

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

2 **Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

3 **Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108**

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 Edwin M. Estridge

10 Paul H. Kennemore

11 Bill D'Andrea

12 Dr. James Vaught

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

14 Eric Thompson - Administrator

15 Bob Horner – Advice Counsel

16 Charlie Martin - Coordinator

17 **Meeting Called to Order:**

18 Chair William McCullough called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to
19 order at 10:08 a.m. Mr. McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was properly
20 posted at the South Carolina Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree
21 Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance
22 with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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24 **Approval of Agenda:**

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26 The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. McCullough and second by Mr. Estridge.
27 The motion carried unanimously.

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29 **Approval of Unexcused Absences:**

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31 The motion to approve the absences of Dr. Phillips and Ms. Wright was made by Mr. D'Andrea.
32 The motion was seconded by Mr. Estridge and passed unanimously.

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34 **Approval of Minutes:**

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36 The motion for approval of minutes from the Board meeting teleconference as submitted in the
37 board member packet was put forward by Mr. Estridge, seconded by Mr. D'Andrea, and passed
38 unanimously.

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40 **Chairperson's Remarks**

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42 All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

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44 **Administrator's Remarks:**

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46 **Budget update**

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48 Presented by Mr. Thompson

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50 **OIE Report**

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52 No comments needed at this time

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54 **IRC Report**

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56 No comments needed at this time

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58 **ODC Report**

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60 No comments needed at this time

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62 **New Business**

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64 **Fighters Missing Weight Discussion item** - Motion to enter Executive session by Mr.

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66 McCullough. Seconded by Mr. Kennemore and carried unanimously.

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68 Motion to exit Executive session by Mr. Estridge. Seconded by Mr. D'Andrea and carried

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70 unanimously.

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72 Motion by Mr. Estridge to provide guidance to Staff:

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74 Fighter missing weight subject to \$500 fine and 90 day suspension 1st offence/ \$1000 fine and 6
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76 month suspension 2nd offence. Motion seconded by Mr. D'Andrea and carried unanimously.

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78 **IRC Member Discussion item**

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80 **Board Meeting Dates And IRC dates 2019 Approval**

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82 **Fight Refusal Discussion item** - Motion to provide guidance to staff by Mr. Estridge.

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84 Fighter refusing to fight, first offence: \$500 fine/90 day suspension for Professional Boxers and
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86 MMA fighters. Second offence: \$1000 fine/6 month suspension for Professional Boxers. \$1000
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88 fine/1 year suspension for MMA fighters. Seconded by Mr. D'Andrea and carried unanimously.

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90 **Age Waiver Hearing - Dustin Capplinger**

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92 Hearing called to order by Mr. McCullough at 11:50 am.

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94 Discussion of medical documents resulting in Motion to approve by Mr. Estridge. Seconded by
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96 Mr. Kennemore and carried unanimously.

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98 **Vice Chairman Remarks - Mr. Shoemake**

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100 **UMAF February 15-17 Event, Discussion/Review, Justin Brown**

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102 Mr. Brown presented details of Youth MMA National team trials. Motion to enter Executive
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104 Session by Mr. Shoemake. Seconded by Mr. Kennemore and carried unanimously.

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106 Motion to exit Executive session by Mr. D'Andrea. Seconded by Mr. Estridge and carried
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108 unanimously.

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110 **Unfinished Business**

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112 Amateur Kickboxing Legislation - Discussion item update

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114 **Executive Session** - Not needed

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116 **Return to Public Session**

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118 **Public Comment** - Comments by meeting attendees George Shirer, MMA Promoter and
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120 Andrew Stokes, Boxing Promoter.

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122 **Adjournment:**

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124 The motion to adjourn the South Carolina Athletic Commission board meeting was made by Mr.

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126 Shoemake, seconded by Mr. D'Andrea, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:25

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128 p.m.

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130 **The next South Carolina Athletic Commission quarterly meeting is February 12th, 2019.**