

**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

1000 Washington Street, Boston

PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: May 25, 2018

Location: Rm. 1D

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Rod Walkey

Natasha Belizaire, Executive Director of Licensing

Commissioner Charles Borstel

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III

Commissioner Bryan Lambert

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Commissioner Paul Karger

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Commissioner Patrick Bradley

GUESTS PRESENT:

Charles Murray, Applicant for Variance Request

Meeting called to order by Chair Rod Walkey at 11:02 AM.

1. Roll call

Rod Walkey, Chair

Charles Borstel, Commissioner Division of Professional Licensure

Bryan Lambert, Commissioner

Paul Karger, Commissioner

Patrick Bradley, Commissioner

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III

Natasha Belizaire, Executive Director of Licensing

2. Request from Charles Murray (State Police Boxing Team) for a Variance from several sections of 523 CMR for a charity Event

Charles Murray came before the board on May 21, 2018 to request a variance from 523 CMR to hold an amateur boxing event on June 8, 2018 for the State Police Boxing Team in the name of charity for a fallen state trooper. He was asked to return before the board on May 25, 2018 with a detailed outline of his request.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 6.01 except from the requirements of licensed seconds, trainers, and referees. Commissioner made a motion to accept the variance but the event will require 1 licensed ringside physician, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 6.02 except from the requirement of a fit-to-fight physical examination. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to accept the variance as requested but will require all female participants to have proof of a negative pregnancy test, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The board discussed the matchmaking process for this event as Mr. Murray stated that a national amateur champion would be participating. Mr. Murray explained that all participants will be matched based on experience, skill, and weigh class.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Sections 6.03 – 7.07; *application by an amateur as a professional, applications as a promoter, second, manager, trainer*. These provisions were indirectly addressed previously and can be grouped together. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve his requests for a variance from these sections, seconded by Commissioner Borstel. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 6.08; *application for license as a referee, judge, Timekeeper, Scorekeeper and Ringside Physician*. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to accept the variance except for the requirement of a licensed referee and 1 licensed ringside physician, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 6.09; *application for matchmaker*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to accept the variance, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 10.01; surety bond. Commissioner Karger made a motion to accept the variance, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 10.02; event license: submission and approval of program and date; content; payment of fee: cancellation of program. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to deny part (d) *certificate of insurance*, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to accept part (e) *name of licensed matchmaker*, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Sections 10.04 – 10.07; *arrangement of contest or exhibition, use of licensed promoter and matchmaker, minimum number of rounds, maximum number of unarmed combatants, certain persons retained by promoter must have licenses*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve his requests for a variance from these sections, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 10.08; *selection, approval, and fees of officials*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to accept the variance, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 10.10; *certain officials deemed independent contractors, payment of fees by promoters to commission, payment of officials*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to deny the variance, seconded by Commissioner Borstel. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 10.11; *submission of fight card*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to deny the variance and require that the final card be turned over to MSAC staff within 48 hours of the event, seconded by Commissioner Borstel. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Sections 10.12, 11.01, 11.02, 11.07, 12.05; *unarmed combatant not used in program, tickets, contents of ticket, tickets sold at reduced rate, requirements of gloves*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve his requests for a variance from these sections, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 13.07; *duties of promoter concerning medical examinations, fees for services of physicians, emergency treatment to unarmed combatants*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to deny the variance with the use of 1 licensed physician as well as pay for services rendered, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Sections 13.08 and 14.05; *unarmed combatant must report injuries, physical examination equipment, and procedure for use of scorecards*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve his requests for a variance from these sections, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Section 14.08; *duties of ringside physician*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to deny the variance as it has been determined that 1 licensed physician will seat ringside, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray sought a variance from 523 CMR Sections 14.12, 14.19, 14.20, 15.01, 17.00; *fouls and disqualifications, announcement of winner, change of decision, method of judging, unarmed combat contests and exhibitions not provided for in 523 CMR*. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve his requests for a variance from these sections, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

N/A

Commissioner Karger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 PM.