

MINUTES

**FLORIDA STATE BOXING COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Professions Conference Room
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1016**

**Conference Call Number 888.808.6959
Conference Code 4137430**

August 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ortiz called the meeting to order August 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ramiro Ortiz, Chair
Donald E. Bowen, Vice Chair
Dr. Melody Jurado
Dr. Mark Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. James Stelnicki (Excused Absence)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Molloy, Executive Director
Christa Patterson, Assistant Executive Director
Maureen Olson, Deputy Secretary for Professions
Donna Cohea, Budget Representative
Dan Biggins, Assistant Attorney General
Libby Duffey, General Counsel
Don Hazelton, Miccosukee Athletic Commission
Mary Horne, Government Analyst II

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2009 GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the March 24, 2009 minutes and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Jurado made a motion to approve the March 24, 2009 minutes with changes.

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

DISCUSSION OF THE ACCELERATE FLORIDA BOXING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ortiz asked Mr. Molloy to provide the Commission with an update of the steps taken by the Department to change the event permit fees and the next steps to take. Deputy Secretary Olson provided the Commission with an overview of the Departments legislative process. She advised the Commission that the Governor requested that each of the State Departments limit legislative recommendations to twenty (20). Mr. Ortiz asked if the event permit fee change was going to be included. Deputy Secretary Olson stated that the event permit fee change was not included but the request to authorize cease and desist notices for unsanctioned boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events was included.

Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that his plan was to meet with Senator Aaronberg to ask if he would champion the proposed legislative language to decrease the boxing event permit fee. Mr. Molloy stated that during his last meeting with Senator Aaronberg he was supportive of decreasing the boxing event permit fee to \$800 or \$1000.

Dr. Jurado stated that last year the Department was hesitant to support the proposed language to decrease the boxing event permit fee and asked if the Department would support the proposed language for next year. Deputy Secretary Olson stated that she would bring the boxing event permit fee issue to the attention of the Secretary, Chief of Staff and to the Legislative Affairs office. Mr. Ortiz asked what he could do to assist with the issue. Deputy Secretary Olson stated she would share the Commissions concerns and comments with the Secretary, Chief of Staff and the Legislative Affairs Director.

Mr. Ortiz stated that in reference to "Accelerate Florida" the only recommendation of the Commission would be to decrease the boxing event permit fee.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jurado stated there is a need for a portable machine to process Boxing/MMA Federal Identification cards at the weigh-in. Ms. Patterson explained that the Federal ID numbers are assigned by Fightfax and the requests for assigned numbers are not processed until the applications are reviewed and processed by the commission office staff. Mr. Molloy stated that he would have to explore the cost for a portable machine and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Ortiz advised the Commission that Dr. Jurado represented the Florida Commission at the 2009 Association of Boxing Annual Meeting. Dr. Jurado stated that the conference was very positive. Mr. Ortiz stated he would like for Mr. Molloy to attend next year's conference.

Mr. Ortiz asked Mr. Molloy if he had any budget recommendations for next year. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he would recommend an additional FTE full time staff and two (2) OPS field staff. Mr. Molloy stated that due to the cost increase of travel additional travel funds should be requested.

Donna Cohea a representative from the Departments Budget Office was present at the meeting. Ms. Cohea addressed the Commission and provided an overview of the budget process. The Commission thanked Ms. Cohea for participating.

Dr. Jurado advised the Commission that even though the Commission has increased its revenue significantly Mr. Molloy and Ms. Patterson have to beg for positions and travel funds. Mr. Ortiz asked for a study with other top Commissions and the number of FTE positions versus the number of events and the amount of revenue coming in.

Mr. Ortiz asked Dr. Jurado to provide the Commission with update of the pension plan project. Dr. Jurado advised the Commission that she had made some really good contacts and that they are very interested in involvement with the pension plan. Dr. Jurado stated that there would have to be strict criteria for the plan. The Commission agreed.

Mr. Ortiz asked if a face to face meeting could be scheduled around the same time period as the Boxing Hall of Fame. Ms. Patterson advised Mr. Ortiz that the Commission could schedule a face to face meeting in Tampa. The Commissioners reviewed their schedules and set a date of November 13, 2009 for a face to face meeting in Tampa.

Mr. Ortiz asked the Commission if they were interested in discussing Instant Replay again. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he was not in favor of Instant Replay. Mr. Ortiz asked that Instant Replay be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Bowen asked who within the Commission is authorized to speak with the press. Dr. Jurado stated Mr. Molloy should be the press contact and all Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he was approached by a promoter with a new type of fighting promotion. Mr. Molloy stated the fight competition included three participants in the ring at the same time. Mr. Ortiz stated that he did not have any knowledge of this type of competition. Mr. Molloy stated that the promoter provided him a video and that he would share it with the Commission at their next meeting. Mr. Ortiz asked that the discussion be tabled to the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.