

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Board Meeting
November 10, 2009

The Board Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Tuesday November 10, 2009 at 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA (Sloppy Floyd State Office Building) West Tower, 8th floor Conference Room (Office of Secretary of State).

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
JJ Biello- Chairman Chrsitopher Harris by phone Cary Ichter by Phone Dr. Wayne Bloodworth Rick Thompson	Andy Foster, Executive Director Daniel Strowe, Attorney Generals Office, Adrian Patrick Shea Bailey David Oblas Megan Schwartzlander Daniel Smart Brett Moses Andy Stroud Uruahy Rodrigues Brian Dean

Vice Chairman Ichter established that a quorum was present and the public hearing that was scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Motion to approve the 10/13/2009 Minutes. Commissioner Bloodworth made a motion, Commissioner Biello seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to have executive director write a letter and send a plaque to former Chairman Phil Hunnicutt. Vice Chairman Ichter made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth Seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to elect a new chairman to fill the remaining term of former Chairman Phil Hunnicutt. Commissioner Bloodworth made a motion, Commissioner Harris seconded and the board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Biello as the new chairman of the GAEC. Chairman Biello takes over the meeting.

Motion to Strictly Enforce O.C.G.A. 43-4b-53. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Harris seconded. In Discussion, the board determined that this interpretation does not apply retroactively. The board voted unanimously that the

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law will be strictly followed, interpreted, and enforced in regards to O.C.G.A 43-4b-53 which states:

§ 43-4B-53. Prohibited activities for felons or persons convicted of crime of moral turpitude

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other law to the contrary, no person or entity shall directly or indirectly engage in the practice of being a promoter of kickboxing, muay thai, Thai boxing, full-contact karate, mixed martial arts, shidokan, or martial arts matches, contests, exhibitions of any type, or be employed or otherwise serve as a manager, matchmaker, or organizer for any person or entity engaged in the practice of being a promoter of kickboxing, muay thai, Thai boxing, full-contact karate, mixed martial arts, or martial arts matches, contests, or exhibitions of any type, who has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, has entered a plea of nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any offense that, had it occurred within this state, would constitute a felony or crime of moral turpitude under the laws of this state for a period of ten years from the date of such conviction or plea. For purposes of this Code section, a conviction shall include but not be limited to disposition under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other law to the contrary, no person or entity shall be retained, employed, or otherwise serve as a sanctioning, governing, licensing, authorizing, or ranking body or organization or act as an employee or representative thereof for any kickboxing, muay thai, full-contact karate, mixed martial arts, shidokan, or martial arts matches, contests, or exhibitions of any type promoted, managed, or organized in violation of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other law to the contrary, no sanctioning, governing, licensing, authorizing, or ranking body or organization for any kickboxing, muay thai, Thai boxing, full-contact karate, mixed martial arts, shidokan, or martial arts matches, contests, or exhibitions of any type shall employ, designate, or otherwise assign or utilize any person as a representative or official who has pleaded guilty to, has entered a plea of nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any offense that, had it occurred within this state, would constitute a felony or crime of moral turpitude under the laws of this state for a period of ten years from the date of such conviction or plea. For purposes of this Code section, a conviction shall include but not be limited to disposition under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(d) The first violation of this Code section by any individual or entity shall constitute a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Any second and subsequent conviction under this Code section shall constitute a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

Motion to amend the proceeding motion to have the Secretary of the Commission notify law enforcement of the commissions interpretation and intent to strictly enforce O.C.G.A. 43-4b-53. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Biello seconded, and the board voted unanimously to approve.

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Motion to approve Soco De Boss (Sin City Fight Club) 1/16/2010 MMA event permit Commissioner Bloodworth made a motion, Commissioner Biello Seconded and the board voted unaimoulsy to approve.

Motion to approve Kozalt LLC 1/29/2010 MMA Event Permit. Commissioner Bloodworth made a motion, Commissioner Thompson seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to rehear Harry Barnett's claim against Alex Beadle Commissioner Biello made a motion to take no action, Commissioner Bloodworth seconded and the board voted unanimously not to rehear Mr. Barnett's claim.

Motion to have William Bailey have a cardiology exam before granting of license. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth Seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to approve Andre Baker for a boxer's contestant license. Executive Director Foster explained that Andre Baker has a poor record, but has reasonable skills for professional boxing. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Biello seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to overturn the decision of Bobby Peavler vs Josh Lening fight from a loss for Bobby Peavler to a No Contest. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Biello seconded and the board that viewed the video voted unanimously to approve. Commissioner Ichter and Harris Abstained.

Motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss disciplinary action for Uruahy Rodriguez. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Thompson seconded and the board voted to enter executive session. 11:48a.m.

Chairman Biello declared open session 11:54 a.m.

Motion to suspend Uruahy Rodriguez 6 months with a warning that any more poor conduct infractions will result in a permanent suspension. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Thompson seconded and the board members that could see the video voted to suspend. Commissioner Ichter and Harris Abstained.

Motion to end the meeting Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.