

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Commission Meeting
November 30, 2023

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday, November 30, 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:
Clay Bennett- Chairman Dr. Jeff Traub, MD- Vice Chairman Seth Millican Rick Thompson Dr. Chris Haraszti, MD	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General’s Office [Justin Cotton] Nate Mann Megan Swartzlander David Oblas Charlene Dickson Jon Fonville
	Corissa Griffith

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 1:31pm.

Commission Elections:

- Chairman:
 - Rick Thompson makes a motion to elect Clay Bennett. Seconded by Seth Millican. The Commission votes 4-0 to approve the motion.

- Vice Chairman:
 - Dr. Chris Haraszti, MD makes a motion to elect Dr. Jeff Traub, MD. Seconded by Chairman Bennett. The Commission votes 4-0 to approve the motion.

Motion to Approve the Commission meeting minutes from 10/19/23. Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 1/27/24 ELEV8 Fight League event permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 4/20/24 NFC Fighting event permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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Motion to Approve the 4/21/24 NFC Fighting event permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the proposed rule change to Rule 85-1-.05 (1) (j). Following no public comment, Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve. This rule will be sent to the Governor's office for review.

Motion to Approve the proposed rule change to Rule 85-1-.07 (2) (a) (10). Following no public comment, Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve as amended. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve. This rule will be sent to the Governor's office for review.

Motion to Approve the proposed rule change to Rule 85-4-.07. Following no public comment, Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve. This rule will be sent to the Governor's office for review.

Motion to Approve the Bare-Knuckle Boxing Rules. Following no public comment, Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve. This rule will be sent to the Governor's office for review.

Discussion and clarification on Rule 85-1-.05 (3) (a). After a discussion, the Executive Director is going to draft a proposed change for the next meeting.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting- Drinks. Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 4-1.

Discussion on Legislative Agenda for 2024.

- Commissioner Thompson wants to have the Commission add a line item to the budget for more control over the Commission.
- Chairman Bennett wants to have the commission drop the regulation of wrestling.

Public Comment:

- Corissa Griffith: seeking information on what is needed to become a licensed fighter in the state.
- David Oblas: asked if the community needs to help promote the bill this upcoming session.
- Nate Mann: presents his judge/referee training. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to have as an approved training. Commissioner Thompson seconds and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Attorney General's Report:

- None.

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Executive Director's Report:

- Notes that the December meeting will be canceled and can be added via conference call if needed, otherwise next meeting is January 18, 2024.

Commission Report:

- None

Motion to adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39pm.