

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

A meeting was held on October 19, 2022, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)  
Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)  
Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing)  
Delvis McCadden (Boxing)

Board member Scott Howard (Martial Arts) was not present for the meeting with regrets.

Former Board Member, Mark D'Attilio, was present for the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Demetrios (Mitch) Melis, Director  
Stephen Kirschner, Deputy Director  
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Bonnie Davis, Board Administrator  
Breanne Henshaw, Administrative Coordinator

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General was not present for the meeting with regrets.

Members of the audience included:

Rick McCoy, owner of MMA Institute

Mr. McCadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

**Call to Order**

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

**Emergency  
Evacuation  
Procedures**

Dr. Hardy moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Lee seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, Lee and McCadden.

**Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Lee moved to approve the June 15, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Ms. Jackman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, Lee and McCadden.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Jackman moved to approve the September 14, 2022 minutes. Dr. Lee seconded the motion which was approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, and Lee. Mr. MacCadden abstained from voting as he was not present for the meeting.

There was no public comment.

**Public Comment  
Period**

Mr. McCadden read the following resolutions for consideration by the Board:

**Resolution to Brian  
Costello**

RESOLUTION TO

Brian Costello

WHEREAS, Brian Costello, did faithfully and diligently serve as a member of the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board from 2014 to 2022;

WHEREAS, Brian Costello, did devote generously of his time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, Brian Costello, did endeavor at all times to render decisions with fairness and good judgment in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board wishes to acknowledge its gratitude for devoted service of a person who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board this nineteenth day of October 2022, that Brian Costello, be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held by this Board.

RESOLUTION TO

Mark D'Attilio

**Resolution to Mark  
D'Attilio**

WHEREAS, Mark D'Attilio, did faithfully and diligently serve as a member of the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board from 2014 to 2022;

WHEREAS, Mark D'Attilio, did devote generously of his time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, Mark D'Attilio, did endeavor at all times to render decisions with fairness and good judgment in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board wishes to acknowledge its gratitude for devoted service of a person who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board this nineteenth day of October 2022, that Mark D'Attilio, be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held by this Board.

Ms. Davis opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Dr. Hardy nominated Mr. McCadden as Chair. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. Mr. McCadden accepted the nomination. Ms. Davis asked if there were any additional nominations for Board Chair. There being none, Ms. Davis closed the floor for nominations. The motion was unanimously approved by: Hardy, Jackman, Lee and McCadden. By acclamation, Mr. McCadden was named Board Chair.

### **Election of Officers**

Ms. Davis opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Dr. Lee moved to nominate Ms. Jackman as Vice Chair. Dr. Hardy seconded the motion. Ms. Jackman accepted the nomination. Mr. McCadden moved to nominate Dr. Hardy as Vice Chair. Dr. Lee seconded the motion. Dr. Hardy accepted the nomination. Ms. Davis asked if there were any additional nominations for Board Vice Chair. There being none, Ms. Davis closed the floor for nominations. Dr. Lee voted in favor of Ms. Jackman. Mr. McCadden, Dr. Hardy, and Ms. Jackman voted in favor of Dr. Hardy. Finding a majority vote, Dr. Hardy was named Board Vice Chair.

Director Melis departed the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and returned at 12:00 p.m.

### **Director Melis Departed and Returned to Meeting**

The Board began a line-by-line review of the boxing regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, a discussion took place regarding 18VAC120-41-40. Fees. The Board requested with the Director's approval, for staff to research what other nearby states are charging for fees as well as whether the promoter pays for the officials or if the fee for officials is included in the application fee. This item will be discussed and placed on the agenda of the next Regulatory Review meeting on November 15, 2022.

### **Regulatory Review**

The Board recessed from 11:23 a.m. to 11:38 a.m.

### **Recess**

The Board continued to complete a line-by-line review of the regulations. The Board continued to review 18VAC120-41-50. There was a long discussion regarding 18VAC120-41-60. Additional Requirements for Boxers. The Board requested with the Director's approval, for staff to research what medicals other nearby states are requesting boxers to complete and how other states are evaluating boxer matchups for events. It was noted that Ms. Nosbisch and Ms. Davis are hosting a virtual East Coast Commission meeting with representatives from neighboring states on October 26, 2022. This item will be discussed and placed on the agenda of the next Regulatory Review meeting on November 15, 2022.

### **Regulatory Review Continued**

Ms. Davis provided an update on the upcoming events, including the November 5<sup>th</sup> mixed martial arts event in Winchester, the November 19<sup>th</sup> boxing event in Lynchburg, the November 28<sup>th</sup> WWE event in Petersburg, and the December 4 event in Norfolk. For the 2022 calendar year, there have been four boxing events, six mixed martial arts events, and fifty wrestling events in Virginia.

**Event Update**

Board members were provided licensing population statistics for informational purposes.

**License Population**

Board members were provided financial statements for information purposes.

**Review of Financial Statements**

Ms. Davis informed the Board that the Vendor Workshop Training will take place at the MMA Institute on April 1, 2023.

**Other Business**

Ms. Jackman informed the Board of a concern regarding “smoker tournaments,” which are being advertised as exhibitions with no winner, no loser, no doctor, no bloodwork, and no judges. Ms. Jackman stated these exhibitions are typically run by MMA gyms and do not involve matchmaking; however, the smoker tournaments of concern seem to be operating as unlicensed events. Ms. Jackman asked that this matter be discussed further at the next Board meeting in order to determine how the Board would like to address these exhibitions. Ms. Davis indicated she attended the last smoker tournament that took place on October 8, 2022, and Vernon Porter, BMAW Program Coordinator, will be attending the next exhibition in January 2023.

Dr. Hardy departed the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

**Board Member  
Departed from the  
Meeting**

The Board selected two additional dates to have regulatory review meetings. The Board will meet on November 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on December 15, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Other Business  
Continued**

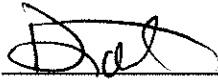
Ms. Nosbisch thanked the Board members who attended the Board Member Training Conference and also thanked the Board for being committed subject matter experts.

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

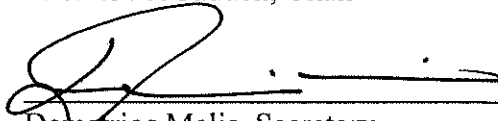
**Conflict of Interest  
Forms and Travel  
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

**Adjourn**



Delvis McCadden, Chair



Demetrios Melis, Secretary

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

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

1. Name: Dr. Travis Lee
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling  
Advisory Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting October 19, 2022
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

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Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

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


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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.

  
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Signature

10-19-22  
Date

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

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

1. Name: Delvis O. McCadden
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling  
Advisory Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting October 19, 2022

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

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

1. Name: Leah Jackman
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling  
Advisory Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting October 19, 2022

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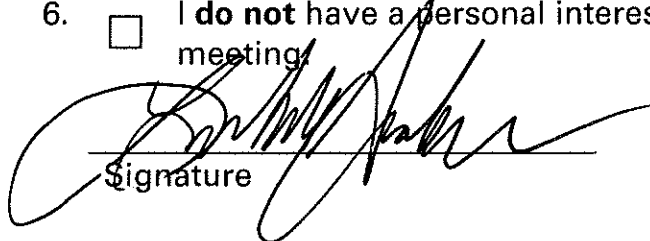
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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

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

1. Name: Mark D'Attilio
2. Title: Former Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling  
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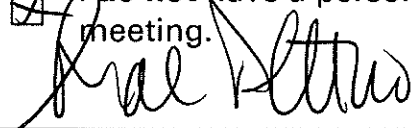
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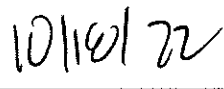
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Signature

Date





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

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

1. Name: Dr. Daniel M. Hardy
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling  
Advisory Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting October 19, 2022
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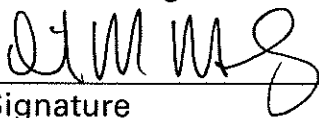
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