

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS and PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 12, 2023
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 Regulatory Review Meeting, February 15, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, March 16, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, April 20, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, April 27, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, May 18, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, May 25, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, June 5, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, June 8, 2023
 - BMAW Regulatory Review Meeting, July 10, 2023
6. Public Comment Period*
7. Resolution
 - Delvis McCadden
8. Requested Review for IKF Semi-Contact Sparring Competition
9. Regulatory Review Update
 - General Review
10. 2024 Meeting Dates
11. Event Update
12. Licensed and Certified Population
13. Financial Statements
14. Other Business
15. Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers
16. Election of Officers
17. COIA Training
18. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR: February 1, 2024

*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 REGULATORY REVIEW
MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on February 15, 2023, 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)
Mark D’Attilio (Former Boxing Board Member)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Board members Scott Howard (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:

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.

Mr. McCadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Minutes

There was no public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

A discussion took place on the definition of an exhibition, amateur, and event. Mr. Metheny stated that sparring is awarded points, so there is a winner. The Board requested a letter be sent to the promoter.

Smoker Update

The Board discussed weight spread and dehydration. Mr. D’Attilio stated because this is a medical issue, Dr. Lee and Dr. Hardy should address it. Dr. Lee and Dr. Hardy will provide an update at the next meeting on March 16, 2023.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

Ms. Nosbisch discussed the topics of conduct of licensees, including the promoter, matchmaker and corners; promoter responsibility – safety and security of participants, attendees, fighters, and officials; and females fighting males and males fighting females. These items will be addressed as we progress through the regulations.

Other Business

A long discussion took place regarding males fighting females and females fighting males. Ms. Nosbisch stated our regulations are clear on the expectation for each; men fighting in Virginia will be held to the regulations pertaining to males, and females fighting in Virginia will be held to regulations pertaining to females.

The Board continued 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 18VAC120-41-190.

Regulatory Review

The Board took a recess from 11:29 a.m. to 11:43 a.m.

Recess

The Board continued reviewing the regulations. Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that at the next Regulatory Review meeting on February 15, 2023, the Board will continue with regulatory review starting with 18VAC120-41-260.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

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 1:56 p.m.

Adjourn

Delvis McCadden, Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

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

A regulatory review meeting was held on March 16, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Charles Pinto (Citizen)
Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)
Delvis McCadden (Boxing)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)
Mark D’Attilio (Former Boxing Board Member)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator, Board members Scott Howard (Martial Arts), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), and Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bill Clancy, BMAW Board Administrator
Breanne Henshaw, Board Operations Administrator

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

Members of the public included:

Zachary LeMaster, Lobbyist, Gentry Locke
David Arvelo, Mixed Martial Arts promoter and matchmaker in Richmond and Miami

Mr. McCadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

David Arvelo was in attendance at the meeting to offer information when it comes to the mixed martial arts language within the Board’s regulations.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced Mr. Clancy to the Board as the new BMAW Board Administrator. Mr. D’Attilio welcomed Mr. Clancy and stated Ms. Davis did a wonderful job in the role of BMAW Board Administrator. Mr. D’Attilio continued by stating Vernon Porter, BMAW Program Coordinator, has also done a great job. Mr. D’Attilio recognized Mr. McCadden for being inducted into the College Boxing Hall of Fame, which is Mr. McCadden’s fourth Hall of Fame recognition.

Announcements

Tabled until next meeting.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

The Board continued 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 18VAC120-41-260. The Board finished regulatory review of the boxing regulations, which concluded with 18VAC120-41-310.

Regulatory Review

The Board took a recess from 11:46 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.

Recess

The Board began reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. The Board began with 18VAC120-20 and ended on 18VAC120-42-100. The Board will begin on 18VAC120-42-110 at the next meeting.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

The Board discussed future meeting dates and decided to meet on the following dates:

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Other Business

Mr. Metheny shared that he will be working at a professional wrestling show in Hampton, VA as a commentator for Virginia Championship Wrestling on March 18, 2023.

Ms. Jackman, Ms. Nosbisch, Mr. Clancy, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Porter will be at the judge and referee officials in-person training at the MMA Institute on April 1, 2023.

Ms. Nosbisch, Mr. Clancy, and Ms. Davis will be in a virtual training for officials on March 28 and March 29, 2023.

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 2:04 p.m.

Adjourn

Delvis McCadden, Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

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MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on April 20, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Scott Howard (Martial Arts)
Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Board members, Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen) , Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Delvis McCadden (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, Chief Deputy Director
Jennifer Sayegh, Policy and Legislative Affairs Manager
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nobsch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

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

Members of the public included: Javier Brantley, Jr.

Ms. Jackman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Brantley presented information on Platform Combat.

**Public Comment
Period**

Tabled until next meeting.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

The Board began a line-by-line review of the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, the Board began with 18VAC120-42-110. A long discussion took place regarding smokers/exhibitions.

Regulatory Review

The Board took a recess from 11:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Recess

The Board continued reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. A long discussion regarding physical, restrictive barriers at events took place. The Board ended on 18VAC120-42-120. The Board will begin on 18VAC120-42-120 at the next meeting.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

Mr. Haughwout arrived to the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Arrival of Staff

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 2:04 p.m.

Adjourn

Leah Jackman, Vice Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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A regulatory review meeting was held on April 27, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Board members, Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen), Scott Howard (Martial Arts), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Delvis McCadden (Boxing), and Charles Pinto (Citizen), were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

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

Members of the public included: Javier Brantley, Jr.

Ms. Jackman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

There was no public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Tabled until next meeting.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

A long discussion took place regarding a charity event in Roanoke. Ms. Nosbisch stated she will provide an update at the next meeting on May 18, 2023.

Charity Event

The Board began a line-by-line review of the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, the Board began with 18VAC120-42-120.

Regulatory Review

The Board took a recess from 11:45 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.

Recess

The Board continued reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. The Board ended on 18VAC120-42-270. The Board will begin on 18VAC120-42-270 at the next meeting.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

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 2:04 p.m.

Adjourn

Leah Jackman, Board Member

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on May 18, 2023, 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)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Board members, 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:

Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

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

Mr. McCadden Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

There was no one present for public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch reviewed the complaint process and indicated she cannot speak to open complaints.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

Ms. Nosbisch stated that DPOR is developing its legislative package for the Administration to consider for the 2024 General Assembly session and the information is due by May 26, 2023 for consideration.

**Statutory and
Regulatory Review**

The Committee had a long discussion regarding the pros and cons of the boxing second day weigh in. Rehydration, the cancellation of bouts due to the second weigh in, and the safety of the boxer.

The Board took a recess from 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Recess

Mr. Haughwout and Mr. Laws left the meeting and did not return.

**Departure of Staff
and Counsel**

The Board continued reviewing the statutes and regulations. The Committee discussed the ringside physician experience requirement, the definition of an exhibition, renewal of sanctioning organizations and gate fees.

**Statutory and
Regulatory Review
Continued**

Ms. Nosbisch thanked the board members for their time and expertise.

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 2:02 p.m.

Adjourn

Delvis McCadden, Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on May 25, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)

Demetrious J. Melis, Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Board members, Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Delvis McCadden (Boxing), Scott Howard (Martial Arts), and Charles Pinto (Citizen), were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Breanne Henshaw, Licensing Operations Administrator

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

Members of the public included:

David Arvelo, Mixed Martial Arts promoter and matchmaker in Richmond and Miami

Ms. Jackman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nosbisch advised the Committee of the emergency evacuation procedures and 911 procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Arvelo attended the meeting and asked about second day weigh-ins in Virginia. Mr. Arvelo also inquired about having Virginia regulate amateur bouts as it would protect the public in terms of the people fighting and it would create revenue for Virginia.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch informed Mr. Arvelo that the Board is in the process of proposing a regulatory change to do away with second day weigh-ins for boxing and upon counsel's advice, second day weigh-ins for mixed martial arts are not necessary.

Ms. Nobsch indicated open cases cannot be discussed. At its last regulatory review meeting the Regulatory Review Committee proposed a change to the definition of exhibition which would address “smokers.” This change is being recommended to the Director as a suggestion for the 2024 legislative package.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

The Committee began a line-by-line review of the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, the Committee began with 18VAC120-42-130. A long discussion took place regarding transgender contestants and how the Board will address this matter in the future. Mr. Haughwout recommended the Board and staff to conduct research in order to better understand the matter along with better understanding how other states or sanctioning organizations have approached the topic. The key topic of discussion surrounded the health and safety of the public. Ms. Nobsch indicated she will discuss the matter with Board counsel for further guidance.

Regulatory Review

The Committee took a recess from 11:13 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

Recess

The Committee continued reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations. The Committee will confer with Dr. Lee and Dr. Hardy about the affects of multiple TKOs and KOs. The Committee also decided to separate the rules for kickboxing, Muay Thai, full contact kickboxing, glory rules, and other similar contests within the mixed martial arts regulations to provide clarity to the requirements for each. The Committee ended on 18VAC120-42-190. The Committee will begin on 18VAC120-42-200 at the next meeting on June 5th at 10:00 a.m.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

All Board members present completed conflict of Interest and travel forms present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms and Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Adjourn

Leah Jackman, Vice Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on June 5, 2023, 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)

Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Board members, Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Scott Howard (Martial Arts), Brandon Metheny (Wrestling), and Charles Pinto (Citizen), were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Demetrios J. Melis, Director
Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director
Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director
Kathleen R. (Kate) Nobsch, Executive Director

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

Mr. McCadden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nobsch advised the Committee of the emergency evacuation procedures and 911 procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

There was no one present for public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

The Committee determined the next Committee meeting will be June 8, 2023.

Announcements

Ms. Nobsch indicated open cases cannot be discussed. At its last regulatory review meeting the Regulatory Review Committee proposed a change to the definition of exhibition which would address “smokers.” This change is being recommended to the Director as a suggestion for the 2024 legislative package.

Smoker Update

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

Dr. Hardy arrived to the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

**Arrival of Committee
Member**

The Committee continued its line-by-line review of the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, the Committee began with 18VAC120-42-200. A long discussion took place regarding rules and weight classes.

Regulatory Review

Director Melis stated he is supportive of the regulatory effort and the end result will be good. Ms. Nosbisch thanked the Committee for their work.

Director Melis and Mr. Thota left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Departure of Staff

The Committee took a recess from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Recess

The Committee continued reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations. The Committee ended on 18VAC120-42-260.R.6.c. The Committee will begin on 18VAC120-42-260.R.7 at the next meeting on June 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

Mr. Laws left the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

**Departure of
Assistant Attorney
General**

All Board members present completed conflict of Interest and travel forms present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms and Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Adjourn

Delvis McCadden, Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on June 8, 2023, 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)

Demetrios J. Melis, Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Board members, Scott Howard (Martial Arts), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Delvis McCadden (Boxing), Brandon Metheny (Wrestling), and Charles Pinto (Citizen) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator

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

Dr. Hardy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nobisch advised the Committee of the emergency evacuation procedures and 911 procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

There was no one present for public comment.

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch indicated open cases cannot be discussed. At its last regulatory review meeting the Regulatory Review Committee proposed a change to the definition of exhibition which would address “smokers.”

Smoker Update

This change is being recommended to the Director as a suggestion for the 2024 legislative package.

Tabled until next meeting.

**Weight Spread
Difference Update**

The Committee continued its line-by-line review of the mixed martial arts regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. During the review, the Committee determined the regulations would only cover mixed martial arts. All other combat sports, including, but not limited to muay thai, karate, kickboxing, etc., would be required to submit their own rules for review. The Committee completed its review of the regulations and statutes.

Regulatory Review

The Committee took a recess from 11:27 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

Recess

The Committee continued reviewing the mixed martial arts regulations.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

All Board members present completed conflict of Interest and travel forms present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms and Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Adjourn

Daniel Hardy, M.D., Vice Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND
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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A regulatory review meeting was held on July 10, 2023, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)
Brandon Metheny (Wrestling)

Demetrios J. Melis, Director, Steve Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director, Kishore Thota, Chief Deputy Director, Board members, Scott Howard (Martial Arts), Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing), Delvis McCadden (Boxing), Leah Jackman (Martial Arts), and Charles Pinto (Citizen) were not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Jermaine Gray, BMAW Board Administrator
Vernon Porter, BMAW Program Coordinator
Ecila Williams, Administrative Coordinator

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

Dr. Hardy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Call to Order

Dr. Hardy advised the Committee of the emergency evacuation procedures. Ms. Nobisch advised the Committee of the 911 procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

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

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Nosbisch read a public comment from Johnny Davis with the International Kickboxing Federation asking the Board to allow semi contact events as they are not a full contact sport.

**Public Comment
Period**

The Committee conducted its line-by-line review of the Wrestling regulations using the Regulatory Review Matrix Flowchart in order to determine the relevance of each regulation. The committee began at 18 VAC120-43-60. A discussion took place regarding general application requirements and additional requirements for promoters.

Regulatory Review

The Committee took a recess from 11:47 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Recess

The Committee continued reviewing the wrestling regulations, focusing on licensing for managers and referees and event licensing and conduct standards for wrestling.

**Regulatory Review
Continued**

All Board members present completed Conflict of Interest and travel vouchers present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms and Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Adjourn

Daniel Hardy, M.D., Vice Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

- **Public Comment**
- **Resolution**
 - **Delvis McCadden**

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➤ Regulatory Review Update

- General Review

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➤ **2024 Meeting Dates**

- **February 1, 2024**
- **April 19, 2024**
- **July 12, 2024**
- **October 4, 2024**

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➤ **Licensed Population as of 10/1/23**

- **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**

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**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Statement of Financial Activity**

**Professional Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Advisory Board
954810**

2022-2024 Biennium

June 2023

	June 2023 Activity	Biennium-to-Date Comparison	
		July 2020 - June 2021	July 2022 - June 2023
Cash/Revenue Balance Brought Forward		0	108,711
Revenues	22,362	6,868	212,006
Cumulative Revenues			320,717
Cost Categories:			
Board Expenditures	12,880	121,455	184,594
Board Administration	0	0	0
Administration of Exams	0	0	0
Enforcement	0	0	0
Legal Services	0	36	19
Information Systems	0	0	0
Facilities and Support Services	0	0	0
Agency Administration	0	0	0
Other / Transfers	0	0	-232
Total Expenses	12,880	121,491	184,380
Transfer To/(From) Cash Reserves	0	0	(240)
Ending Cash/Revenue Balance			136,576

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	906
Previous Biennium-to-Date	870

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Supporting Statement of Year-to-Date Activity
Professional Boxing, Wrestling, and Martial Arts Advisory Board - 954810
Fiscal Year 2023

	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	25,003	15,749	17,111	13,789	24,197	13,660	5,843	9,717	19,587	13,777	13,282	12,880	184,594	268,397	83,803	184,594	83,803	31.2%
Board Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	9	5	5	0	0	0	19	20	1	19	1	7.0%
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	25,003	15,749	17,111	13,789	24,197	13,660	5,852	9,722	19,592	13,777	13,282	12,880	184,612	268,417	83,805	184,612	83,805	31.2%

- **Event Update**
- **Other Business**
- **Conflict of Interest Forms /
Travel Vouchers**
- **Election of Officers**
- **COIA Training**
- **Adjourn**

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