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Minutes

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301**  
**September 3, 2015, 12:30PM**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:51pm by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

Guy Licciardi

Quion T Riley

Gary Litchfield

Board Members Absent

Joseph Krowski Jr.

Guests Present

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist

2. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the minutes from July 9, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed, Chair Adams abstained as she was not present at the July 9, 2015 meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2015

Deirdre suggested to hold and amend the minutes to reflect the specific conditions of Karyn Wesch's probation regarding her newly approved promoter's license.

4. Approval of Suspensions for August 29, 2015  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions as administered by the Ringside Physicians, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
5. Boxing Judge Application, Loretta Purcell  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application for Professional Boxing Judge from Loretta Purcell with a condition that she shadow three shows and receive approval by the judges whom she shadows with, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
6. Boxing Time Keeper's Application, Gloria Brown  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application for Professional Boxing Time Keeper from Gloria Brown with a condition that she shadow three shows and receive approval by the time keepers whom she shadows with, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
7. Medical documents required for fighter licensing within 30 days  
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the reversal of the policy of accepting medicals dated within one year when applying for a Fighter's license. Beginning January 1, 2016, fighters wishing to license must have medicals dated within thirty days of the application. Fighters with documents dated past the thirty days may come before the board asking for a variance for an additional thirty days. However, the Board will grant DPS administration authority to accept medicals over the thirty days on a case by case basis. DPS Deputy General Counsel will provide language for the MSAC website announcing the effective date of this change as well as draft an advisory for posting, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
8. USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees  
Commissioner Licciardi suggested that this item be tabled until the next MSAC meeting.
9. 523 CMR Review  
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel explained the Executive Order 562 which requires all agencies to review its regulations. A Listening Session will be held at the October MSAC Meeting as an opportunity for the MMA/Boxing community to be heard regarding the anticipation of any regulation changes. DPS Deputy General Counsel will provide a working draft of any revisions for the November MSAC meeting for a board vote. This order's deadline is March 2016.
10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

#### Event Application, Celebrity Boxing

Damon Feldman, Promoter of Celebrity Boxing was present via telephone. Mr. Feldman was asked to explain in detail to describe what "Celebrity Boxing" was and how he would like to promote/run his show in Massachusetts. Mr. Feldman explained that the celebrities use 24 oz. boxing gloves with head gear. The bouts are choreographed with pre-determined winners. Commissioner Litchfield suggested that Mr. Feldman send video of these types of celebrity bouts. Chair Adams stated to Mr. Feldman that he should send in a fight card for approval and that these participants would be required to have a Fit-to-Fight Physical.

Commissioner Litchfield suggested that the board contact Pennsylvania Commissioner Gregory Serb to ask for his comment on Celebrity Boxing where Philadelphia has had shows there. Commissioner Serb stated that the show fell under their professional wrestling act not under their boxing standards. A script or “play-by-play” was required. The board will review the proposed event at the next MSAC meeting after its review of the video and fight card.

11. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Draft of Minutes from July 9, 2015

Draft of Minutes from August 12, 2015

Suspensions from August 29, 2015

Boxing Judge Application, Loretta Purcell

Time Keeper Application, Gloria Brown