

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS and PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.- Board Room 3
Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation
9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233**

1. Call to Order
2. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
3. Welcome/Introductions
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - BMAW Full Board Meeting, October 12, 2023
6. Public Comment Period*
7. Regulatory Review Update
8. 2025 Meeting Dates
9. Event Update
10. Licensed Population
11. Review of Financial Statements
12. Elections of Officers
13. Other Business
 - Board Member Training Conference
 - EpicX Update
14. Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers
15. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR: February 5, 2025

*Five minute public comment, per person, with the exception of any open disciplinary or application files.

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- **Call to Order**
- **Emergency Evacuation**
- **Welcome/Introductions**

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

The Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board (BMAW) met on October 12, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present for all or part of the meeting:

Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)
Scott Howard (Martial Arts)
Eric Irizarry (Boxing)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)

Board members Leah Jackman (Martial Arts), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing) and Charles Pinto (Citizen) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Kishore Thota, Director
Stephen Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director
Tom Payne, CID Deputy Director
Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Board Operations Administrator
Jermaine Gray, BMAW Board Administrator
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Ecila Williams, Administrative Coordinator

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

Members of the audience:

Johnny Davis- International Kickboxing Federation
Brad Kutner- Radio IQ

Dr. Hardy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced Mr. Thota, Director of DPOR, Mr. Gray, BMAW Board Administrator, Mr. Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Ms. Williams, Administrative Coordinator, Mr. Irizarry, new board member representing Boxing, and Mr. Payne, CID Deputy Director.

Introductions

Mr. Metheny moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Howard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Howard, Irizzary, and Metheny.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Metheny moved to approve the minutes in block for the following dates:

Approval of Minutes

- i. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, February 15, 2023
- ii. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, March 16, 2023
- iii. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, April 20, 2023
- iv. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, April 27, 2023
- v. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, May 18, 2023
- vi. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, May 25, 2023
- vii. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, June 5, 2023
- viii. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, June 8, 2023
- ix. BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, July 10, 2023

Mr. Howard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Howard, Irizzary, and Metheny.

Mr. Davis made a public comment regarding allowing IKF Semi-Contact Sparring Competition in the Commonwealth.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nobsch introduced Mr. Kutner, Radio IQ, as a member of the audience.

Introduction

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Dr. Hardy read the following resolution for consideration by the Board:

**Resolution for Delvis
McCadden**

Resolution for
Delvis O. McCadden

WHEREAS, Delvis O. McCadden, did faithfully and diligently serve as a member of the Boxing, Martial Arts and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board from 2015 to 2023;

WHEREAS, Delvis O. McCadden did devote generously of his time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, Delvis O. McCadden, 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 twelfth day of October 2023, that Delvis O. McCadden, 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.

The Board members agreed to the resolution by consensus. Mr. McCadden was not present for his resolution with regrets.

The Board reviewed information regarding IKF Semi-Contact Sparring Competition and asked Mr. Davis questions regarding if the rules of the competition could be changed to align with the regulations and statutes of the Commonwealth.

**Requested Review for
IKF Semi-Contact
Sparring Competition**

After a long discussion, Mr. Thota informed Mr. Davis that if the IKF rules could not align with current regulations and statutes, his next course of action to have these events in the Commonwealth would be through legislation as the Board is bound by statutes.

Ms. Davis informed the Board that public comment for Periodic Regulatory Review started October 9, 2023, and ends October 30, 2023, and there were no comments at this time.

Regulatory Review Update

Proposed language to eliminate the second weigh in for boxing has been fast tracked and submitted to the Regulatory Affairs Manager.

Mr. Metheny moved to retain the current regulations as is. Mr. Howard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Howard, Irizzary, and Metheny.

The Board conducted a brief review of the Boxing, Martial Arts, and Wrestling regulations. A brief discussion took place regarding outstanding regulations and adding and removing verbiage from certain regulations.

Mr. Irizzary moved to approve the 2024 meeting dates:

2024 Meeting Dates

- i. February 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- ii. April 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- iii. July 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- iv. October 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Howard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Hardy, Howard, Irizzary, and Metheny.

Mr. Thota exited the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Mr. Gray provided the Board with statistics for events for 2023.

Event Update

The Board took a recess from 11:42 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.

Recess

Board members were provided with the licensee counts as of October 1, 2023:

Licensed Population

- Temporary Boxers: 0
- Boxers: 91
- Boxing/Wrestling Promoters: 28
- Boxing/Wrestling Trainers, Seconds, Cutmen: 196
- Boxing/Wrestling Managers: 5
- Boxing/Wrestling Matchmakers: 30
- Boxing Events: 2
- Martial Artists: 61
- Temporary Wrestler: 2
- Wrestlers: 737
- Wrestling Events: 15

Mr. Payne exited the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes.

Review of Financial Statements

Mr. Metheny informed the Board of future Wrestling events.

Other Business

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

Conflict of Interest Forms and Travel Vouchers

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board how the election of officers has been completed previously for the Board, which would typically have the Vice Chair rotate to Chair.

Election of Officers

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

Ms. Nosbisch opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Mr. Metheny nominated Mr. Howard as Board Vice Chair. Dr. Hardy seconded the motion. Mr. Howard accepted the nomination. Ms. Nosbisch asked if there were any additional nominations for Board Vice Chair. There being none, Ms. Nosbisch closed the floor for nominations. The motion was unanimously approved by Hardy, Howard, Irizzary, and Metheny. By acclamation, Mr. Howard was named Board Vice Chair.

Mr. Gray, Mr. Haughwout, Mr. Kirschner, and Mr. Laws exited the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

All Board Members present attended the Conflict of Interest Act Training.

COIA Training

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Adjourn

Daniel Hardy, M.D. Chair

Kishore Thota, Secretary

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➤ **Public Comment**

➤ **Regulatory Review Update**

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- **2025 Meeting Dates**
 - **February 5, 2025**
 - **April 8, 2025**
 - **July 30, 2025 (1:00 PM)**
 - **October 8, 2025**
- **Event Update**

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TOTAL CURRENT POPULATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

*Regulant population numbers are effective for the dates shown only.

Profession	1/1/2024	2/1/2024	3/1/2024	4/1/2024	5/1/2024	6/1/2024	7/1/2024	8/1/2024	9/9/2024
Temporary Boxers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boxers	92	16	19	31	35	43	51	51	52
Boxing/Wrestling Promoters	29	14	17	18	20	24	25	27	28
Box/Wrest Trainers, Seconds, Cutmen	206	20	67	86	93	107	113	121	129
Boxing/Wrestling Managers	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Boxing/Wrestling Matchmakers	31	15	18	20	21	24	24	27	28
Boxing Events	3	3	3	4	5	4	4	4	4
Martial Artists	70	0	30	32	32	33	36	39	51
Temporary Wrestler	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	0
Wrestlers	767	364	439	500	594	645	674	707	730
Wrestling Events	4	8	10	11	13	17	12	23	16

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Statement of Financial Activity

Professional Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Advisory Board
954810

2022-2024 Biennium

June 2024

	June 2024 Activity	Biennium-to-Date Comparison	
		July 2020 - June 2022	July 2022 - June 2024
Cash/Revenue Balance Brought Forward			108,711
Revenues	0	179,513	414,246
Cumulative Revenues			522,957
Cost Categories:			
Board Expenditures	0	211,901	414,842
Board Administration	0	0	0
Administration of Exams	0	0	0
Enforcement	0	0	0
Legal Services	0	43	35
Information Systems	0	0	0
Facilities and Support Services	0	0	0
Agency Administration	0	0	0
Other / Transfers	0	0	(232)
Total Expenses	0	211,944	414,645
Transfer To/(From) Cash Reserves	0	0	(240)
Ending Cash/Revenue Balance			108,551

Cash Reserve Beginning Balance	0	0	56,374
Change in Cash Reserve	0	0	(240)
Ending Cash Reserve Balance	0	0	56,134

Number of Regulants

Current Month	0
Previous Biennium-to-Date	687

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Supporting Statement of Year-to-Date Activity
Professional Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Advisory Board - 954810
Fiscal Year 2024

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Fiscal YTD Charges	Planned Annual Charges	Current Balance	Projected Charges at 6/30	Projected Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
																	Amount	%
Board Expenditures	16,442	22,135	30,460	17,226	17,360	26,208	10,250	18,364	32,129	10,934	28,740	0	230,248	271,701	41,452	251,180	20,521	7.6%
Board Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	201	0	201	100.0%
Administration of Exams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	4	0	0	0	16	16	0	18	-1	-9.1%
Information Systems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities / Support Svcs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other / Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Charges	16,442	22,135	30,460	17,226	17,360	26,208	10,259	18,368	32,133	10,934	28,740	0	230,265	271,918	41,653	251,198	20,720	7.6%

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