

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Commission Meeting
October 19, 2023

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Suite 802- West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Commissioners were present:	Others Present:
Seth Millican- Chairman Rick Thompson- Vice Chairman* Dr. Jeff Traub, MD Dr. Chris Haraszti, MD Clay Bennett	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General's Office [Max Changus] Attorney General's Office [Justin Cotton] Megan Swartzlander Judy Starkey David Oblas
* By Phone	Charlene Dickson Jim Sheppard Jon Fonville Rich Franklin Mike Mazzulli* [ABC President] Andy Foster* [California Director]

Chairman Seth Millican established that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that was scheduled to begin at 1:30pm and was called to order at 1:30pm.

Motion to Approve the Commission meeting minutes from 9/21/23. Vice Chairman Rick Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Dr. Jeff Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 11/11/23 J.BE Promotions event permit. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Dr. Chris Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting- Advanced Promoting. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Clay Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve NFC Fighting promoter license for 2024-2025. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to conditionally approve the application pending the \$50,000 surety bond is submitted to the Commission by March 15th. Commissioner Traub seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 6/21/24 NFC Fighting event permit. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to conditionally approve the application pending the \$50,000 surety bond is submitted to the Commission by March 15th. Commissioner Traub seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 12/13/24 NFC Fighting event permit. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to conditionally approve the application pending the \$50,000 surety

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bond is submitted to the Commission by March 15th. Commissioner Traub seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting- Shin Guards. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting- Muay Thai Gloves. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

ABC President Mike Mazzulli and California State Athletic Commission
Executive Director Andy Foster speak to the Global Rule Set.

Motion to Approve ONE Championship promoter license. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 11/8/24 ONE Championship event permit. Commissioner Bennett makes a motion to conditionally approve the application pending the 2024-2025 application with updated surety bonds are submitted by June 1, 2024. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to conditionally approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Advanced Promoting. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Muay Thai Fouls. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Point Deductions. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Judging Criteria for Scoring. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- MMA Weight Classes. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Female Equipment. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Muay Thai Gloves. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Muay Thai Weight Classes. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- 12-6 Elbow. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by One Championship- Knee to Grounded Opponent. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Bennett seconds. Commissioner Haraszti explains to the Commission that during his own research, he feels that this strike is no more dangerous than some of the already approved legal strikes allowed in MMA. MMA as a whole is a dangerous sport. Following discussion, the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Review of Promoter License and Event Permit. Following an update on the Secretary of State's online licensing system rollout, the Commission will test the event permit with TBA field and create a policy deadline for information being submitted.

Public Comment:

- Judy Starkey:
 - o How will applicants know the status of an approval or denial of applications.
 - Chairman Millican suggest that anyone on the agenda appear in person to the meeting.
- David Oblas:
 - o Ask that Tariq Marsh be placed on indefinite suspension.
 - o Ask about Bare-Knuckle update.
- Rich Franklin:
 - o Would ONE Championship need to apply for a rule waiver each and every event they wish to host in Georgia or are the Global Rules going to be added in?
 - At present time rule waivers would be needed while the Commission attempts to add global rules to our approved list.
- Megan Swartzlander:
 - o Are paper applications still going to be available?
 - The Commission will look into that
- Jon Fonville:
 - o Are exhibition fights allowed with celebrities?
 - The Commission will need more details to give a proper response.

Attorney General's Report:

- Asked that the memo on rule integration be passed around to all Commissioners.

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- Notifies that the authority for Bare-Knuckle has been issued and can be posted for public comment.

Executive Director's Report:

- Ask for Commission to delay the November meeting two weeks to allow Bare-Knuckle rules to be posted for over 30 days.
- Ask the Commission to review the law and send over any legislative ideas for the November meeting.

Commission Report:

- Commissioner Bennett:
 - o Asks for the Officials Training by Nate Mann to be approved. This is tabled until Nate is able to submit the course training manual and test.
 - o What is the process for plus ones at events and seating?
 - The attorney general is going to look into this matter.

Motion to adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.