

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

MINUTES

A meeting was held on June 15, 2022, 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 member Scott Howard (Martial Arts) was not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Demetrios Melis, Director
Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Board Administrator
Breanne Henshaw, Administrative Coordinator
Vernon Porter, Program Coordinator

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

Dr. Travis Lee, Ringside Physician, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Costello, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nosbisch advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McCadden moved to approve the October 4, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Mr. D'Attilio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D'Attilio, Hardy, and McCadden.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. D'Attilio moved to approve the October 21, 2021 minutes. Mr. McCadden seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Costello, D'Attilio, Hardy, and McCadden.

There was no public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the agency's regulatory boards are working to reduce regulations by twenty-five percent. Ms. Nosbisch continued by stating instead of the Board making updates to the current regulations, the Board will start from the draft regulations updated by the staff for the Board's consideration.

Regulatory Review

The Board discussed the Post Fight Check form and gave recommendations regarding the information to be listed on the form, such as changing "boxer" to "contestant" and numbering the questions. Ms. Nosbisch indicated staff will update the form and provide a draft the Board for review.

Ms. Nosbisch indicated the Board may wish to consider following the Unified Rules to the extent possible as long as the Board is satisfied with the Unified Rules protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the current regulations are in conflict with the Unified Rules, but the Board could look into this information during regulatory review.

The draft Regulatory Review Flow Chart was distributed to the Board for review and Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the agency would like to assess all regulations the same to the extent possible. Ms. Nosbisch indicated the draft Regulatory Review Flow Chart was updated prior to the Board meeting as the Executive Directors of the agency's regulatory boards would like to develop a form for the regulatory review process that each board will go through. This form will ask questions such as, "Is the regulation necessary?" and "Is the regulation the least amount of intrusive?"

Ms. Nosbisch stated that the Vendor Workshop was held virtually in July of 2021. The workshop this year will be held over two days. There will be a two hour virtual training to review documents and observe recordings of the locker room inspector and timekeeper on July 13th and an in-person training for judges and referees on July 16th.

**Vendor Workshop
Update**

Ms. Davis provided an update on the upcoming events, including the June 25th boxing event in Woodford, the August 13th mixed martial arts event in Manassas, the August 20th boxing event in Norfolk, and the August 27th mixed martial arts event in Orange.

Event Update

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board 2023 meeting dates will be revisited at a future meeting.

**2023 Meeting Date –
TBA**

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board of the upcoming Board Member Training Conference taking place in October in Williamsburg, VA. Mr. D'Attilio indicated the previous conference held in 2019 had great speakers.

**Board Member
Conference – October
13 – October 14, 2022**

Board members were provided licensing population statistics for informational purposes.

Licensing Population

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes.

**Review of Financial
Statements**

The Board was provided a copy of the research completed by Ms. Davis regarding other jurisdiction's age requirements and mandatory testing. This is another topic to be addressed during regulatory review.

Other Business

The Board selected a date and time to have a regulatory review meeting, which will be on September 14, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

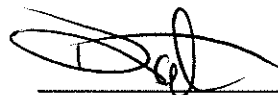
Ms. Nosbisch also informed the Board that Roze Merditaj, Citizen Board Member, and David McCloud, Representative of the Sport of Wrestling Board Member, resigned from their seats on the Board. Ms. Nosbisch indicated that the Agency Director, Mitch Melis, will be responsible for appointing new members to their seats as well as replacing outgoing board members Mark D'Attilio and Brian Costello. Dr. Lee expressed interest in applying for one of the vacant seats.

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 11:51 a.m.

Adjourn



Brian Costello, Chair



Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**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 June 15, 2022

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

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.



Signature

6/15/22

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

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

1. Name: Brian Costello
2. Title: Board Member
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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: Board Member
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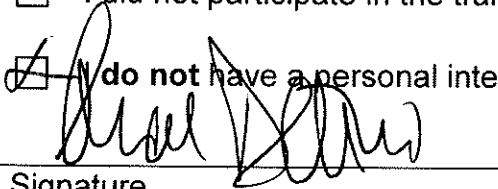
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