**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025**

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:08 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman David Norman, Commissioner Dr. Kristi Hall, Commissioner James Wilkins, Commissioner Carl Wilson, Commissioner James “Binky” Jones, John Dove, Commissioner for O&P, Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner for O&P, Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel, Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Olga Escobar, Administrative Officer, and Executive Director Johnston Brown. This was a virtual meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public using the Google Meets platform and it was recorded.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes were discussed from the meeting of June 18, 2025. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL / CANCELLATION / RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION-**

**SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission that a professional wrestling event

for Voltage Wrestling had been cancelled by the promoter for June 28, 2025.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dave Norman welcomed Commissioner James Wilkins as a new member to the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Johnston Brown announced to the Commission that Chief Physician, Dr. Craig Fisher, would be retiring from the Commission after Ponytail Promotions event on July 19, 2025.

**REVIEW OF COMMISSION SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission about wrestling and boxing events from the previous month. Those events included the following:

Voltage Wrestling, June 21st, Hagerstown

F1ght Club Wrestling, June 22nd, Cheverly

AWA Wrestling, June 28th, Waldorf

EWA Wrestling, June 28th, Baltimore

FWA Wrestling, July 6th, Havre de Grace

Eric Davis Boxing Promotions, July 12th, Waldorf

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion of upcoming events, which included the following:

ACW Wrestling, July 18th, Hagerstown

ACW Wrestling, July 19th, Power Plant Live!

ACW Wrestling, August 10th, Glen Burnie

ACW Wrestling, August 17th, Power Plant Live!

MCW Wrestling, July 19th, Joppa

MCW Wrestling, July 26th, Perryville

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, July 19th, Horseshoe Casino

Jeter Promotions Boxing, July 26th, Maryland Live!

FWA Wrestling, August 3rd, Havre de Grace

EWA Wrestling, August 9th, Baltimore

Voltage Wrestling, August 9th, Hagerstown

TNA Wrestling, August 15th, Baltimore

TNA Wrestling, August 16th, Baltimore

A motion to approve the upcoming ACW Wrestling events on July 18th, July 19th, August 10th and August 17th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming MCW Wrestling events on July 19th and July 26th was made by Commissioner Wilkins and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Ponytail Promotion Boxing event on July 19th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Jeter Promotions Boxing event on July 26th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming FWA Wrestling event on August 3rd was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming EWA Wrestling event on August 9th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Voltage Wrestling event on August 9th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming TNA Wrestling events on August 15th and August 16th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Dave Norman lead a discussion regarding the Commission’s proposed Professional Muay Thai regulations that were published in the Maryland Register on May 30, 2025. Counsel Eric London advised that no public comments were received and that the proper waiting period had been followed and the Commission was now in a position to vote on the regulations for final approval. A motion to approve the Commission’s Professional Muay Thai regulations as final was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Michelle Igbani addressed the Commission regarding the pleasure she had attending an amateur MMA event on July 5th in Boonsboro and inquired about the process of joining the Commission as a ringside physician.

Boxing Promoter Eric Davis thanked the Commission for their help over the previous weekend at his first professional boxing show in Maryland. He also asked the Commission for clarity regarding some of the Commission’s medical requirements including the eye exams and bloodwork.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 Chairman Dave Norman called for a motion for adjournment at roughly 3:37pm that was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

/s/ Dave Norman

Chairman