

Minutes

South Carolina Athletic Commission Special Called Teleconference Meeting

10:00 a.m., October 13, 2016

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 204

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Commission members present via teleconference included:

William McCullough – Chairman

Derek Shoemake – Vice Chair

Edwin M. Estridge – District 2

Pam Shealy – At-Large Member

Staff members present at this meeting included:

Natalye Jackson – Athletic Commission Administrator

Hardwick Stuart – Advice Counsel

Erin Baldwin - Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Amanda Schlegel – Athletic Commission Administrative Assistant

Meeting Called to Order:

William McCullough, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order 10:10 a.m. Mr. McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina 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.

Approval of Excused Absences:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to approve all excused board member absences. This motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy and passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Shealy made the motion to approve the current agenda. Mr. Estridge seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

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

Age Waiver Hearing:

William McCullough, Chair, called the application hearing to order regarding whether Mr. Adrian Henderson should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in Mixed Martial Arts events for the 2017 licensure period. Mr. Henderson was sworn in and gave testimony regarding his fitness to participate. Discussion ensued.

Motion:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to approve the age restriction waiver subject to EKG approval. Mr. Shoemake seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Review of Referee Ruling Hearing:

William McCullough, Chair, called to order the review of the October 1st, 2016 MMA fight result of Mr. Adrian Henderson and Mr. Tomar Washington. Mr. Henderson testified the outcome of the fight was due to illegal blows that were not called correctly by the referee, Mr. Justin Brown. Mr. Washington refuted the claim.

Motion:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to allow Mr. Washington to question Mr. Brown. Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to allow Mr. Washington to question Mr. Henderson. Mr. Estridge seconded this motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to enter executive session to seek legal counsel regarding the testimonies of Mr. Henderson, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Brown. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemake and carried unanimously.

Motion:

Ms. Shealy made the motion to exit executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to let the referee ruling stand with Mr. Washington remaining the bout victor. This motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy and carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to adjourn the South Carolina Athletic Commission teleconference. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy and carried unanimously.

The next quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is February 7th, 2017.