

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
 Commission Meeting
 October 17th, 2013

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday October 17, 2013, at The Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Commissioners were present:	Others Present:
J.J. Biello- Chairman Moses Ector- Vice Chairman Ben Kiker Rick Thompson	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General Office [Reagan Dean] Megan Swartslander David Oblas Joe Elmore Henry Okafor

Chairman J.J. Biello established that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that were scheduled to begin at 11:00am and was called to order at 11:00am.

Motion to Approve the commission meeting minutes from September 26th, 2013. Commissioner Rick Thompson makes a motion. Vice Chairman Moses Ector seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve Mayer Property and Investment, LLC promoter's license application. Chairman Biello tables until to end of the meeting to see if Zsombor Mayer attends the meeting.

Motion to Approve the 12/13/2013 NFC 61 event permit. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

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Public Hearing on Joe Elmore's behavior from the August 24th event. Matt Woodruff stated for the board the Mr. Elmore exchanged verbal language with Erin Barnett, Chief Official, at the August 24th event in regards to how the weigh in was being conducted and how we would not let him weigh in ahead of time. Mr. Elmore admitted the allegations of verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct by expressed remorse and regret over his conduct. Chairman Biello makes a motion to suspended Mr. Elmore for 1 year. Commissioner Thompson seconds. Vice Chairman Ector suggests that we start the suspension on January 1st, so he can fight in December on the card he is already on. Commissioner Ben Kiker feels that a year suspension might be too long, and end his career. The Commission votes 3-1 to suspend for 1 year effective today.

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Request to Change the fight decision between Joe Elmore and Craig Johnson from the August 24th event. Reagan Dean said that there are boxing rules to allow a fight to be changed, however there is nothing listed about allowing an MMA fight to be changed. Commissioner Thompson said in the past with former Attorney General Representatives, they have followed the boxing rules when looking to review an MMA fight. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to table this for the Attorney General to look into the legal authority over this to see if a decision can be changed and report back to the Commission at the November meeting. Chairman Biello seconds and the Commission votes 4-0.

Discussion with Pastor Henry Okafor about his canceled event. Mr. Woodruff stated to the board as to why Pastor Henry's event was canceled, which was due to non-payment for the Commission staff working the event. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to liquidate his bond on file to pay the fighters and staff who were supposed to work the show. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to liquidate the bond.

Discussion on amateur fighter's affidavit to verify amateur fighters records due to the inaccuracy of mma.tv. Commissioner Thompson makes to post this affidavit for 30 days. Vice Chairman Ector seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to post.

Discussion on smokers/exhibitions events that are taking place currently through the state. Mr. Dean said that these could be illegal if money is gained from fighters taking money, by selling tickets, or anything to earn a financial gain then it is a promotion and if they are not licensed it is then illegal. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to have the Secretary of State investigate this matter and report back to the board. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the license application for Rolanda Andrews. Mr. Woodruff stated she is a 45 year old fighter who wishes to obtain a boxing license. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Amend the agenda to approve the license application for Chris Jordan. Chairman Biello makes a motion to amend. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to amend. Mr. Woodruff stated he is a 43 year old fighter who wishes to obtain a boxing license. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Public Hearing for Joe Gibson from his actions from the August 24th event. The Commission is shown a video of his fight from the event. Mr. Gibson did not appear to contest the allegations after notice was sent to him. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to suspend him indefinitely, and can come defend his actions if he chooses to. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to suspend.

Motion to Approve Mayer Property and Investment, LLC promoter's license application. Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to approve his application. Chairman Biello seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

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Discussion with Commissioner Thompson on when the rules meeting will be taking place and request to have that placed on next month's agenda so the board can discuss possible rule changes.

Motion to adjourn. Chairman Biello makes the motion, Commissioner Thompson seconds and the commission voted 4-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.