

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

A meeting was held on December 15, 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)
Delvis McCadden (Boxing)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)
Charles Pinto (Citizen)
Mark D'Attilio, (Former Boxing Board Member)

Board member Scott Howard (Martial Arts) and Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Demetrious J. Melis, Director
Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

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

Members of the public included:

Darryl Goldsmith

Mr. McCadden, 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**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced the new board members, Brandon Metheny, representing wrestling, and Charles Pinto, citizen member. Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board of the transition of Bonnie Davis from BMAW Board Administrator to APELSCIDLA Regulatory Operations Administrator. Each of the Board members introduced themselves.

Introductions

Mr. Melis, Mr. Thota, and Ms. Jackman arrived at the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**Arrival of Staff and
Board Member**

Ms. Jackman moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Metheny seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, McCadden, Metheny, and Pinto.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hardy moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Pinto seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, McCadden, Metheny, and Pinto.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Davis presented the Workshop survey information.

**BMAW Training
Workshop Survey
Data**

Ms. Jackman presented one of the Workshop Training videos. The Board thanked Ms. Jackman for filming and editing the training videos. The next Workshop Training will be April 1, 2023 in Richmond at the MMA Institute in Richmond. The Board thanked Mr. McCoy for allowing the use of his gym.

**BMAW Training
Workshop Video**

Ms. Nosbisch presented the 2023 meeting dates of January 19 Regulatory Review, February 15 Board meeting, and March 16 Regulatory Review. Mr. Metheny moved to approve the 2023 dates. Mr. Pinto seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Jackman, McCadden, Metheny, and Pinto.

**Proposed 2023
Meeting Dates**

Mr. Goldsmith arrived to the meeting at 10:27 a.m. He indicated he was present at the meeting to inquire about employment opportunities.

**Public Comment
Period**

The Board conducted 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, the Board began with 18VAC120-41-120. Discussions took place regarding the ring, restrictive barriers, biohazard bags, and other items. The Board requested staff to provide information on how other states are handling biohazard waste. The information will be placed on the January 19th meeting agenda for review.

Regulatory Review

The Board took a recess from 11:24 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Recess

The Board continued reviewing the regulations. Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that at the next Regulatory Review meeting on January 19, 2023, the Board will continue with regulatory review starting with 18VAC120-41-130.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

Ms. Davis provided an event update. She stated that in 2022 there were 13 boxing and martial arts events and 71 wrestling events. As of today, 2023 events will include two wrestling, one mixed martial arts event, three boxing, and one bare knuckle. Ms. Nosbisch provided an update on the bare knuckle event she attended in Rock Hill, South Carolina on December 9th.

Event Update

Board members were provided licensing population statistics for informational purposes.

Licensing Population

Temporary Boxers	0	Boxers	57
Promoters	27	Trainers/2nd/Cutmen	165
Mangers	4	Matchmakers	27
Boxing Events	1	Martial Artists	66
Temporary Wrestlers	1	Wrestlers	690
Wrestling Events	8		

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes.

Review of Financial Statements

The Board discussed licensing of officials, accepting cash at events, health insurance deductibles of fighters, payment of officials, and boxer's required second weigh in.

Other Business

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 2:20 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: Mark D'Attilio
2. Title: Former Board Member
3. Agency: Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling
Advisory Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Regulatory Review Meeting December 15, 2022

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Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

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occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the
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public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this
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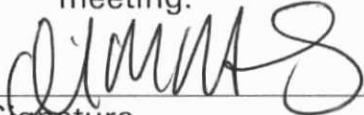
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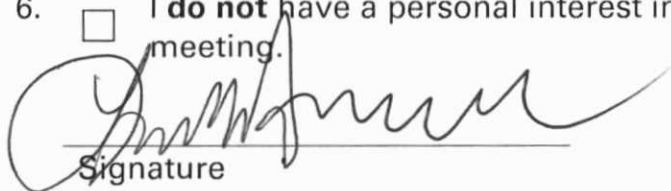
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1. Name: Brandon Metheny
2. Title: Board Member
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