

MINUTES
South Carolina Athletic Commission – Special Called Meeting
March 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park
Kingtree Building, Room 202-02
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Commission members present included:

William McCullough – Chairman

Derek Shoemake – Vice Chair

Edwin M. Estridge – District 2

Paul H. Kennemore – District 4

Pamela Shealy – Member at Large

Commission member present via teleconference:

Dr. James Vaught – District 7

Staff members present at this meeting included:

Natalye Jackson – Athletic Commission Administrator

Amanda Schlegel – Athletic Commission Administrative Assistant

Hardwick Stuart – Advice Counsel

Dean Grigg – Deputy Director

Erin Baldwin – Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Meeting Called to Order:

William McCullough, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 11:06 a.m. Mr. McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree

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. Kennemore made the motion to excuse the absence of Dr. James W. Phillips III. The motion was seconded by Mr. Estridge which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to approve Chairman McCullough's amending the agenda to read "Executive Session: For legal advice on possible revisions to regulations, policies, and procedures as well as other matters pursuant to title 30 3-40-70." Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Age Waiver Hearing – Dave Vitkay (Professional Mixed Martial Arts)

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to grant Mr. Vitkay an age restriction waiver for the remainder of the 2017 licensure period. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Age Waiver Hearing – Fotini Kandris (Amateur Mixed Martial Arts)

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to grant Ms. Kandris an age restriction waiver for the remainder of the 2017 licensure period subject to verification of out-of-state licensure by staff. Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Board Member Travel

Motion: Mr. Shoemake made the motion to approve board member travel for an MMA event to be held on April 7th, 2017. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Shoemake made the motion to request approval from Director Farr for one board member selected by the Chair to receive travel reimbursement for each licensed event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Mr. Justin Brown made a three minute presentation to the Board regarding licensing practices. No motions were made.

Executive Session:

Motion: Chairman McCullough made the motion to leave public session and enter executive session for legal advice. Mr. Shoemake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Shoemake made the motion to exit executive session and return to public session. Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is May 2nd, 2017.