**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2025**

On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:00 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman David Norman, Commissioner James Wilkins, Commissioner Carl Wilson, Commissioner James “Binky” Jones, John Dove, Commissioner for O&P, Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner for O&P, Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel, Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Olga Escobar, Administrative Officer, and Executive Director Johnston Brown. Commissioner Hall was absent. This was a hybrid meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public meeting in person or using the Google Meets platform. The meeting was recorded.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes were discussed from the meeting of July 16, 2025. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL / CANCELLATION / RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION-**

**SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission that the following sanctioned wrestling were cancelled; FWA Wrestling on August 3rd, EWA Wrestling on August 9th, and ACW Wrestling on August 17th.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dave Norman reminded the Commission about the retirement of former Chief Physician, Dr. Craig Fisher, and announced that Dr. John Wills will take over as Acting Chief Physician for the duration of 2025. He also announced that changes will be made to the bout approval process for boxing.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Johnston Brown had no report.

**REVIEW OF COMMISSION SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission about wrestling and boxing events from the previous month. Those events included the following:

ACW Wrestling, July 18th, Hagerstown

ACW Wrestling, July 19th, Power Plant Live!

ACW Wrestling, August 10th, Glen Burnie

ACW Wrestling, August 17th, Power Plant Live!

MCW Wrestling, July 19th, Joppa

MCW Wrestling, July 26th, Perryville

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, July 19th, Horseshoe Casino

Jeter Promotions Boxing, July 26th, Maryland Live!

FWA Wrestling, August 3rd, Havre de Grace

Voltage Wrestling, August 9th, Hagerstown

TNA Wrestling, August 15th, Baltimore

TNA Wrestling, August 16th, Baltimore

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion of upcoming events, which included the following:

AWA Wrestling, August 23rd, Waldorf

Micro Wrestling Federation, September 3rd, Baltimore

Micro Wrestling Federation, September 4th, Glen Burnie

Micro Wrestling Federation, September 6th, Easton

Micro Wrestling Federation, September 7th, Mt. Airy

Micro Wrestling Federation, September 12th, Perryville

Jeter Promotions Boxing, September 20th, Fort Washington

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, September 27th, Baltimore

A motion to approve the upcoming AWA Wrestling event on August 23rd was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Micro Wrestling Federation events on September 3rd, September 4th, September 6th, September 7th, and September 12th was made by Commissioner Wilkins and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Jeter Promotions Boxing event on September 20th was made by Commissioner Wilkins and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Ponytail Promotions Boxing event on September 27th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Boxing promoter Christen Jeter expressed her concerns about a fee that needed to be paid to the Commission that delayed bout approvals for 5 days for her event that is scheduled for September 20th. She also asked in the new bout approval process would slow down the time it takes for fights to be approved in the future. Mrs. Jeter stated that she would like to know who the inspectors are that stay at events past midnight to have a better understanding of the late fee structure. Finally, she expressed her displeasure in the Commission for not approving her fights until the late fee the Commission imposed was paid.

Muay Thai promoter Matthew Van Valkenburgh stated to the Commission that once the professional Muay Thai regulations are approved in Maryland, his promotion will be ready to host events in the state.

Inspector Jamaal Brown asked the Commission for clarification about the Commission’s amateur boxing regulations regarding the boxing and wrestling tax at sporting events. He also asked for clarification about the difference between what a promotor and sanctioning body is.

Teresa Breen commented the number of rounds the Commission can sanction is a regulation that the Commission can amend.

Dr. Michelle Ighboni expressed her desire to serve as a ringside physician.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dave Norman adjourned the meeting at roughly 3:49 pm.

/s/ Dave Norman

Chairman