



ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2020**  
**Davy Crockett Tower**  
**WebEx**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on December 14, 2020 via a WebEx Teleconference. The following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christy Halbert, Dan McGrew, Patrick Wrenn, Matthew Reddish, and Ben Grove

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Kopchak, Roxana Gumucio, Pamela Spicer, and Angela Nelson

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Director Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and took roll, establishing that a quorum was present.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Director Kopchak read the notice of meeting into the record as follows: "Notice of the December 14, 2020 meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 18, 2019; additionally, this month's agenda has been posted to the website since December 3, 2020."

**STATEMENT OF NECESSITY**

Director Kopchak read the statement of necessity into the record. Ms. Halbert motioned to adopt the statement of necessity, which was seconded by Mr. Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. McGrew motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Halbert. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

Mr. Wrenn motioned to adopt the September minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Grove. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## DIRECTORS REPORT

### ***Budget Report***

Director Kopchak reviewed the budget for the first three (3) months of FY 2021, July through September. Director Kopchak highlighted that the budget is currently in surplus, however, without a large event to assist in maintaining it, those funds will start to decrease. The primary reason for the decrease would be the inspection costs associated with smaller events taking place. Director Kopchak stated that this is not unusual for the budget, and that the situation would continue to be monitored.

Director Kopchak took a moment to introduce the newest member of the Commission, Mr. Ben Grove.

## LEGAL

### ***Legal Report (Presented by Pam Spicer)***

- Case No.: 2020073021**  
**First Licensed: 09/09/2020**  
**Expiration: 09/08/2022**  
**Type: Combatant**  
**History: None.**

After an inquiry through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program, it was determined that the Respondent is not found to be a U.S. Citizen or a Qualified Alien.

**Recommendation: Authorize surrender of the license via settlement or hearing.**

**Commission Decision: Concur.**

- Case No.: 2020078551**  
**First Licensed: 06/23/2020**  
**Expiration: 06/22/2022**  
**Type: Combatant**  
**History: None.**

In October 2020, inspectors conducted a weigh in for an MMA event. While weighing in the combatants, as the Respondent stepped on the scale, the inspector noticed a large bulge in the pocket of the combatant's pants. The inspector instructed the combatant to remove the items and a cell phone and a large bag of coins were found. At that point, the weigh-in was stopped and the fight was cancelled. To note, this Respondent was allowed to weigh in with street clothes due to the other combatant weighing in overweight and a decision was made to accommodate the weigh in process by allowing this Respondent to weigh in wearing street clothes.

**Recommendation: Letter of warning.**

**Commission Decision: Represent at March meeting along with a new complaint opened against the promoter.**

***Rules Update***

Ms. Spicer presented a language change to the previously approved "Failure to Appear" section in the unified rules package, Rule 0145-01-.08(6). Ms. Spicer read the current language and then read the modified version. The modified version changes the word 'shall' to 'may' and removes the listing of specific penalties as it would be at the Commission's discretion to discipline should a combatant fail to appear. Ms. Halbert motioned to accept the language change. This was seconded by Mr. Grove. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ms. Halbert to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.