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ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007
 10:00 A.M.**

Ronald Reagan State Building
 Auditorium
 300 South Spring Street
 Los Angeles, California 90013

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

June Collison
 Christopher Giza, M.D.
 Peter Lopez
 Timothy Noonan

Julio Ramirez
 Mario Rodriguez
 Howard Rose

Staff Present: Armando Garcia, Executive Officer
 Susan Lancara, Assistant Executive Officer
 Rosario Marin, Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA)
 Christine Ribeiro Rubin, Deputy Secretary for Communications, SCSA
 Carrie Lopez, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
 Antonette Sorrick, Deputy Director, Board Relations, DCA
 Anita Scuri, Legal Counsel, DCA
 Spencer Walker, Legal Counsel, DCA
 Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General
 Kathryn Hendricks, Department of Justice, Notary Public

Guests: Mike North Tom Khamvongsa
 Vince Delgado Jay Tau
 Mark Ratner Turi Altavilla
 Michael Mersch David Mendoza
 Marty Denkin Don & Lorraine Chargin
 Gwen Adair Dennis Warner
 Judy Robles Roy Englebrecht
 Stephanie Keplinger Frank Gonzales
 Josie Lambeth B. John Soukhathung
 Baxter Humby Eric Delfierro
 Jaime Vasquez

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer, Armando Garcia, at 10:10 a. m. Commissioner Timothy Noonan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. Mr. Garcia introduced Director Carrie Lopez who made comments about the uniqueness of the Commission and the seal of trust the public expects for themselves and the participating athletes. Director Lopez expressed her thanks to the

new Commissioners for their service and reminded them that as state officials, they must bring honor and responsibility to the office they hold. Director Lopez introduced Secretary Rosario Marin of the State and Consumer Services Agency.

Agenda Item 2. Secretary Marin also thanked the commissioners for their willingness to serve the State of California and encouraged them to serve well. The Secretary administered the oath of office to the commissioners.

Mr. Garcia continued with introductions of staff and asked the commissioners to introduce themselves and give a short biography.

Agenda Item 3. Presentations

Antonette Sorrick, Deputy Director, Board Relations, Department of Consumer Affairs presented an overview of the responsibilities of the commissioner for the California State Athletic Commission. Ms. Sorrick discussed the role of the commissioners regarding policy setting, attendance at meetings, perception as a public figure, no involvement in the day-to-day functioning of the Commission, and the role of the Commission in reviewing disciplinary matters.

Anita Scuri and Spencer Walker, Legal Counsel and Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General, explained the primary responsibilities of the commission with respect to contestants, officials, financial protections, and enforcement and also gave brief presentations regarding the Open Meetings Act and the laws regarding ethics and conflicts of interest.

Additionally, Ms. Scuri reviewed the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and reminded the commissioners that all committees consisting of more than two members must be noticed and that communications between four members on any subject under the commission's jurisdiction would constitute a meeting that is illegal unless the notice and other requirements have been met.

Agenda Item 4. Overview of the State Athletic Commission and Key Issues

Executive Officer Armando Garcia presented the following overview of the state of the commission:

MISSION

The California State Athletic Commission is committed to maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the participants and the public as they are involved in the sports it regulates. To accomplish this, the Commission staff works diligently to guarantee the best possible protection for both stakeholders and the public through effective supervision, fair regulation and policy setting.

VISION

The California State Athletic Commission shall make California the model state for the welfare of boxers and other licensees with worldwide respect from the public and the industry.

HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION

The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) was created by initiative of the people of California in 1924. The Commission is responsible for protecting the health and safety of

boxers, kickboxers and martial arts athletes by administering the laws and regulations relating to the State Boxing Act and complying with the federal Professional Boxing Safety Act and Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act.

OVERVIEW

The Commission has the sole direction, management, control of, and jurisdiction over all professional and amateur boxing, professional and amateur kickboxing, all forms and combinations of forms of full contact martial arts contests, including mixed martial arts, and matches or exhibitions conducted, held, or given within this state.

The State Athletic Commission (Commission) regulates these sports throughout the State by licensing all participants and supervising the events. The Commission is by far the busiest athletic commission in the United States, second in the world only to Japan. It ensures the health and safety of the participants through medical requirements, ability evaluations, and efficient supervision. The Commission also oversees the Professional Boxers' Pension Plan that provides retirement and death benefits to vested boxers.

COMPONENTS

Functionally, the Commission consists of four components:

- Licensing
- Enforcement
- Regulating events
- Administering the Professional Boxers' Pension Fund (Pension Fund)

Its responsibilities include establishing requirements for licensure, issuing and renewing licenses, approving and regulating events, assigning ringside officials, investigating complaints received, and enforcing applicable laws by issuing fines and suspension and revocation of licenses.

MANDATES

The Commission has the following mandates that have been specified by the Legislature and the Commission's stakeholders:

- Approve, manage and direct all professional and amateur boxing, professional and amateur kickboxing, all forms and combinations of forms of full contact martial arts contests, including mixed martial arts bouts held in California.
- License designated occupational groups and approve physical sites where events are held.
- Conduct training seminars for Inspectors, Ringside Physicians and Officials to ensure that they possess the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform their duties.
- Enforce all statutes and rules through contest regulation and disciplinary actions.
- Determine licensee or applicant's ability to perform.
- Process complaints and conduct investigations related to occupations within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- Ensure competitors meet the Commission's health and safety standards by meeting all licensing requirements.
- Develop and administer financial protection programs for the competitors that include the administration of the Professional Boxers' Pension Plan, the oversight of the distribution of its funds.

- Protect consumers by ensuring bouts are fair, well administered and competitive while protecting the health and safety of competitors.
- Identify, train, develop and maintain competent Inspectors, Physicians and Officials.
- Maintain the highest possible ethics by keeping the industry as free from unethical and illegal involvement as possible.
- Seek methods to encourage major events are held in the State.

PERSONNEL

Executive Officer
Assistant Executive Officer
Chief Athletic Inspector
(1) Associate Government Program Analyst
(1) Staff Services Analyst
(3) Office Technicians
(1) Retired Annuitant

2007/08 Budget Change Proposal approved:

Two Office Technicians to be hired on July 1, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS

June Collison*
Term beginning date: 04-13-07
Term ending date: 01-01-10

Timothy Noonan*
Term beginning date: 04-13-07
Term ending date: 01-01-09

Christopher Giza, M.D.*
Term beginning date: 04-13-07
Term ending date: 01-01-11

Mario Rodriguez*
Term beginning date: 03-21-07
Term ending date: 01-01-11

Peter Lopez*
Term beginning date: 04-13-07
Term ending date: 01-01-09

Howard Rose**
Term beginning date: 03-21-07
Term ending date: 1-1-11

Julio Ramirez***
Term beginning date: 01-07
Term ending date: 01-11-11

* Governor appointee
** Senate Rules Committee
*** Speaker of the Assembly appointee

COMMISSION SUNSET

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection recommended in 2005 that the Commission should be allowed to sunset. The Commission was sunset on June 30, 2006 and SB 247 reconstituted it on January 1, 2007 as follows:

1. Reauthorizes the governance of the CSAC by an appointed board through July 1, 2009.

2. Revises the membership of the CSAC, until July 1, 2009, as follows:
 - a. Requires the Governor, Senate Rules Committee, and Speaker of the Assembly to make every effort to ensure that at least four appointees have specified experience and expertise.
 - b. Specifies that all appointees serve four-year terms ending on January 1, and limits each appointee to two consecutive terms except for specified staggered terms of initial appointees.
 - c. Permits all appointees to have served previously on the CSAC.
 - d. Prohibits current licensees or a person licensed within the last two years, from serving on the Commission.
3. Requires the CSAC to submit specified reports to the Governor and Legislature concerning a strategic plan and the condition of the CSAC Neurological Examination Fund and the Boxers' Pension Fund.
4. Retains the person serving as bureau chief of the CSAC program who is in place on December 31, 2006, for a term through June 30, 2007, in order to assure continuity and a stable transition.
5. Requires the CSAC, in June 2007, and for any later vacancy, to appoint an Executive Officer subject to the approval of the Director of DCA.
6. Requires that a physician physically examine an athlete not more than 30 hours prior to the beginning of a first event, to review medical records provided to the physician by the CSAC, to determine whether the contestant may have any condition or prior medical history that poses a potential threat to the contestant's health or may affect the contestant's ability to perform, and to certify in writing as to the contestant's physical condition to engage in the contest or match.
7. Requires an athlete to complete a questionnaire disclosing specified conditions, and prohibits an athlete from competing unless a physician has determined that disclosed conditions do not affect the athlete's ability to perform or pose a potential threat to the athlete's health as a result of competing.
8. Requires a physician to conduct a brief reexamination of the athlete on the day of the event, but no later than one hour before the athlete enters the ring, for the purpose of certifying the athlete's eligibility to compete.
9. Prohibits a contestant from being required to submit to a pregnancy test.
10. Requires an applicant for licensure and renewal, until January 1, 2008, to be examined by a licensed physician and surgeon who specialize in neurology and neurosurgery. For initial licensure, athletes must undergo recommended tests and examinations designed to detect physical conditions that could place the athlete at risk for serious injury or permanent or temporary impairment including but not limited to a neurological or a neuro-psychological examination, a brain imaging scan, an electrocardiogram. For license renewal, athletes must consent to any other tests specified by the physician or required by the CSAC if it appears that the athlete may be at risk of cognitive impairment.

11. Directs the CSAC, by January 1, 2008, to adopt regulations specifying the medical examinations required for licenses and renewal.
12. Specifies the conditions under which the CSAC may accept medical testing performed within one year of licensure or as part of licensure in another state
13. Restricts disclosure of a licensee's medical records without a signed authorization from the contestant except for disclosure to other regulatory or law enforcement agencies where appropriate
14. Permits the CSAC, upon adoption of regulations, to use medical information from licensees for medical research as long as all personally identifying information is restricted, the athlete has consented in writing to participate in the research, and the testing does not influence the required exams.
15. Clarifies the assessments that cover the cost of physical examinations can be imposed on all contests regulated by the CSAC.
16. Changes, for licenses issued on or after January 1, 2007, the licensing period to once each 12 months rather than based on a calendar year.
17. Extends the reporting of revenues and other financial details from a contest or wrestling exhibition from 72 hours to five business days.
18. Caps the five percent fee assessed by the CSAC price for the sale, lease, or other exploitation of broadcasting or television rights at \$25,000 for a contest, subject to the adoption of regulations.
19. Allows the CSAC to enter into contracts for contests for which fees do not apply only if the contract provides for full reimbursement of CSAC costs, a contribution to the Boxers' Pension Fund (Fund), and a contribution to the Neurological Examination Account.
20. Makes findings and declarations regarding the Boxers' Pension Plan (Plan).
21. If authorized by legislation would permit the plan to include all professional athletes regulated by the SAC.
22. Caps administrative costs associated with investing, managing, and distributing the Fund to no more than 20 percent of the average annual contribution made to the Fund in the previous two years.

SB 247 MANDATES AND ACTION PLAN

Strategic Plan

- § 18602.5. (a) The Commission shall adopt and submit a strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or before September 30, 2008.

ACTION: Staff will decide on a facilitator and begin the draft for the plan in Summer 2007.

Neurological Fund Report

- § 18618 The Commission shall furnish to the Governor and the Legislature a report, on or before July 30, 2010, on the following: (a) the condition of the State Athletic Commission Neurological Examination Account and (b) the condition of the Boxers' Pension Fund.

ACTION: The Commission will appoint a Neurological Fund Committee to discuss the present method of collecting revenue, its use, and the overall fund.

Weigh-In

- § 18706 (a) Not later than at the weigh-in time, which shall be not more than 30 hours prior to the beginning of the first event, the physician provided for in Section 18705 shall conduct a physical examination of the contestant and certify in writing as to the contestant's physical condition to engage in the contest or match.

ACTION: The Commission assigns a Ringside Physician to all weigh-ins to conduct a physical examination and complete a Pre-Bout Medical Questionnaire that exceeds the requirements specified in this section.

Medical Examinations

- §18711 a) (1) (A) The Commission shall require, as a condition of licensure and as a part of the application process, the examination by a licensed physician and surgeon who specializes in neurology and neurosurgery of each applicant for a license as a professional athlete or contestant licensed under this chapter or, if for the renewal of a license, this examination every year, in addition to any other medical examinations.
 - (i) Upon initial licensure, the examination shall include tests and examinations designed to detect physical conditions that could place the athlete or contestant at risk for serious injury or permanent or temporary impairment of any bodily function. These tests or examinations shall include, but not be limited to, a neurological examination or a neuro-psychological examination, a brain imaging scan, and an electrocardiogram (EKG). The physician may recommend any additional tests or evaluations he or she deems necessary.
 - (ii) For renewal of a license, the physician shall determine the tests or evaluations necessary, if any.
 - (iii) The commission may require an athlete or contestant licensed under this chapter to undergo additional neurological tests where, based on the totality of the athlete's or contestant's records, it appears the athlete or contestant may be at risk of cognitive impairment.
 - (iv) On the basis of a physical examination under this subdivision, and any additional tests that are conducted, the physician may recommend to the commission whether the applicant may be permitted to be licensed in California or not. The executive officer shall review these recommendations and report any denials of licensure. If, as a result of these recommendations, the Executive Officer refuses to grant the applicant a license or to renew a license, the applicant shall not compete in California until the denial has been overruled by the Commission as provided in this chapter.
 - (v) The Commission may waive the requirement for a brain imaging scan or an EKG if a brain imaging scan or EKG was completed as part of the licensing requirements in another state, the Commission determines that this brain imaging scan or EKG creates a reliable baseline for the athlete or contestant, and the Commission has been provided with a copy of the brain imaging scan or EKG reports.

(vi) This subparagraph shall become inoperative on the date the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subparagraph (B) become operative.

(B) On and after January 1, 2008, all professional athletes licensed under this chapter shall be required by the Commission to complete a medical examination process, which shall include the completion of specific medical examinations, to be determined by the Commission through regulations, as a condition of initial licensure and license renewal. This medical examination process may include examinations required under current law and any additional medical examinations determined to be medically necessary. In adopting the medical examination process, the Commission shall consider the health and safety of contestants, the medical necessity of any examinations required, and the financial aspects of requiring those medical examinations.

(2) In the absence of any pertinent untoward medical event, the Commission may, in its discretion, on forms prescribed by the Commission, accept tests or evaluations that are equivalent to those described in paragraph (1) and that have been completed within one year of licensure to meet the requirements of this subdivision.

(3) (A) Any medical records obtained, reviewed, or created under this chapter shall be utilized only for purposes of administering this chapter. The Commission and any physician may not disclose the athlete's medical records without a signed authorization from the athlete, except that the Commission may disclose those records to other state licensing boards and Commissions to which the athlete has applied for licensure or has an enforcement action pending, or upon court order in a criminal or civil action.

(B) After the adoption of regulations to establish a process for participating in medical research studies, the Commission may use medical information for purposes of participating in medical research studies of the effects on the human body of contests and exhibitions regulated under this chapter. However, medical information shall not include any personal identifying information on any contestant, including, but not limited to, the contestant's name, address, telephone number, social security number, license number, federal identification number, or any other information identifying the contestant. The medical information shall only be provided if the licensed athlete has consented in writing to participating in the research study. The regulations adopted by the Commission shall include a process to ensure that no conflicts of interest arise regarding which medical examinations are required to be completed by contestants.

(b) If an applicant for licensure as a professional athlete under this chapter undergoes a neurological examination for purposes of licensure within the 120-day period immediately preceding the normal expiration of that license, the applicant shall not be required to undergo an additional neurological examination within the following 12 consecutive month license period unless the Commission, for cause, orders that the examination be taken. The Commission shall notify all Commission approved physicians and referees that the Commission has the authority to order any professional athlete to undergo a neurological examination.

(c) The cost of the examinations required by this section shall be paid from assessments on any one or more of the following: promoters of professional matches, managers, and professional athletes or other contestants licensed under this chapter. The rate and manner of assessment shall be set by the Commission, and may cover all costs associated with the requirements of this section. This assessment shall be imposed on all contests approved by the Commission under this chapter. As of July 1, 1994, all moneys received by the Commission pursuant to this section shall be deposited in and credited to the State Athletic Commission Neurological Examination Account which is hereby created in the General Fund.

(d) Whenever a reference is made to the Boxers' Neurological Examination Account, it is to be construed as referring to the State Athletic Commission Neurological Examination Account.

ACTION: New specific language regarding medical examinations requires clarifying regulations and must be in place by January 2008. Preliminary language for standardizing the medical tests will be discussed by the Medical and Safety Standards Committee and the Commission before a hearing is scheduled. Physicians will be told that any additional medical tests must be required on a case-by-case basis for the special circumstances of a particular individual until new rules are in place. Detailed consultation with the Neurological Fund Committee and the Budget Office on how the neurological exams may be paid will begin as soon as the committee is in place. The rulemaking process will begin as soon as possible after finalization of the discussions.

COMMENT: The issue has been clearly debated at two separate Ringside Physician seminars, September 2006 and April 2007 and a fair and equitable process that promotes health and safety while at the same time considering financial hardships to licensees is in place.

Preliminary discussions with the Budget Office indicate that there is insufficient funding to pay for neurological examinations and that the only method available to cover the associated costs is to raise the per ticket assessment drastically.

Staff will be making recommendations to the Commission at the most opportune time.

Licensure Period

- § 18722 (b). A license issued on or after January 1, 2007, shall expire 12 months after issuance, on the last day of the 12th month. To renew an unexpired license, the license holder shall, on or before midnight of the day on which the license would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the Commission and pay the prescribed renewal fee.

ACTION: Staff modified current licensing forms and informed the stakeholders of the change in law.

Contracts for Commission supervision of events held on tribal land

- § 18728 (a) The Commission may enter into a contract to sanction, supervise, or provide other services for contests under this chapter for which the fees under this chapter do not apply only if the contract provides for a payment to the Commission for reasonable and necessary services provided under the contract.

ACTION: Staff worked with the Legal and Attorney general counsels and developed a contract for services.

The issue will be placed in the first available Commission meeting agenda to discuss its official implementation.

Since January 2007 the Commission has raised its fees for events held on tribal land to cover Commission expenses and comply with the bill.

ADMINISTRATION

Inspector Program

The Commission continues to strive to staff all events with the appropriate number of inspectors to ensure the health and safety of the athletes and the attending public. Two inspector training classes have been conducted, one in June 2006 and a second in March 2007.

The June 2006 mandatory training class was attended by nearly forty permanent inspectors and as many interested in becoming an inspector. Those interested in becoming an inspector began training sessions and those who successfully completed them were appointed in temporary positions until the Athletic Inspector examination was scheduled. The examination oral interviews were conducted in April 2007 and twenty eight candidates passed the exam and will be appointed to permanent intermittent positions with the Commission. The March 2007 class was attended by permanent inspectors, training inspectors and those interested in becoming an inspector. The process for on-the-job training has begun for eight new inspectors. We anticipate another training class for potential inspectors in September 2007.

Mixed Martial Arts Program

Rules were officially approved on December 28, 2005. The first event was held on March 9, 2006.

Anti-Doping Program

The Commission has developed anti-doping procedures that have set industry standards. The program conforms with Title 4, Business Regulations, Division 2, State Athletic Commission, Chapter 2. Professional Boxing Rules, Article 6 and Physical Examinations and Safety, Rule § 303, Administration or Use of Drugs.

Prior to March 2006 the Commission had an inconsistent anti-doping program. In March 2006 the Commission began to revise its program with the assistance of the Inspector team and in consultation with the Department of Finance.

From March 2006 to March 2007 the Commission conducted approximately 250 anti-doping tests after events. As a result of this testing, approximately 25% of the athletes tested positive for a variety of drugs that ranged from marijuana to cocaine, methamphetamine, and pain killers. At that time the Commission did not have the ability to test for steroids.

Beginning on March 31, 2007 the Commission embarked on a program that mirrors the World Anti Doping Association (WADA) program. Generally speaking, all competitors are subject to testing for a wide range of prohibited substances. Selected athletes will be tested for steroids prior to competition with the specimen being forwarded to a nationally accredited laboratory for testing. The steroid testing technology that will be utilized requires the submission of two separate samples to a laboratory, a testing process that will assure a 100% rate of accuracy.

Additionally, selected athletes will also be instantly tested for a variety of commonly used street drugs after competition. The available technology for instant testing provides 98% to 99% accuracy. All instant positive tests are sent to a laboratory for further analysis that yield 100% accuracy for a clear determination.

An analysis of the 2006 positive test results indicates that overall positive test results of boxing to martial arts (which includes kickboxing and MMA), reveals an approximate rate of 55% boxing to 45% martial arts in positive tests. A closer analysis reveals that there is a higher rate

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of positive tests for martial arts to boxing because there was approximately three times the number of boxing events as there were martial arts or MMA events.

Current program positive test results

Type of Drug/Irregularities	March 31, 2007 to current
Steroids	3
Drugs of abuse	9
Diluted Specimen	1
Adulterated Specimen	1

Events Data

# of Commission Supervised Events	FY 2005/06	FY 2006/07	FY 2007/08 Scheduled through 12-31-07
Weigh-Ins	166	173	42
Shows	166	173	42
TOTAL	332	343	84

Type of Events	FY 2005/06	FY 2006/07	FY 2007/08 Scheduled through 12-31-07
Boxing	121	104	28
MMA	36	57	14
Kickboxing	9	12	0
TOTAL	166	173	42

Native Land Shows	31	32	10
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# High-Profile Events*	FY 2005/06	FY 2006/07	FY 2007/08 Scheduled through 12-31-07
Boxing	4	4	
MMA	4	9	4

*High-profile includes World Championships, sanctioning body championships, events with extensive media coverage through print or internet, Pay-per-view.

Amateur Toughman Events

A close review of the present policies regarding these events revealed that they are inconsistent with existing regulations. During the review it has also been determined that there are critical health and safety issues that the Commission needs to address. For example, no national registry exists to assist the Commission in evaluating the suitability of the competitors to participate or track the athlete's suspensions. There is inadequate medical testing for athletes. This matter will be included on a future meeting agenda.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Officials Training

Although it is mandated by law, there have been no officials training since 1998.

The first in a series of training classes for officials was held on September 22-24, 2006 in Anaheim with attendance of more than 140 participants. Twenty-nine candidates who took the boxing referee exam in Anaheim during the official's training were invited to participate in a follow-up training on May 12, 2007 in Long Beach for boxing officials. Because of the shortage of MMA officials, all candidates interested in mixed martial arts officiating from the September class were invited to attend an additional training class on May 19, 2007 in Long Beach.

The second classes in the series consisted of additional classroom instruction and review of videos for discussion and judging practice. The process will eventually include a practicum for referees. Those in attendance will continue with training classes while staff works with the department's Office of Examination Resources to develop an examination for the licensing category of referee and judge. Those successful in the oral interview examination will proceed through additional on-the-job training.

Strategic Planning

Per SB 247 the Commission is required to report on the progress of its strategic plan to the Legislature on or before September 20, 2009. With assistance from the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Commission will investigate the option of hiring a consultant to help in the planning and preparation of a strategic plan in the summer of 2007.

Meetings

Meetings	2005*	2006	2007**
Commission Meetings	5	4	n/a
Advisory Committee Meetings	n/a	3	n/a
Training Sessions	0	2	1
Informational Meetings	0	2	5
Outreach/Town Hall Meetings	0	0	4

* From June 1, 2005

** (Held, scheduled or planned through 12-31-07)

Fund Condition

See documents prepared by our budget analyst for Support, Pension Plan and Neurological Plan fund condition, revenue projections, expenditure projections under Tab 7 of the meeting packet.

BUDGET CHANGE PROPOSALS (BCP)

2005-06 Budget Change Proposal:

1. Mixed Martial Arts Spring Finance Letter – Approved

2006/07 Budget Change Proposal:

1. Critical Staff Augmentation (2.5 positions, 1 Associate Governmental Program Analyst reclassified to the Assistant Executive Officer, one Office Technician and .5 Office Technician) - Approved

2007/08 Budget Change Proposals:

1. Additional Funding for Training - Approved
2. Additional Funding for Inspectors and two Office Technician positions. – Approved

2009/10 Budget Change Proposal:

1. Request for funding to support new database system. Feasibility Study Report completed and being prepared for submission as part of the BCP.

Agenda Item 5. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

Mr. Garcia reviewed the following agenda items with the commissioners for the next meeting:

- Executive Officer Position
- Health and Safety Committee
- Pension Plan Committee
- Arbitration Process
- Native Government Contract
- USA Boxing amateur delegation
- Physician's malpractice insurance
- Toughman Events
- Mixed Martial Arts Committee
- Official's Training
- Medicinal marijuana
- Anti-doping process
- Amateur MMA
- Neurological Fund
- 2007/08 budget

Agenda Item 6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Garcia entertained nominations from the commissioners for the position of Chair for the remainder of 2007. June Collison was nominated and seconded and elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Mr. Garcia entertained nominations from the commissioners for the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of 2007. Mario Rodriguez was nominated and seconded and elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Future Meeting Dates

The commissioners agreed that the next meeting will be held on June 25, 2007 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 8. Public Comment

1. Baxter Humby, kickboxing licensee, spoke about his pursuit of an MMA license.
2. Paul Herrera, Hit Man Fighting Inc. an MMA promoter addressed the commission regarding his September 30, 2006 event that was shut down by the commission due to not enough rounds. He noted that other MMA shows that had been shut down for lack of rounds received a refund of the fine levied against them for lack of rounds but he had not. Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General instructed Mr. Herrera to submit a formal letter to the commission with the facts, summary

of event and request for review and action. Ms. Chappelle noted that a discussion of this kind was not appropriate for public comment.

3. Marty Denkin, Judge. Mr. Denkin addressed the commission regarding the need to notify interested persons of meetings, not just through the website, that he noted is great, but through other means as well. Mr. Denkin urged the commission to post meeting notice in all gyms so that all stakeholders could be informed without using the website. Mr. Denkin also noted that the best attended commission meeting was held in a gym on a weeknight.
4. Dennis Warner, In Sync Productions, Inc. Mr. Warner congratulated the commissioners on their appointment and noted that the law and regulations on the web site are not current to include mixed martial arts. Mr. Warner also noted that he would like to see consistent enforcement.

Agenda Item 9. Adjournment.

There was no further public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.