

FLORIDA STATE BOXING COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
1940 NORTH MONROE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1016

December 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order December 10, 2012 at 9:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Mark Williams , Chair
Dr. Wayne Kearney, Vice Chair
Mr. Marco Lopez

MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE

Mr. Antonius DeSisto

OTHERS PRESENT

Cynthia Hefren, Interim Executive Director
Lina Hurtado, Government Analyst II
R. Kathleen Brown-Blake, Prosecuting Attorney
Tom Barnhart, Assistant Attorney General
Alice Downs, AAMMA
Larry Downs, Jr., AAMMA
Corey Shafer, ISKA
Erica White, Prosecuting Attorney
Pepper Norrman
Shane Weinske
Hutch Keller
Josh Douglas
Melissa Posey Furman
Connie Barden
Josh Rutgers
Gar Chisenhall
W.M Clarke, Jr.
Diane Downs

Dr. Williams asked Ms. Hefren if she wanted to change the agenda order; Ms. Hefren moved the order to review the Amateur Sanctioning Organizations first.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to review the Amateur Sanctioning Organization licenses first.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF AMATEUR SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION LICENSES

International Sports Combat Federation- MMA

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were no complaints.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue International Sports Combat Federation's (ISCF) license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

USKBA & USKBA Action Sports, Inc. – Kickboxing

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were no complaints.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue USKBA & USKBA Action Sports' license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

United States Muay Thai Association (USMTA)- Kickboxing

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were no complaints.

Dr. Williams asked about the note on the October 16, 2010 and October 27, 2010 compliance checklists that there was no ambulance on site, no backboard and no hospitals near site.

Mr. Lopez stated his concern about this matter and recommended suspension until further notice.

Mr. Marchak from USMTA mentioned that he was not aware of the missing checklist items mentioned by the commission, stated that he was not present at the mentioned events.

Mr. Barnhart mentioned that if the commission decides to suspend USMTA they will have 21 days to file for an informal hearing, and then file a motion to lift the suspension.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to suspend United States Muay Thai Association's Kickboxing license until further notice.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

International Sport Karate/ Kickboxing Association – MMA

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were no complaints.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue International Sport Karate/ Kickboxing Association's license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

World Kickboxing Association - Kickboxing

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were no complaints.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue World Kickboxing Association's license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

International Kickboxing Federation- Kickboxing

Ms. White reviewed the checklist with the commission and stated that there were records of one complaint filed, but the complaint was closed with no discipline.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue International Kickboxing Federation's license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

American Amateur Mixed Martial Arts, Inc- Boxing/ Kickboxing and Mixed Martial Arts

Ms. White reviewed the checklists with the commission and stated that this organization has three licenses for Boxing, Kickboxing and Mixed Martial Arts.

After the review Ms. White stated that for the August 28, 2010 MMA event compliance was not found, at the October 29, 2010 MMA event compliance was not found. On the July 16, 2011 MMA event compliance was not found and at the August 13, 2011 MMA event compliance was not found.

Ms. White also stated that there were a total of six complaints received against this organization, there was discipline only on one of the complaints on their Mixed Martial Arts license.

Ms. White stated that the no-compliance was only for the Mixed Martial Arts events.

Dr. Williams asked if there was any representation from the organization, and Ms. Furman stated that she was representing the organization.

Ms. Furman addressed the commission in reference to the non compliance items and comments were taken.

Dr. Williams stated that he understands that the organization wants to continue doing business but it is our job to look after the health and safety standards of the participants.

Dr. Williams recommended that the organization must go by the compliance checklist.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue American Amateur Mixed Martial Arts-Boxing license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue American Amateur Mixed Martial Arts-Kickboxing license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to continue American Amateur Mixed Martial Arts-Mixed Martial Arts license renewal for two years.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AMATEUR SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION MIXED MARTIAL ARTS APPLICATION- North American Muay Thai Federation.

Dr. Williams asked for staff recommendation regarding North American Muay Thai Federation's application.

Ms. Hurtado reported that the staff recommendation was to approve the application for North American Muay Thai Federation as an amateur Mixed Martial Arts organization.

After discussion, and review the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the staff's recommendation to approve the application of North American Muay Thai Federation as an amateur Mixed Martial Arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AMATEUR SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION MIXED MARTIAL ARTS APPLICATION- W.A.S.O. World Amateur Sanctioning Organization

Dr. Williams asked for staff recommendation regarding World Amateur Sanctioning Organization's application.

Ms. Hurtado reported that the staff recommendation was to approve the application for World Amateur Sanctioning Organization as an amateur Mixed Martial Arts organization.

After discussion, and review the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the staff's recommendation to approve the application of World Amateur Sanctioning Organization as an amateur Mixed Martial Arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON JAPC LETTERS

Chapter 61K1-1, F.A.C JAPC Letter and response letter

Ms. Brown-Blake reviewed with the commission the letter and response letter, and after discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that no SERC was required at this time and requested a vote.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve no SERC required.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-3, F.A.C JAPC Letter and response letter

Ms. Brown-Blake reviewed with the commission the letter and response letter, and after discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that no SERC was required at this time and requested a vote.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve no SERC required.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-4.006, F.A.C JAPC Letter and response letter

Ms. Brown-Blake reviewed with the commission the letter and response letter, and after discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that no SERC was required at this time and requested a vote.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve no SERC required.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-4, F.A.C JAPC Letter and response letter

Ms. Brown-Blake reviewed with the commission the letter and response letter, and after discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed language.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that no SERC was required at this time and requested a vote.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve no SERC required.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COPIES OF PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING COMMISSION APPROVED RULES

International Fight Sports Comments re: Amateur Kickboxing.

Dr. Williams requested a motion to modify the junior kickboxing to be clearly stated that it should be for the ages from eight (8) years old to seventeen (17) years old.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made the motion to define the junior kickboxing to be between the ages of 8 to 17 years old.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams stated that the age range for Jr. Kickboxing should be two years (24 months).

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the age range to be 24 months.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF POSSIBLE LANGUAGE AMENDMENTS

Chapter 61K1-1, F.A.C.

Ms. Brown-Blake opened the floor for public comment.

After discussion and public comment, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the modifications.
SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-3, F.A.C.

Ms. Brown-Blake opened the floor for public comment.

After discussion and public comment, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the modifications.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-4.006, F.A.C.

Ms. Brown-Blake opened the floor for public comment.

After discussion and public comment, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the modifications.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chapter 61K1-4, F.A.C.

Ms. Brown-Blake opened the floor for public comment.

After discussion and public comment, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the modifications.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

61K1-4.025 Mixed Martial Arts Conduct of Bout; Rounds

Ms. Brown-Blake asked the commission to review lines # 21 and # 22 on page # 281.

Line # 21 striking the head of a grounded or downed opponent:

Mr. Lopez commented that it will be helpful for Florida amateurs to have more experience when they turn professional.

Dr. Williams stated that this will be allowed only after three (3) sanctioned and documented Mixed Martial Arts amateur bouts.

Dr. Williams commented that sanctioning organizations should be responsible for verifying the sanctioned bouts.

Line # 22 striking an opponent who has been downed by a damaging strike:

Ms. Brown stated that this line should be removed.

After discussion and public comment, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the language modifications.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF STATEMENT OF RULE LANGUAGE AND ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST (SERC)

61K1-1.0026, F.A.C.

Dr. Williams asked the commission if there were any comments and no one responded.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to accept the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that proposed rule did not have an economic impact.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve that no SERC is required.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

61K1-4.008, F.A.C.

Dr. Williams asked the commission if there were any comments and no one responded.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to accept the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that proposed rule did not have an economic impact.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve that no SERC is required.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

61K1-4.028, F.A.C.

Dr. Williams asked the commission if there were any comments and no one responded.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to accept the proposed language.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown-Blake stated that proposed rule did not have an economic impact.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve that no SERC is required.

SECOND: Dr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ANDREW WINGE'S APPLICATION FOR RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN

Applicant withdrew his application for Ringside Physician

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Barnhart, Assistant Attorney General, was present at the meeting and advised the commission that he did not have any thing to report.

Ms. White, Prosecuting Attorney, reported that there are three open cases and they are being handled.

Executive Director Report- Cynthia Hefren

Ms. Hefren advised the commission that the commission is restructuring and currently in the process of interviewing for the Assistant Executive Director's position.

Ms. Hefren stated that the commission is working with Promoters to complete post event tax reports timely and correctly. In addition, reminding promoters that all related fees must accompany the live event permit application.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.