

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Friday, June 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 204

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 – At-Large Member

Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – 3rd Congressional District

Hamp Kennemore – 4th Congressional District (via teleconference)

Staff members participating during the meeting included Rod Atkinson, Larry Hall, Wanda Cooke, and Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all present.

INVOCATION was offered by Commissioner Eubanks.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

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

Approval of Commission Member Absences

James Phillips – At-Large Physician

Ed Lawson – 1st Congressional District

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to approve these absences. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting

MOTION:

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

Chairman's Remarks:

Ms. Shealy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRO MMA Overage Fighter Waiver Hearings

Amos Collins

The Commission held a Hearing regarding whether Mr. Amos Collins should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in MMA contests for the duration of the 2014 licensure period. Mr. Collins did not appear before the Commission, however, he did submit all required documentation, including medicals, which had previously been reviewed and approved by Dr. Bill Phillips. It was noted that Mr. Collins appeared before the Commission in October 2013 for an age restriction waiver, and was approved at that time. The Commission viewed an eight (8) minute video and discussion ensued.

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

Tomar Washington

The Commission held a Hearing regarding whether Mr. Tomar Washington should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in MMA contests for the duration of the 2014 licensure period. Mr. Washington did not appear before the Commission, however, he did submit all required documentation, including medicals, which had previously been reviewed and approved by Dr. Bill Phillips. Discussion ensued.

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PRO BOXING Overage Fighter Waiver Hearing

Travis Simms

The Commission held a Hearing regarding whether Mr. Travis Simms should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in BOXING contests for the duration of the 2014 licensure period. Mr. Simms did not appear before the Commission, however, he did submit all required documentation, including medicals. Dr. Phillips was unable to review and approve Mr. Simms' medicals prior to this Hearing. Mr. Andrew Stokes, Promoter, addressed the Commission in support of Mr. Simms. Discussion ensued.

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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:

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

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to approve the application for an age restriction waiver by Mr. **Amos Collins**. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to approve the application for an age restriction waiver by Mr. **Tomar Washington**. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Kennemore made a motion to approve the application for an age restriction waiver by Mr. **Travis Simms**. Mr. Eubanks then made a motion to amend the previous motion to be contingent on the successful review and approval of Mr. Simms' medical records by Dr. Bill Phillips. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is scheduled for August 5, 2014.