



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2022
Davy Crockett Tower
Conference Room 1B**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on September 12, 2022, in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. The following business was transacted:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxana Gumucio, Pamela Spicer, and Dana Lee

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Gumucio called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 September 12, 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 September 8, 2022."

AGENDA

Dan McGrew motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Matt Reddish. The motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Dan McGrew motioned to adopt the June minutes as written, which was seconded by Christy Halbert. The motion passed unanimously.

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 provided the commission with a recap of the situation, explained the concerns, and answered the commissions questions.

Mr. Kennemore appeared in person. He explained his passion in the industry and desire to become a promoter. He answered the commissioners' questions regarding the role his wife would play in his business, the promoter's responsibility for all that happens with the applications, the event and ultimately to protect the public.

Dan McGrew motioned to approve the promoter license, which was seconded by Ben Grove. The motion failed by roll call vote and the application was not approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget Report

Director Gumucio briefed the Commission on the status of the budget as of August 2022 for the final closure of Fiscal Year 21-22. Director Gumucio stated that while the Commission is currently running in a deficit of 39,307, this is not unexpected due to the lack of large events. The inspections expenses continue to be closely watched.

LEGAL

Legal Report (presented by Pam Spicer)

- 1. 2022017791**
First Licensed: N/A (Unlicensed)
Expiration: N/A
Type: Event Permit
History: None.

Complainant alleges suffering an eye injury caused by an unintentional headbutt during the subject fight. According to the complaint, it was determined by the referee and ringside physician that the Complainant could not continue the fight. On Complainant's public record the match is listed as a "TKO loss." Complainant is requesting to change the official result of this match to "no contest."

Recommendation: Closure

Commission Decision: Concur.

- 2. 2022024381**
First Licensed: 02/22/2021
Expiration: 02/21/2023 (Suspended)
Type: Promoter
History: 2021 - Two complaints opened regarding the Respondent tampering with lab results. The Respondent's license was suspended, and the Commission authorized a formal hearing for revocation of the license.

Complaint alleges a misrepresentation by Respondent by allowing a website to display for image and continue to state the Respondent was acting as a promoter while her license remains suspended.

Recommendation: License is currently suspended, proceed to formal hearing for revocation.

Commission Decision: Concur.

3. 2022030641

First Licensed: 07/07/2016

Expiration: 07/06/2024

Type: Promoter

History: None.

The complaint alleges Respondent promoter is engaging in unfair behavior during a fight, due to a change of referees and a stoppage determination by the referee. Respondent provided a response explaining that the referee schedules were predetermined, and that no unfair behavior occurred.

Recommendation: Closure

Commission Decision: Concur.

4. 2022032051

First Licensed: 06/16/2022

Expiration: 06/15/2024

Type: Combatant

History: None.

Homeland Security determined the Respondent, a licensed boxer, is ineligible for employment.

Recommendation: Close and flag.

Commission Decision: Concur.

RE-PRESENTATIONS

5. 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: Re-present at the next meeting.

New Information: Given the circumstances and appearance that tickets were sold and winners were announced a letter of instruction is recommended to avoid any future appearances that this event could be considered an amateur event.

New Recommendation: Letter of instruction

New Commission Decision: Concur.

Motion- Matt Reddish to accept the recommendations which was seconded by Ben Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Reddish requested the formal hearing for Mrs. Tracey Kennemore be held as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Ben Grove asked about bareknuckle fighting and what it would take to approve these events in Tennessee. Commissioner Reddish explained the possible need for Law and Rule changes. Ms. Spicer explained that legal asked for a proposal of rule changes as well as research on what these organizations are doing in other states. The ownness has been put on the organizations interested in bringing those events to Tennessee to prepare the information for the commission to review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Christy Halbert to adjourn, which was seconded by Dan Mcgrew. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.