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3 **Minutes**  
4 **South Carolina Athletic Commission – Quarterly Board Meeting**  
5 **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**  
6 **Synergy Business Park**  
7 **Kingstree Building, Room 108**  
8 **110 Centerview Drive**  
9 **Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

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11 **Commission Members Present Included:**

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13 William McCullough – Chairman

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15 Derek Shoemake – Vice Chairman

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17 Edwin M. Estridge – District 2

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19 William D’Andrea – District 3

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21 **Commission Members Present via Teleconference included:**

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23 Dr. James D. Vaught – District 7

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25 **LLR Staff Present Included:**

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27 Dean Grigg – Deputy Director

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29 Melina Mann – General Counsel

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31 Sym Singh – Athletic Commission Administrator

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33 Sam Wellborn – Advice Counsel

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35 Amanda Schlegel – Athletic Commission Administrative Assistant

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38 **Meeting Called to Order:**

39 Chairman William McCullough called the Athletic Commission meeting to order at 10:09. Mr.  
40 McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was promptly posted at the South Carolina  
41 Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting  
42 persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina  
43 Freedom of Information Act.

44 **Approval of Agenda:**

45 The motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. D’Andrea. Mr. Estridge seconded the  
46 motion and passed unanimously.

47 **Approval of Absences:**

48 The motion to approve the absences of Ms. Wright, Dr. Phillips, and Mr. Kennemore was made by Mr.  
49 Estridge. The motion was seconded by Mr. D’Andrea and passed unanimously.

50 **Approval of Minutes:**

51 The motion to approve the minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 meeting and the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting  
52 was made by Mr. Estridge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemake and passed unanimously.

53 **Chairperson's Remarks:**

54 Chairman McCullough addressed those present regarding the intent of the Athletic Commission to hear  
55 from officials, Promoters, and the general public regarding ways of moving the Commission forward.

56 **Office of Investigations and Enforcement report:**

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58 Chief Investigator Wolfe informed the Board that there are seven open complaints and ten have been  
59 closed this year.

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61 **Investigative Review Committee Report:**

62 Ms. Wolfe requested that the Board vote on the recommendations as set forth by the IRC.

63 **Motion:**

64 Dr. Vaught made the motion to approve the recommendations of the IRC. The motion was seconded by  
65 Mr. D’Andrea and passed unanimously.

66 **Medical Information Released to Fight Doctors:**

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68 Mr. Singh advised the Board that fight doctors performing pre-fight physicals would like to have the  
69 opportunity to review previous physicals on file for fighters.

70 **Motion:**

71 Mr. Shoemake made the motion that so long as a portion of the fighter application included a medical  
72 information release to any pre-fight, that information could be released. The motion was seconded by  
73 Mr. D’Andrea and passed unanimously.

74 **National Mixed Martial Arts I.D. Applications:**

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76 There was a Board consensus to not require fighters to pay for the National MMA I.D. to ensure  
77 accurate records are maintained.

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79 **Off the Street Boxing Regulation in Other States:**

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Discussion ensued regarding Off the Street Boxing and included the possibility of having specific training for officials working events, receiving a list of all competitors in advance of the fight, and following concussion protocol. Mr. Don Steele, Mr. Justin Brown, and Mr. Paul Quierdo all participated in discussion. No motions were made.

**Joint ABC Training for Inspectors and Officials**

Mr. Singh proposed to the Board the possibility of bringing training to South Carolina for Inspectors and Commission members and to work with other states or the ABC directly to offset costs. Discussion ensued with no motions made.

**Motion:**

Mr. Don Steele formally requested a letter of recommendation to the ABC to receive clearance to act as a boxing official trainer. Mr. Shoemake approved Mr. Steele’s request. Mr. D’Andrea seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Disciplinary Hearing – Sharon Streicher / Benjamin Wright**

Erin Baldwin with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel informed the Board that multiple attempts to communicate with both parties have been made. Certified mail to both parties was returned.

**Motion:**

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to postpone both hearings until the next quarterly Board meeting to ensure both parties had a chance to attend. Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Budget Update:**

Ms. Laura Pace presented the monthly and quarterly budget reports to the Board.

**California’s Ten Point Plan (Weight Cutting):**

Mr. Singh shared with the Board the California Athletic Commission’s plan to reduce dehydration in fighters by scheduling earlier and more frequent weigh-ins. Discussion ensued with no motions made.

**Paul Querido – ‘Cutman’ Certification Course**

Mr. Querido presented to the Board his credentials and the possibility of instituting a cutman certification course to ensure fighter safety. The course would cover cut medicines, greasing, proper hand wrapping, and materials allowable ringside. Discussion ensued with no motions made.

**Female Fighter Attire:**

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127 The Board discussed t attire for female Mixed Martial Arts fighters. The Board consensus was that a  
128 female fighter may wear shirts so long as the sleeve does not extend past the elbow.

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130 **Unfinished Business**

131 **Review of Amateur Kickboxing**

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133 The Board discussed adding amateur Kickboxing to the combat sports the Commission regulates.

134 Discussion ensued with no motions made.

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136 **UMMAF**

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138 The Board and LLR staff discussed the details of allowing a third party organization to sanction

139 Amateur Mixed Martial Arts. No motions were made.

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141 **Public Comment:**

142 Mr. Don Steele presented to the Board concerns about animosity in the fight community.

143 **Adjournment**

144 Mr. Estridge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. D'Andrea seconded the motion which passed  
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