

**PROFESSIONAL BOXING, WRESTLING AND
MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM MEETING**

MINUTES

A meeting was held on April 11, 2008, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following individuals present:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Rick McCoy, Advisory Board Member
Gregory J. Pleasants, MD, Advisory Board Member
G. Clark Walters, Jr., Advisory Board Member
Christian E. Wollesen, Advisory Board Member

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Saba L. Shami, Chief Deputy
Mark N. Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
David Holland, Executive Director
Michelle Gowen, Administrative Assistant
Earlyne Perkins, Legal Analyst

Advisory Board members Paul E. Alper, Harold Thomas Green, Jr., MD, and Eric C. Perkins were not present at the meeting.

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. DeBoer called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. DeBoer introduced Saba L. Shami, as the new Chief Deputy, and welcomed him to the Department, and Mark Courtney as the new Deputy Director for Licensing and Regulation.

**Introduction of New
Department Staff**

Public Comment Period – There were no comments made to the Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Koroma was present to address the Board and request that he be permitted to box professionally in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Koroma stated that he has been working with a specialist in hopes that the Board will grant this request. Mr. Koroma indicated that the specialist stated that if Mr. Koroma were to box, he would not be a risk to other boxers as he is not contagious at this time. Mr. Koroma politely thanked the Board for letting him speak before them and noted that he would accept their decision.

**File Number 2008-
02798, Kompa
Duramani Koroma**

Regarding File Number 2008-02798, Kompa Duramani Koroma, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conferences, and Mr. Koroma's presentation. After review and discussion, Mr. DeBoer decided to uphold the recommendation in the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference and not allow Mr. Koroma to box professionally in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the fact the he is potentially infectious and would pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

After discussion, the Director decided to approve a fast-track change to the regulations to require proof of negative test for HIV and Hepatitis B and C for a boxer and mixed martial arts participant within six months of the date of event.

There was no other business to discuss.

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


Jay W. DeBoer, Director

**Discussion of Review
of Regulations
regarding Medical
Examinations and
Tests**

Other Business

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

Adjourn

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Rick McCoy
(Name of Board Member)
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: DPOR – Professional Boxing, Wrestling and Martial Arts Advisory Board
(Name of Board)
4. Meeting/IFF Date: April 11, 2008
(Date)

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

(Agenda Item)

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

R McCoy
Signature

4-11-08
Date

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Gregory J. Pleasants, MD
(Name of Board Member)
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: DPOR – Professional Boxing, Wrestling and Martial Arts Advisory Board
(Name of Board)
4. Meeting/IFF Date: April 11, 2008
(Date)


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- or
- I did not participate in the transaction.
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4/11/08

Date

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1. Name: G. Clark Walters, Jr.
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1. Name: Christian E. Wollesen
(Name of Board Member)
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: DPOR – Professional Boxing, Wrestling and Martial Arts Advisory Board
(Name of Board)
4. Meeting/IFF Date: April 11, 2008
(Date)

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(Agenda Item)

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Boxing Official

- I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
or
 I did not participate in the transaction.
6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Christian E. Wollesen
Signature

4/11/08
Date