

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
December 13, 12:30 p.m. CST

Chairman Valentine called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Paulsen made a motion to approve the agenda. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Paulsen made a motion to approve the September 6, 2024, commission meeting minutes. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to accept the November 30, 2024 financial report as presented. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with legal counsel for consideration of proposed contested cases or litigation and invite Stalley and McCabe to join the executive session at 12:39 pm. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:45 pm.

Stalley provided the Commission with an update on the Commission's proposed legislation. The legislation was not approved for submission and will not be introduced on behalf of the Commission in 2025.

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events.

Kilmer made a motion to approve the 2025 exempt organization request from South Dakota USA Boxing on the condition South Dakota USA Boxing inform the Commission of any sanctioned events in South Dakota and South Dakota USA Boxing report all event results and any contestant injuries to the Commission within 30 days of the event. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to approve an event request by Professional Fighters League 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 2025; 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. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen 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 2025; 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. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to approve an event application by Borroka, LLC 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 2025; 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; the promoter agrees the event card locks seven days before the approved event date and no additional bouts or fighters will be approved after that deadline; the promoter provides the Commission with a copy of the signed contract for all boxers on the approved card at least seven days before the approved event date; the promoter submits a plan for the locker room and ring set up at the venue at least 30 days prior to the approved event date; and promoter complies with all other deadlines and requirements for a mixed martial arts event as set forth in state statute and administrative rule. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox moved to renew the contract with Midwest Solutions for executive services under the current terms for the period of January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen moved to extend the contract with Midwest Solutions for services related to updating the Commission's statutes and administrative rules under the current terms for the period of January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on the administrative rules review project. The Commission plans to propose administrative rule changes in May 2025 for public comment.

Fox moved to set the Commission's 2025 meeting schedule as January 30, 2025, March 7, 2025, May 9, 2025, September 26, 2025, and December 5, 2025. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** Paulsen was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Fox, Secretary