

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

A meeting was held on November 4, 2020, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Brian Costello (Martial Arts)
Mark D'Attilio (Boxing)
Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)
Delvis McCadden (Boxing)

Board members Scott Howard (Martial Arts), David McCloud (Wrestling), and Roze Merditaj (Citizen Member) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Amy Goobic, Executive Assistant

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Costello, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Costello advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch expressed regrets from Board staff David Holland and Tracy Fagan, as they were unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Nosbisch also reviewed the COVID-19 safety measures the agency has in place to be in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order.

**COVID-19 Safety
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch addressed the issue of not holding meetings virtually, explaining that there are different standards and requirements for virtual meetings. Ms. Broz-Vaughan commented that in person meetings, especially when adjudicating cases, leads to more meaningful discussion.

Mr. McCadden moved to approve the agenda. Mr. D'Attilio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D'Attilio, Hardy, and McCadden..

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McCadden moved to approve the November 19, 2019 Board meeting minutes. Dr. Hardy seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D'Attilio, Hardy, and McCadden.

Approval of Minutes

There was no public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Board members were provided licensing population statistics for informational purposes.

Licensing Population

Ms. Nobsch stated the licensing activity report and the gate fee report were for informational purposes. Ms. McCadden inquired about the higher amount generated from boxing and martial arts, as wrestling generally had higher gate fee revenue. Mr. Costello stated that there had been a televised boxing and martial arts event that would account for the higher gate fee revenue.

**License Activity
Report and Gate Fee
Report**

Discussion was held on the low gate fee numbers on the report, a result of events having to be cancelled due to COVID.

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes.

**Review of Financial
Statements**

Discussion was held on the cancellation of the vendor workshops. Ms. Nobsch explained that since events have been cancelled due to COVID-19, the workshop was cancelled. Ms. Broz-Vaughan stated that the COVID Executive Order (EO) requirements for entertainment events would not allow for any boxing, martial arts, or professional wrestling events to be held. She further stated that the EO had been amended for recreational events, however, these are not recreational events.

**Vendor Workshop
Canceled**

Ms. Nobsch recommended that the current Chair, Mr. Costello, and Vice-Chair, Mr. McCadden, remain in their positions as only one board meeting had been held since they were elected. The Board agreed by consensus.

**Election of Chair and
Vice Chair**

Ms. Nobsch reported the Board's next scheduled meeting is October 4, 2021, unless there is a need to meet sooner. Mr. McCadden suggested having the annual board meeting on the Saturday of the workshop, as many of the Board members attend the workshop. Mr. McCadden felt it would be a cost saving measure. Ms. Nobsch stated she will look into this option.

**Consideration of 2021
Meeting Date**

Ms. Nobsch informed the Board that the current regulations were under revision, making separate regulations for each entity: boxing, martial arts,

Other Business

and professional wrestling. The updated regulations would then need to be submitted for regulatory approval. Ms. Nobsch stated that it will be beneficial for the regulants. She also thanked Program Administrator, Tracy Fagan, for her work on the regulations.

Ms. Nobsch informed the Board that they would receive an email after the first of the year regarding submission of their financial disclosure statement.

Conflict of Interest and travel forms were completed by all board members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms and Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Adjourn

Brian Costello, Chair

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Secretary