



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2018
Conference Room 1B
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission convened on June 21, 2018, in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Glenn Kopchak called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Hannah (teleconference), Chad Chilcutt (teleconference), and Donald Wynn (teleconference)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Miller-Davis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Kopchak, Elizabeth Goldstein, Aisha Carney (teleconference)

ROLL CALL/NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Kopchak took roll call and read the notice of the meeting into the record, followed by the Statement of Necessity. Steve Hannah motioned to approve the Statement of Necessity which was seconded by Chad Chilcutt. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion made by Steve Hannah and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Kopchak provided a detailed accounting of budget revenue and expenditures, to include line item and trend analysis. Director Kopchak noted that the Commission had a net surplus for the month of April due to a decrease in events over the last few months which resulted in a significant decrease in Field Enforcement expenses.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

There being no legal report due to a lack of complaints, Ms. Goldstein moved directly into providing status updates regarding rules that have already been submitted.

Regarding revisions to Rules 0145-01-.04 (2)(e) & 0145-01-.05 (7) which requires medical insurance "in an amount of not less fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)", the Commission voted to adopt minimum medical insurance limits of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) at the last meeting. Those rules are still awaiting an effective date.

In an effort to further deregulate amateur MMA and amateur boxing events by the state, the Commission voted to approve revisions to Rules 0145-05-.01 & 0145-05-.02. This rules package is still in process and under review.

In order to remain in compliance with current statute and rules, the Attorney General's office has decided to postpone adopting Rule 0145-01-.11 "Loss of Bodily Function" until the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports (ABC) Commission has officially adopted this as their standard.

NEW BUSINESS

In regards to Rule 0145-03-.02 which states, "The ring or fighting area shall have a canvas covering or similar material, tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering shall not be permitted", Director Glenn Kopchak requested an interpretation from the Commission in regards to whether some vinyl hybrids could fall under the "similar material" clause. The Commission decided that some vinyl hybrids are safe and do fall under the "similar material" clause and therefore permitted. The Commission stated that they would provide more input or a criteria for making that determination.

Director Kopchak provided a letter from a local sanctioning body requesting to bring ABC official training to Tennessee to certify judges and referees. No costs would be accrued from the Commission to provide this service. The staff attorney will draft a letter from the Commission indicating interest for these types of events in Tennessee.

Commissioner Chad Chilcutt announced that he will be resigning from the TN Athletic Commission, effective at the end of the meeting, to pursue private ventures as his business continues to grow. His fellow Commissioners and administrative staff thanked him for his faithful and dedicated service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Steve Hannah motioned to adjourn and Donald Wynn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 pm. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.