

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

2 **Tuesday, February 6th, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

3 **Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 202-02**

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 Dr. James Vaught

12 Pam Wright

13 Paul H. Kennemore

14 Bill D'Andrea

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

17 Sym Singh – Athletic Commission Administrator

18 Hardwick Stuart – Advice Counsel

19 Charlie Martin - Athletic Commission Program Coordinator

20 Erin Baldwin - Office of Disciplinary Counsel

21 Rodney Pigford - OIE Investigator

22 Sharon Wolfe - OIE Program Coordinator

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24 **Meeting Called to Order:**

25 Chair William McCullough called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to
26 order at 10:02 a.m. Mr. McCullough announced that public notice of this meeting was properly
27 posted at the South Carolina Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree
28 Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance
29 with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
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31 **Approval of Agenda:**

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33 The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. McCullough and second by Mr. Estridge.
34 The motion carried unanimously.
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36 **Approval of Unexcused Absences:**

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38 The motion to approve the absence of Dr. William Phillips was made by Mr. D'Andrea. The
39 motion was seconded by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously.
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41 **Approval of Minutes:**

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43 The approval of minutes as submitted in the board member packet was put forward by Mr.
44 Shoemake, seconded by Mr. D'Andrea, and carried unanimously.
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46 **Chairperson's Remarks**

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48 All present rose at 10:07 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance
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50 **Administrator's Remarks:**

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52 **Budget update**

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54 Presented by Mr. Singh
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56 **OIE Report**

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58 Presented by Ms. Wolf
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60 **IRC Report**

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62 Not applicable at this time
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64 **ODC Report**

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66 Presented by Ms. Baldwin
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68 **Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Conference**

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70 Discussion of attendance of the Conference resulted in a Motion to approve Mr. Singh to attend
71 by Mr. Estridge, second by Mr. D'Andrea and carried unanimously.

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73 **Additional IRC Members**

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75 Discussion of additional IRC Members with assistance from Ms. Baldwin ensued. Mr. Shoemake
76 recommended Mr. Doug Ganiey. The Motion to approach Mr. Ganiey was made by Mr.
77 Estridge, second by Mr. D'Andrea and carried unanimously.

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79 **State of the Sports**

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81 Mr. McCullough opened the discussion topic with invitation to Mr. Jevany Hyde, South Carolina
82 Licensed Amateur MMA fighter, to provide opinion of the state of MMA in South Carolina.
83 Conclusion of discussion concluded Administrator's Remarks at 10:28 a.m.

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85 **New Business**

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87 **Application Hearing - Brian Kanabrowski (Promoters License)**

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89 Mr. Kanabrowski was present for the hearing and was sworn in by the court reporter at 10:30
90 a.m. Mr. Kanabrowski stated he was not represented by legal counsel.
91 Discussion and interview ensued. The Motion to approve Mr. Kanabrowski's application was
92 given by Mr. Shoemake, second by Mr. D'Andrea and carried unanimously.

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94 **Disciplinary Hearing - Sharon Streicher**

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96 Ms. Streicher was not present nor was legal council on her behalf. Ms. Baldwin requested
97 proceedings move forward in her absence. Motion to enter Executive Session by Mr. D'Andrea,
98 second by Mr. Estridge and carried unanimously. Testimony given by Mr. Singh and Investigator
99 Pigford after being sworn in by the court Reporter. Exhibits 1 through 6 accepted by the Board.
100 Recess granted for five minutes.
101 Exhibit 7, Itemization of Investigative Costs, accepted by the Board.
102 Motion to enter Executive Session by Mr. D'Andrea, second by Mr. Estridge and carried
103 unanimously. Motion to find violation and levy fine of \$3900.00 by Mr. Shoemake, second by
104 Ms. Wright and carried unanimously. Motion to allow official results of these proceedings be
105 forwarded to North Carolina by Mr. McCullough, second by Mr. Eskridge and carried
106 unanimously.

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108 **Disciplinary Hearing - Benjamin Wright**

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110 Mr. Wright was not present nor was legal council on his behalf. Ms. Baldwin entered exhibits 1
111 through 3. Testimony was given by Investigator Pigford who was still under oath. Exhibits 4 and
112 5 were entered by Ms. Baldwin. Motion to find violation and levy fine of \$500.00 by Mr.
113 Shoemake, second by Mr. Eskridge and passed unanimously.

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Security/Police Presence at Events

Discussion, staff may suggest to Event Promoters issues of safety and security informally.

Mr. Justin Brown - Youth MMA

Mr. Brown gave a presentation on Youth MMA leagues. Discussion ensued, resulting in Counselor Stewart recommending the draft of a Frequently Asked Questions.

Discussion Items from Commission

None raised at this time

Unfinished Business

Amateur Kickboxing

Discussion resulting with motion by Chairman McCullough to give authority to, with Advice Counsel and Commission Administrator, draft proposed regulations for Amateur Kickboxing and draft proposed regulations to redefine Kickboxing and Amateur Kickboxing.

Weight Cutting

Discussion of Weight Cutting topics including education, second weigh-in and dehydration concluded with the Board agreeing to revisit topic in May at the quarterly Board meeting.

UMMAF

Discussion of UMMAF to serve as a sanctioning third party led to motion by Mr. McCullough to adopt UMMAF as such. Motion second by Mr. Shoemake and carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Not needed at this time.

Public Comment

Brief public comments were made by Licensed South Carolina Boxing Referee Mr. Don Steele.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn the South Carolina Athletic Commission board meeting was made by Mr. D'Andrea, seconded by Mr. Estridge, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

160 **The next South Carolina Athletic Commission quarterly meeting is May 1st, 2018.**