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**CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
May 16, 2014

LOCATION:

California Department of Transportation District 7  
100 South Main Street, Room-01.040 B  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Commissioners Present**

John Frierson, Chair  
John Carvelli, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Christopher Giza  
Commissioner Van Buren Lemons  
Commissioner Mary Lehman  
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez

**Staff Present**

Andy Foster, Executive Officer  
Sophia Cornejo, Assistant Executive Officer  
Spencer Walker, Senior Staff Counsel, DCA

**Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 2 – Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Chairman Frierson stated that he will be reducing the number of subcommittees within the commission.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of March 17, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Minor changes were made to the meeting minutes including agenda item number 15. Vice-Chair Carvelli motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Giza seconded the motion – passing 6-0

**Agenda Item 4 – Executive Officer Report**

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Foster presented the Commission with an overview of the Commission's current budget. He explained that it appears CSAC may end up slightly over budget for FY2013/14; however, the reserves are not an issue. Vice-Chair has been assisting the EO with the budget. The EO stopped all non-critical cases at the AG's office; stopped purchases; reduced postage; Inspectors are being assigned at a reasonable level. Fund balance is healthy and growing. CSAC's Event Schedule is heavy for the next 4 months. Vice-Chair Carvelli commented that CSAC's spending authority is 40% less than prior years yet the number of events is trending the same. Vice-Chair is comfortable with the work the EO has done to stay as close as possible with the spending authority. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez commented that 85-90% of CSAC

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events are in Southern California and that she would like to explore options to having CSAC operations based in Southern California. She further stated that this would save a lot of travel expenses. Vice-Chair Carvelli agreed and stated that not only travel savings but most of the promoters are in Southern California and that perhaps only the EO should be moved to Southern California. The Chair stated that he would like the Vice-Chair to work with the EO on the various options.

### **BOXER'S PENSION FUND/NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION ACCOUNT UPDATE**

The EO stated that he moved \$250,000 plus \$100,000 to the Pension Fund from Raymond James due to the increase in claims. The EO presented the Pension chart and pointed out that 2014 will be the largest year for retirement pay-outs.

### **REPORT ON ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN**

The EO reported that he and the Chair attended an anti-bullying event on April 29, 2014, at a Southern California high school. The Chair commented that the event went very well and that they had a full house.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Subcommittee Reports**

#### **a) Legal Oversight Subcommittee (Carvelli/Shen-Urquidez)**

Commissioner Lehman stated that this subcommittee name was changed to "Litigation Strategy Committee" .

#### **b) Youth Pankration Subcommittee (Lehman/Carvelli/Shen-Urquidez)**

The EO stated that Commissioner Shen-Urquidez has been added to the Youth Pankration Subcommittee. Vice-Chair Carvelli stated that the next steps is to bring the final Report to the Commission at a teleconference meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014.

#### **c) Large Event Incentive Subcommittee (Frierson, Carvelli)**

Vice-Chair Carvelli did not have anything to add at this time.

#### **d) Transgender Licensing Subcommittee (Lehman, Giza)**

The EO stated that the language for the proposed regulations has already been approved by the commissioners and that he would like to work with the subcommittee members on drafting the Initial Statement of Reasons for the regulation package.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Review and possible action of Pension Lost Beneficiary Clause proposed regulation language.**

Legal Counsel Spencer Walker explained the rulemaking process and the withdrawal process. Vice-Chair motioned to approve the proposed language; Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion. Commissioner Lemons motioned to direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process and authorized the EO to approve non-substantive changes. Vice-Chair seconded the motion - passing 6-0.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Review and possible action of Neurological Assessment proposed regulation language.**

The EO presented the language to the Commissioners and stated that it was difficult to come up with the amount for the assessment. He further stated that \$175 is acceptable by the industry if the Commission covers the costs of the Neurological Examination required for licensure. Commissioner Giza had concerns with how the Commission was going to carry this out. He stated that the spending authority may be insufficient at \$90,000 if the Commission pays for all examinations. Commissioner Lehman suggested modifications to the language to add a point

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at which the assessment shall be re-assessed. Commissioner Giza motioned to approve the language as modified; Vice-Chair Carvelli seconded the motion - passed 4-0-2 (Giza, Carvelli, Lemons, Frierson voted yes; Lehman and Shen-Urquidez abstained).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mario Perez commented that he would like to see this language approved and in the regulations.

Commissioner Giza motioned to direct staff to commence with the rulemaking process and allow the EO to approve non-substantive changes. Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion - passed 6-0.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Review and possible action of the Television Tax Cap proposed regulation language**

The EO presented the proposed language and stated that California is still one of the lowest in regards to the Television Broadcast Fee. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the proposed language as written; Vice-Chair Carvelli seconded the motion - passed 6-0.

Commissioner Giza motioned to direct staff to commence with the rulemaking process and allow the EO to approve non-substantive changes. Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion - passed 6-0.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Discussion and possible action of Safety requirements with USA Boxing.**

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez gave a presentation regarding the subcommittee's review of the Amateur Boxing Delegation to USA Boxing.

Many members of the LBC's and USA Boxing were present and commented in opposition to the recent Cease & Desist issued to USA Boxing on any events without an ambulance present. The Executive Director of USA Boxing requested consideration to delay the May 31, 2014, cease & desist date until January 31, 2015. He further stated that he will work closely with the LBC's to meet one of the solutions presented by Commissioner Shen-Urquidez. DCA Legal Counsel stated that because CSAC is now on notice that USA Boxing is not following the law, there is a huge liability should anything go wrong.

Mr. Mike Martino of USA Boxing stated that USA Boxing would comply with the CSAC ambulance deadline requirement within the applicable deadline.

After much discussion, the Chair moved on to the next agenda item.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Discussion and possible disciplinary action again Trainer Joe Goossen.**

The EO summarized what occurred at the Golden Boy event on April 25, 2014, in Carson, California. Mr. Goossen apologized to the Commission for his behavior and stated this is the 1st time in 43 years in this industry that he has lost his temper. He reassured the commission that it will not happen again.

The EO recommended reducing Mr. Goossen's fine \$500 and lift the suspension. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to reduce the fine to \$500 and lift the suspension. The

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Chair seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lemons stated that we can't have anyone ever touch the ringside physicians. Commissioner Giza agreed with Commissioner Lemons and stated that the ringside physicians should never feel threatened. The Chair stated that Mr. Goossen has been punished and will be fined, however, he feels his track record means a lot.

Vice-Chair Carvelli disagreed with the motion, particularly lowering the fine.

Commissioner Lehman motioned to increase the fine to \$1500 and remove the suspension. Vice-Chair seconded the motion - passed 4-2 (Shen-Urquidez and Frierson opposed).

**Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT