



ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2020**  
**Davy Crockett Tower**  
**WebEx**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on September 21, 2020 via a WebEx Teleconference. The following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christy Halbert, Dan McGrew, and Patrick Wrenn

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Reddish

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Kopchak, Pamela Spicer, Katie Long, and Angela Nelson

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Director Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 September 21, 2020 meeting of the Athletic Commission was posted to the website on September 11, 2020."

**STATEMENT OF NECESSITY**

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

**AGENDA**

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

**JUNE MINUTES**

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

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

***Budget Report***

Director Kopchak reviewed the last three months of record for the budget, which were April through June. Director Kopchak reminded the Commission of the quarterly reallocation and administrative

costback in March due to the personnel assistance required for the IBF event back in February. Director Kopchak then explained that events have started to pick up again since the initial COVID-19 shutdowns and this has resulted in inspection costs. Overall, he concluded that the budget is healthy, and trending as expected.

### ***Sunset Hearing Update***

Director Kopchak informed the Commission that they were extended for another four (4) years by the Joint Government Operations Committee at the sunset hearing on August 25, 2020.

Director Kopchak reminded the Commission that MMA Registry results reporting fees are mandated by the ABC Commission and are already in effect beginning of this year. He then provided an update regarding the current regulatory environment under COVID-19 restrictions due to various Executive Orders.

## **LEGAL**

### ***Rulemaking Discussion***

Director Kopchak reminded the Commission that they had already voted on a unified rules package at the last meeting, but a "Failure to Appear" section and gender-neutral language would need to be added. Instead of sending these additions separately, it would be better to send them in the original rules package with the goal of being able to have a rulemaking hearing at the next board meeting in December. Director Kopchak read the language for the "Failure to Appear" section to the Commission and pointed out that hand wraps were only mentioned once in the title of the rules package but are referred to as bandages everywhere else. Ms. Spicer briefly explained to the Commission the process that the rules package would have to go through before a hearing could take place and stated that she would keep the Commission updated on the progress. Mr. McGrew motioned to approve the addition of the "Failure to Appear" section and gender-neutral language to the existing rules package. This was seconded by Ms. Halbert. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ms. Halbert to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. McGrew. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.