

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
December 5, 2025, 12:30 p.m. CST

Vice Chairman Paulsen called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present Electronically: Kaleb Paulsen, Jeremy Fox, and Chet Kilmer

Members Absent: Shaina Riggs

Others Present Electronically: Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary, and Jerry McCabe, Department of Labor, Commission legal counsel

Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the ratification of the actions taken at the September 26, 2025, meeting as an added item to the agenda. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen asked for any public comments. No comments were offered.

Kilmer made a motion to ratify the actions taken by the Commission at the September 26, 2025, meeting. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to approve the September 26, 2025, Commission meeting minutes. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer made a motion to accept the October 31, 2025, financial report as presented. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events.

Stalley and McCabe gave an update on proposed legislation to be introduced on the Commission's behalf during the upcoming session.

Fox made a motion to approve the 2026 exempt organization request from South Dakota USA Boxing on the condition South Dakota USA Boxing informs the Commission of any sanctioned events in South Dakota and South Dakota USA Boxing reports all event results and any contestant injuries to the Commission within 30 days of the event and complies with all requirements for exempted organizations. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer made a motion to approve an event request by Professional Fighters League for a mixed martial arts event to be held on May 2, 2026, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the condition the promoter is properly licensed for 2026; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit, and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer made a motion to approve an event request by Legacy Fighting Alliance for a mixed martial arts event to be held on a date to be determined, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the condition the promoter is properly licensed for 2026; the promoter submits the required \$1,000

event fee deposit, and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to approve an event application by Fury Fighting Championships for a mixed martial arts event to be held on a date and at a location to be approved by the Commission on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2026; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit; the promoter provides proof of a \$20,000 surety bond or irrevocable line of credit; and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer made a motion to set the Commission's meeting schedule for 2026 with meetings on March 20, 2026; July 24, 2026; September 25, 2026; and December 4, 2026. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an office update. Stalley noted that Verle Valentine's terms on the Commission are completed. Due to term limits, he is not eligible to be reappointed. His position will be appointed by the Governor. Stalley also noted that a new scale was purchased and certified for use at upcoming events.

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for Verle Valentine's service on the Commission.

Paulsen noted the next Commission meeting is March 20, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. (CDT).

Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Fox, Secretary