

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY
DAVY CROCKETT TOWER
NASHVILLE, TN 37243**

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Tennessee Athletic Commission Meeting

Call to Order by Chairman Sammons 10:26 a.m.

In attendance were Chairman Jack Sammons, Commissioners Teri Mast, Neal Frauwirth, M.D. (10:30 a.m.), Chuck Clark (1:00 p.m.), Joe Smith, Stuart Howard (10:33 a.m.), and Scott White, Steve Hannah, Deputy General Counsel Wayne Pugh, Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak, Assistant Attorney General Leslie Bridges, Nicole Canter for minutes.

Absent Kurt Spindler M.D.

Approval of December 11, 2008 minutes. Motion by Commissioner White, second by Commissioner Hannah, motion carried.

Staff Reports/Updates by Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak. Per direction of commission at December meeting, applications for professional event permits are going to be presented before the commission on case-by-case basis. The commission then reviewed an application for 2/20/09 brought by Xtreme Fighting Championships for a pro-MMA event in Knoxville. Promoter John Prisco (Tampa, FL) was in attendance. He is securing a surety bond for promoter's license and also securing insurance for event. Commission can approve event contingent on receipt of both above.

Commission Hannah moved that the commission approve the permit for the proposed XFC event, subject to the completion of surety bond for promoters license and insurance requirements. Commissioner Howard seconded. Discussion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Hannah – yes
Frauwirth – yes
Spindler - absent
Mast - yes
Clark - absent
White - yes
Howard - yes
Smith - abstain.
Sammons – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sammons appointed Commissioner Hannah as designee to oversee this MMA event, in the event the Executive Director is not chosen today.

Discussion of Interview Format

Executive Director Candidate Interview One: William H. Douglas

Executive Director Candidate Interview Two: Thomas E. Mishou

Executive Director Candidate Interview Three: Jeffrey C. Mullen

Executive Director Hiring Discussion. A roll call vote was conducted as to selection of the Executive Director, from the three candidates above.

Hannah – Jeff Mullen
Sammons – Tom Mishou
Frauwirth – Bill Douglas
Spindler absent
Mast – Bill Douglas
Clark – Jeff Mullen
White – Tom Mishou
Howard – Jeff Mullen
Smith – Tom Mishou

Mishou 3, Mullen 3, Douglas 2

A roll call vote was conducted to choose between the top two candidates, Mishou and Mullen.

Hannah – Mullen
Sammons – Mishou
Frauwirth – Mullen
Spindler absent
Mast – Mishou
Clark – Mullen
White – Mishou
Howard – Mullen
Smith – Mishou

Mishou 4, Mullen 4

A roll call vote was conducted to choose between the top two candidates, with roll called in reverse order.

Smith – Mishou
Howard – Mullen
White – Mishou
Clark – Mullen
Mast – Mishou
Spindler absent
Frauwirth – Mullen
Sammons – Mishou
Hannah – Mullen

Mullen 4, Mishou 4

A roll call vote was conducted, with all three candidates considered.

Hannah - Mullen
Sammons - Mishou
Frauwirth - Mullen
Mast - Douglas
Clark - Mullen
White - Douglas
Howard - Mullen
Smith - Mishou

Mullen 3, Mishou 3, Douglas 2

A roll call vote was conducted to choose between the top two candidates, Mishou and Mullen.

Hannah - Mullen
Sammons - Mishou
Frauwirth - Mullen
Mast - Mishou
Clark - Mullen
White - Mishou
Howard - Mullen
Smith - Mishou

Mullen 4, Mishou 4

A roll call vote was conducted, with all three candidates considered.

Smith - Mishou
Howard - Mullen
White - Douglas
Clark - Mullen

Mast - Douglas
Frauwirth - Douglas
Sammons - Mishou
Hannah - Mullen

Mullen 3, Douglas 3, Mishou 2

A roll call vote was conducted to choose between the top two candidates, Douglas and Mullen.

Hannah - Mullen
Sammons - Mullen
Frauwirth - Douglas
Mast - Douglas
Clark - Mullen
White - Douglas
Howard - Mullen
Smith - Douglas

Douglas 4, Mullen 4

The meeting was recessed at 4:56 p.m. The Commission will reconvene on Monday, January 12, 2009 via teleconference. All commission members will be in attendance and all three candidates will be reconsidered.

Recessed 4:56 p.m.

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Monday, January 12, 2009

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The commission reconvened on January 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. All commission members were present via teleconference, except for Scott White, who was present in the Andrew Jackson tower conference room with Deputy General Counsel Wayne Pugh, Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak, and Nicole Canter for minutes.

The commission first determined by unanimous vote that the teleconference was necessary to discuss and vote on the appointment of an executive director which needed to be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting and that no quorum of the Commission could be physically present in Nashville on this date.

Prior to the reconvening of the meeting, Jeff Mullen withdrew his application for consideration. The commission then discussed the remaining candidates, Thomas Mishou and William Douglas.

After discussion, Commissioner Clark moved to adopt by acclamation Mr. Douglas as executive director. Commissioner Fraurwirth seconded. A roll call vote was conducted.

Clark – yes
Fraurwirth – yes
Hannah – yes
Howard – yes
Mast – yes
Smith – yes
Spindler – yes
White – yes
Sammons – yes

The motion carried.

Commissioner Clark moved to offer Mr. Douglas a salary of \$65,000 annually. Commissioner Spindler seconded. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Clark called for the question. A roll call vote was taken as to calling the question.

Clark - yes

Frauworth – yes
Hannah – yes
Howard – yes
Mast – yes
Smith – no
Spindler – yes
White – no
Sammons – no.

The motion to call the question was sustained. A roll call vote was taken to offer Mr. Douglas an annual salary of \$65,000.

Clark – yes
Frauworth – yes
Hannah – yes
Howard – yes
Mast – yes
Smith – no
Spindler – yes
White – no
Sammons – yes.

The motion carried.

Commissioner Spindler moved to offer the position of executive director, with the same salary, to the remaining candidate, Mr. Mishou, in the event that Mr. Douglas does not accept. Commissioner Frauworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.