

1 **South Carolina Athletic Commission – Quarterly Meeting**

2 **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

3 **Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105**

4 **110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

5 **Minutes**

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7 **Commission members present at this meeting:**

8 William McCullough – Chair

9 Derek Shoemake – Vice Chair

10 Edwin M. Estridge

11 Paul H. Kennemore

12 Bill D'Andrea

13 Dr. James Vaught

14 **Staff Members present at this meeting included:**

15 Eric Thompson - Administrator

16 Hardwick Stuart – Advice Counsel

17 Charlie Martin - Athletic Commission Program Coordinator

18 **Meeting Called to Order:**

19 Chair William McCullough called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to
20 order at 10:05 a.m. Mr. McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was properly
21 posted at the South Carolina Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree
22 Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance
23 with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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25 **Approval of Agenda:**

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27 The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Estridge and second by Mr. D'Andrea. The
28 motion carried unanimously.

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30 Approval of Unexcused Absences:

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32 The motion to approve the absences of Dr. Phillips and Ms. Wright was made by Mr. Shoemake.
33 The motion was seconded by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously.

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35 Approval of Minutes:

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37 The motion for approval of minutes from the Board meeting teleconference as submitted in the
38 board member packet was put forward by Mr. Shoemake, seconded by Mr. Estridge, and carried
39 unanimously.

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41 Chairperson's Remarks

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43 All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

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45 Administrator's Remarks:

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47 Budget update

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49 Presented by Mr. Martin

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51 OIE Report

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53 Presented by Ms. Wolfe

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55 IRC Report

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57 Presented by Ms. Baldwin

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59 ODC Report

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61 Presented by Ms. Baldwin

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63 State of the Sports

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65 Mr. McCullough opened the discussion topic with invitation to Mr. Don Steele, South Carolina
66 Licensed Referee, to provide opinion of the state of MMA and Boxing in South Carolina.
67 Conclusion of discussion concluded Administrator's Remarks at 11:00 a.m.

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69 New Business

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71 Age Waiver Hearing - Gilbert Jacobs (Boxer)

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73 Chairman McCullough called the Hearing to Order at 11:00 AM. Commissioners interviewed
74 Mr. Jacobs prior to Motion. Motion to approve Mr. Jacobs by Mr. Estridge conditional to an
75 updated application and one fight only for this licensing period. Second by Mr. D'Andrea and
76 carried unanimously.

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78 **Age Waiver Hearing - Sammie Milhouse III (Boxer)**

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80 Chairman McCullough called the Hearing to Order at 11:15 AM. Mr. Milhouse made a brief
81 statement. Mr. Andrew Stokes (Promoter) made a brief statement on behalf of Mr. Milhouse.
82 Motion to approve Mr. Milhouse by Mr. Shoemake. Second by Mr. D'Andrea and carried
83 unanimously.

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85 **Amateur MMA fighter drop outs discussion - George Shirer, Promoter**

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87 Discussion with Board and Mr. Shirer of possible penalties for amateur MMA fighters who drop
88 out of fights. Motion to enter Executive Session by Mr. Estridge, second by Mr. Shoemake and
89 carried unanimously. Motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Shoemake, second by Mr.
90 Estridge and carried unanimously.

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92 **Judges discussion - George Shirer, Promoter**

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94 Brief discussion of South Carolina licensed Judges and judging procedure.

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96 **Fight results discussion - Lee Vs. Sweeney**

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98 David Arvelo presented fight information to the Board. Motion to enter Executive session by Mr.
99 D'Andrea, second by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously. Motion to exit Executive session by
100 Mr. Shoemake, second by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously.

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102 **Discussion Items from Commission**

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104 None raised at this time

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106 **Unfinished Business**

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108 **Kickboxing**

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110 Brief discussion of drafting rule change for submission prior to conclusion of South Carolina
111 Legislative session.

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113 **Executive Session**

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115 Not needed at this time.

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117 **Public Comment**

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119 None made at this meeting.

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121 **Adjournment:**

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123 The motion to adjourn the South Carolina Athletic Commission board meeting was made by Mr.
124 Estridge, seconded by Mr. Shoemake, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:14
125 p.m.

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127 **The next South Carolina Athletic Commission quarterly meeting is August 7th, 2018.**