



ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Teleconference/Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2017**  
**Conference Room 1B**  
**Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission convened by teleconference on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Glenn Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS IN TELECONFERENCE:** Steve Hannah, Donald Wynn, Joe Smith, Chad Chilcutt. Not in attendance for the meeting: Tracy Miller-Davis.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Kopchak (teleconference), Dennis O'Brien, Sara Page, Elizabeth Goldstein, Anthony Glandorf.

**ROLL CALL/NOTICE OF MEETING**

Chairman Steve Hannah called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Director Kopchak took roll call and read the notice of the teleconference into the record, followed by the Statement of Necessity.

**AGENDA**

Motion made by Steve Hannah and seconded by Joe Smith to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Steve Hannah and seconded by Joe Smith to approve the minutes from the September meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**LEGAL REPORT**

- Case No.:** 201702991  
**1<sup>st</sup> Licensed:** 04/13/2017  
**Expiration:** 04/13/2019  
**Type:** Combatant (Professional Mixed Martial Artist)  
**History:** N/A

This complaint was initiated due to USADA flagging the Respondent for potential doping. The initial test was negative, but after standard out-of-competition analysis, the Respondent's sample was flagged due to an increased degree of variability in urinary biomarkers when compared to Respondent's biological passport. A re-test revealed evidence of the prohibited substance DHEA.

Respondent responded through legal counsel. Respondent states that Respondent is being treated by a naturopath doctor for depression and anxiety. After trying a number of other natural treatments with no success, Respondent was advised to take DHEA, 25 mg per day, in order to combat a low testosterone level that was believed

to be a cause of the depression. Respondent claims Respondent was unaware that DHEA was prohibited since it is a natural supplement. Respondent points to the fact that Respondent listed the DHEA on the Doping Control Form as proof Respondent did not believe the use was prohibited. Respondent's attorney also provided argumentation that DHEA is not a drug as defined by the federal laws related to the US FDA .

The USADA is also holding an action with Respondent due to the allegations. Respondent has requested this Commission hold this matter until discipline or the lack thereof is determined with USADA.

**Recommendation: Enter into a monitoring agreement in which Respondent shall update this Commission upon the conclusion of Respondent's action before USADA.**

**Commission Decision: Approved on 9/26/2017.**

**USADA settlement: The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) recommended a universal settlement of an 18 month suspension, effective April 23, 2017.**

**Commission Decision: Approved.**

There being no other business, Joe Smith motioned and Steve Hannah seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 pm. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.