

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Commission Meeting
May 16, 2024

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 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] David Oblas Megan Swartzlander Charlene Dickson
	Jim Shepard

Clay Bennett 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 4/18/24. Vice Chairman Dr. Jeff Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Seth Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the Commission meeting minutes from 5/2/24. Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the Commission meeting minutes from 5/9/24. Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 5/30/24 Team Combat League event permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 6/15/24 Team Combat League event permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by Team Combat League- Suspension Time. Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Dr. Chris Haraszti seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by Team Combat League- Round Length. Commissioner Haraszti makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting LLC- Second Day Event Permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to table until the end of the meeting. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to table.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting LLC- Drinks. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Rick Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 4-1 to approve.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting LLC- Weight Spread. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-1-.08 (2) (4)- Seconds; numbers allowed. Following a discussion on the changed language, Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority.

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-4-.07 (11)- Contestant's Headgear. Following a discussion on the changed language, Commissioner Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority.

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-1-.07 (2)- Official's Pay. Following a discussion on the changed language, Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority.

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-3-.23- Official's Pay. Following a discussion on the changed language, Vice Chairman Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority.

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-1-02 (6) (d)- 5% Gate Fee. Following a discussion on the changed language, Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve as amended. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority.

Discussion on Proposed Rule Change- Rule 85-1-.07 (2) (e)- Officials. Following a discussion on the changed language, Commissioner Millican makes a motion to deny. Commissioner Thompspon seconds, and the Commission votes 4-1 to deny.

Investigation Report from King of Diamonds. Commissioner Thompspon makes a motion to accept the Cease and Desist into our records. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

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Discussion on Combat Jiu-Jitsu. Following a discussion, Commissioner Haraszti makes a motion to refer to the Attorney General for further review. Chairman Bennett seconds, and votes 5-0 to refer back to Attorney General's office.

Request for Approval of physicians to be added to the Commission Physician List. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.

Attorney General's Report:

- Reports on Background Checks, IV's being allowed and proposed rules.

Executive Director's Report:

- Ask for a motion to amend the agenda to add Jimmy Adams Promotion promoter license and a 6/8/24 event permit.
 - o Commissioner Millican makes a motion to amend the agenda and motion to approve both items. Vice Chairman Traub seconds both motions, and the Commission votes 5-0 to approve.
- Updated the Commission on four rule change approvals from the Governor's office.
 - o Midnight Rule
 - o Officials Travel
 - o MMA Gloves in Muay Thai
 - o Bare-Knuckle

Commission Report:

- Chairman Bennett wants to create a scorekeeper role to help free up the chief official at events.

Petition for Rule Waiver by NFC Fighting LLC- Second Day Event Permit. Commissioner Millican makes a motion to deny. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0 to deny.

Public Comment:

- Charlene Dickson: Clarity to understand trainer/manger rule.
- David Oblas: seeks clarifying answers on the following:
 - o IV's being allowed
 - o Combat Jiu Jitsu
 - o 5% Gate Fee
 - o July 27th event rule waivers submitted
 - o Headgear
 - o Advanced Amateur rule waiver from last show and one upcoming
 - o Bare-Knuckle
 - o Staggered Arrivals

Executive Session: Commissioner Millican makes a motion to enter executive session to discuss a Commission related matter. Vice Chairman Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 5-0. The Commission went into executive session at 2:50pm. The discussion was subject to attorney-client privilege.

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The Commission returned from executive session at 3:02pm. No votes were taken in executive session.

Motion to adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.