

# ATHLETIC COMMISSION 500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243 615-741-1831

# Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2022 Davy Crockett Tower Conference Room 1B

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on June 13, 2022 in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. The following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christy Halbert, Dan McGrew and Matthew Reddish

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ben Grove and Patrick Wrenn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxana Gumucio, Pamela Spicer, and Katie Long

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Gumucio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and took roll, establishing that a quorum was present.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Director Gumucio read the notice of meeting into the record as follows: "Notice of the June 13, 2022, meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 16, 2020; additionally, this month's agenda has been posted to the website since June 7, 2022."

## **AGENDA**

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

#### **SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

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

#### **RULEMAKING HEARING**

Ms. Spicer explained the rules packet to the Commission. She read the Regulatory Flexibility Addendum, the Economic Statement, and the Joint Gov. Operations Committee responses on the record.

Mr. McGrew motioned to approve these statements, which were seconded by Ms. Halbert. These were passed by roll call vote.

#### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

Director Gumucio presented the promoter application for Kevin Kennemore. The application revealed a personal and working relationship with Tracey Crutcher-Kennemore whose license was suspended in September 2021. Ms. Spicer explained the concerns and answered the commissions questions.

Mr. Reddish motioned to send a letter requesting Mr. Kennemore appear before the commission at their next meeting to answer their questions. This was seconded by Ms. Halbert. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

## **Budget Report**

Director Gumucio briefed the Commission on the status of the budget as of April 2022. Director Gumucio also stated that while the Commission is currently running in a deficit, this is not unexpected due to the lack of large events that increase revenue. The inspections expense continues to be closely watched and part-time inspectors, who are in the immediate area, are utilized to further control travel costs.

# **Election of Officers**

Ms. Halbert thanked the current Chair and Vice Chair for their hard work and guidance.

Ms. Halbert motioned to reelect the same Chair and Vice Chair for 2023. Which was seconded by Reddish. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. McGrew will continue as Chair and Mr. Wrenn as Vice Chair.

#### **LEGAL**

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

#### 1. 2021063171

First Licensed: 04/18/2022 Expiration: 04/17/2024 Type: Participant History: None.

During an event an inspector observed this Respondent accompanying the combatant to the ring. The combatant had not checked in any corners, so the inspector inquired about the names. This Respondent was unlicensed at the time of the event. However, since the time of the event the Respondent has received a license.

**Recommendation: Closure** 

**Commission Decision: Concur.** 

# 2021064211 2021068171

First Licensed: 04/20/2021 Expiration: 04/19/2023

Type: Promoter History: None.

The Respondent did not supply sufficient medical liability insurance for an event.

**Recommendation**: Letter of warning.

**Commission Decision**: Concur.

#### 3. 2021071781

First Licensed: N/A (Applicant)

Expiration: N/A Type: Participant History: None.

This Respondent received a vision exam that was needed for licensure. The Respondent left the store prior to making the payment for the eye exam. This is contractual matter outside the scope of jurisdiction for the commission.

**Recommendation: Closure** 

**Commission Decision: Concur.** 

# 4. 2021079321

First Licensed: 11/27/2021 Expiration: 11/28/2021 Type: Event Permit History: None.

Complainant alleges that he received a check with insufficient funds from the Respondent. However, since the time the complaint was filed, payment has been received and the complainant asks the complaint to be withdrawn.

**Recommendation: Closure** 

**Commission Decision**: Concur.

#### 5. 2022010431

First Licensed: 11/27/2021 Expiration: 11/28/2021 Type: Event Permit History: None. Complainant is alleging that the Respondent failed to pay the purse after an event. This is a contractual dispute as the promoter responded to the complaint stating that the Complainant was paid in cash.

**Recommendation**: Closure

**Commission Decision: Concur.** 

#### 6. 2021079021

First Licensed: 08/10/2021 Expiration: 08/09/2023

Type: Promoter History: None.

The Complainant filed this complaint regarding the fact that he was no allowed to wear his gloves. The gloves he was required to wear were approved by the commission and all fighters wore the same type of gloves.

**Recommendation: Closure** 

**Commission Decision: Concur.** 

#### 7. 2022010421

First Licensed: 08/10/2021 Expiration: 08/09/2023

Type: Promoter History: None.

This Respondent has failed to submit receipt reports to the commission.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement by consent order with a \$500 civil penalty reduced to \$200.00 if the receipt report is received within 30 days.

<u>Commission Decision</u>: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement by consent order with a \$1,000 civil penalty reduced to \$200.00 if the receipt report is received within 30 days. Also, promoter will not be granted a future event permit until this matter is resolved.

#### 8. 2022000171

First Licensed: N/A (Unlicensed)

Expiration: N/A
Type: Event Permit
History: None.

This Respondent conducted an unlicensed and unsanctioned event.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement by consent order with

**\$1000.00** civil penalty.

**Commission Decision: Concur.** 

#### 9. 2021079461

First Licensed: N/A (Unlicensed)

Expiration: N/A
Type: Event Permit
History: None.

The complainant alleges that the Respondent held an event that was not sanctioned by any organizing body. The Respondent provided a response stating that this was not an event subject to the jurisdiction of the athletic commission. The Respondent states that the event is a personal training fight camp and was not a boxing event.

**Recommendation: Closure** 

**Commission Decision**: Further investigate event and re-present at the next meeting.

#### **REPRESENTS**

#### 10.2019072901

First Licensed: 08/05/2019

Expiration: 08/04/2021 (Expired)

Type: Combatant History: None.

Complainant states that on a boxer application, the Respondent marked "No" for the following two questions: "Have you been convicted of a felony offense(s)?" and "Are there any criminal charges pending against you for felony or misdemeanor offenses at this time?" Complainant received a felony warrant from the State of Louisiana showing that the Respondent had a felony conviction of simple burglary on 10/11/2016 and was sentenced to five years of probation. The outstanding arrest warrant stated that the Respondent was charged with absconding/failure to appear on 07/31/2018.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement with agreed suspension of license during time of probation.

Commission Decision: APPROVED

New Information: Unable to locate and outstanding warrants for arrest

**New Recommendation**: Close and flag.

**New Commission Decision: Concur.** 

# 11. 2019093451

First Licensed: 10/31/2019

Expiration: 10/30/2021 (Expired)

Type: Participant History: None.

This complaint stems from a licensee who has been determined by the SAVE program as unauthorized to work in the United States.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Authorize formal hearing. Authorize settlement with agreed revocation of license.

**Commission Decision: APPROVED** 

**New Information**: Unable to locate.

New Recommendation: Close.

**New Commission Decision: Concur.** 

#### 12.2020073021

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.

**New Information: Unable to locate** 

**New Recommendation**: Close and flag.

**New Commission Decision: Concur.** 

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Gumucio presented the 2023 meeting dates. A motion was made by Ms. Halbert to accept the 2023 meeting dates, which was seconded by Mr. Reddish. The motion passed unanimously,

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Reddish to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Halbert. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.