney Pigford. 1 active case; 1 closed cases; 2 Do not open cases. This was for the period from January 1 – October 9, 2019.

#### IRC Report

Mr. Pigford stated there was no IRC report.

#### ODC Report

Erin Baldwin stated we have one pending case currently & we are working with your licensee in order to resolve that matter. Ms. Baldwin said she anticipated this matter will be resolved one way or another rather quickly and that a progress report will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

Approval of Board meeting dates for 2020 – 2/25/19, 4/28/19, 8/25/19, & 10/27/19. Those are all Tuesday morning with a 10 am start time.

Chair Estridge inquired if there were any issues with those dates or times for other board members. Mr. Vaught asked the chair to repeat the 2 middle dates again. Chair Estridge repeated the dates. Mr. Kennemore made a motion to approve those dates; Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Weight Classes – there was an issue with weight classes as how we needed to proceed. Mr. Andrew Stokes, Promoter, stated he thought our weight classes should be more in line with what the national standard is. Weight classes are good but the weight allowances are the issue. Chair Estridge stated he would like for the Administrator to touch base with California on the weight allowances. Mr. Hastings touched base on the task force, which was geared towards what we could do for hosting outdoor events. We didn't come away from that meeting with any recommendations. Mr. Hastings had touched base with other states & came away with that there are no standards when it comes to hosting outdoor events. Mr. Estridge noted that outdoor events could require board discussion whether to keep it on a case by case basis or make some recommendations to use going forward. Diana Williams, Promoter's Assistant, noted that the Association of Boxing Commissions is the agency to contact in regards to getting more information on the weight allowances.

#### **Executive Session**

The Commission did not enter executive session.

#### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Kennemore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The October 29, 2019 meeting of the SC Athletic Commission adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting of the SC Athletic Commission is scheduled for 2/25/20.