

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

In the absence of Chairman Wells, Vice-Chair Shealy called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Shealy announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Board Members:

Commission members present in this meeting included:

Ed Lawson – 1st Congressional District
Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – 3rd Congressional District
Clyde Jones – 5th Congressional District
Steven Dean – 6th Congressional District
Pamela Shealy – At-Large Member

Staff members participating during the meeting included Rod Atkinson, Larry Hall, Diana Williams, Wanda Cooke, Laura Pace and Sheridan Spoon, Advice Counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all present.

INVOCATION was offered by Commissioner Eubanks. A moment of silence was held in memory of Commissioner William “Bill” Boyte, who passed away on January 25, 2014.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval of Commission Member Absences

James Phillips – At-Large Physician
Alan Wells, Chair – 4th Congressional District

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to approve the absences of Mr. Wells and Dr. Phillips. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2013 meeting

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to change line 11 to reflect the meeting started at 4 p.m. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

Vice-Chair Shealy noted that Chairman Wells was unable to attend today's meeting. She welcomed those present.

Administrator's Remarks:

- a. The budget report for December 2013 was reviewed. Discussion ensued.
- b. The Investigative Review Commission report from October 21, 2013, was reviewed.

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the IRC report from October 21, 2013. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Atkinson presented the Office of Investigations case update for review.
- d. Mr. Atkinson presented the 2014 Statements of Economic Interest to the Commissioners for their completion by the deadline of March 30, 2014.

New Business

- a. **Application Hearing**

Boxing Age Restriction Waiver Hearing
Mandie Mills

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Ms. Mandie Mills. Ms. Mills appeared before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of this case and receive legal advice. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to return to Open Session. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Dean made a motion to approve Ms. Mills' application. Mr. Lawton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

b. MMA Licensing Fees and concerns

Mr. Sam King addressed the Commission with concerns regarding the proposed license fee increases. Discussion ensued.

c. Gate Sales Verification and Ticket Control Procedures

d. Charitable Events

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss and obtain legal advice concerning these two agenda items. Dr. Dean seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to table these two items to give the Commissioners time to review this further. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Promoter Representative Responsibilities and Limitations

Mr. Atkinson presented the Commission with questions from staff regarding the responsibilities and limitations of promoter representatives. South Carolina Code of Laws, 40-81-20, section 27 was discussed.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to allow staff to create an authorization form for promoter representatives, with language stating equal responsibilities and limitations as promoters. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. Proposed Chapter 10: Fee Placement Options

Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel, addressed the Commission concerning Proposed Fee Placement Options. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the option recommended by Director Pisarik. Fees will appear in Chapter 10 with references made in the current Regulations. Fees will also appear on the Agency's website. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.