

MINUTES
South Carolina Athletic Commission
10:00 a.m., February 25, 2020
Synergy Business Park Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Mr. Edwin Estridge, Chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the SC Athletic Commission to order at 10:01 a.m. Other commission members attending the meeting included: William D'Andrea, Hamp Kennemore, Coleman Bates, and James Dylan Vaught.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Bob Horner, Advice Counsel; Andy Hastings, Administrator;

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

MOTION

Approval of Unexcused Absences

James Phillips/Pam Shealy were absent – Mr. Vaught made the motion to approve absences. Mr. D'Andrea seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Bates made a motion the minutes from meetings held on 10/29/19, 12/3/19, 1/21/20, and 1/30/20 be approved. Mr. D'Andrea seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairperson's Remarks – Edwin Estridge

Mr. Estridge made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks

Budget Update

Mr. Hastings presented the budget for the members' information.

There are currently 714 active credentials.

Mr. Hastings stated he was able to attend the UFC show in Raleigh NC on 1/25/20. It was a valuable learning experience. One of the internal measures with collecting score cards after each bout has already been implemented.

First show of 2020 was held in Myrtle Beach on 2/1/2020. Upcoming shows that are permitted include boxing on 2/29/20 in Columbia; MMA in Ladson on 3/14/2020; boxing in Charleston on 4/4/2020; MMA in Little River/North Myrtle Beach on 4/17/2020; & boxing in Rock Hill on 5/9/2020.

WWE has permitted shows coming up on 4/20/20 in Columbia & 5/15/20 in Greenville.

OIE Report

The Athletic Commission Case Report was presented by Mr. Hastings in Rodney Pigford's absence. 1 active case; 2 closed cases; 3 Do not open cases; 1 pending board action case; and 1 pending board hearing case. This was for the period from January 1 - December 31, 2019. Motion to dismiss pending case was made by Mr. D'Andrea & seconded by Mr. Vaught. Motion carried unanimously. This was for the period from January 1 - December 31, 2019

IRC Report

Motion to dismiss pending case was made by Mr. D'Andrea & seconded by Mr. Vaught. Motion carried unanimously.

ODC Report

Report was made by Erin Baldwin.

New Business

1. Richard Lindsey – Approval of Consent Agreement – motion to approve made by Mr. D'Andrea & seconded by Mr. Vaught. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Andrew Stokes – asked for clarity for receiving medicals 15 days before an event for overage fighters. It was decided that executive session was needed to discuss clarity on this.
3. Perry Ballard overage hearing – Mr. D'Andrea made the motion to approve. Mr. Vaught seconded, which carried unanimously.
4. Mark Anderson overage hearing – Mr. Vaught made the motion to approve. Mr. Bates seconded, which carried unanimously.
5. Steve Walker overage hearing – Mr. Bates made the motion to approve. Mr. D'Andrea seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. Cole Yarborough overage hearing – Mr. Vaught made the motion to approve. Mr. D'Andrea seconded, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during this meeting.

Executive Session

Mr. Vaught made the motion to move to executive session; Mr. D'Andrea seconded, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Vaught made the motion that the athletic commission keep the standard of requiring an EKG for overage fighters. Mr. D'Andrea seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. D'Andrea made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Vaught seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The February 25, 2020 meeting of the SC Athletic Commission adjourned at 11:32 a.m.