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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION July 7, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Nick Perry
Commissioner Lino García
Commissioner Donald Patterson
Commissioner James A. Vosswinkel, MD

Present for the Commission:

Matthew Delaglio, Executive Director
Samantha McEachin, Counsel to the Commission
Nitin K. Sethi, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Angela Gagliardi, MD, Assistant Chief Medical Officer (via telephone)

I. *Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum*

Executive Director Matthew Delaglio called the meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission to order at approximately 6:14 p.m. on July 7, 2025. A quorum was established with the physical attendance of Chairman Perry, Counsel McEachin, and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Sethi. Commissioners García, Patterson, and Vosswinkel joined the meeting virtually, along with Assistant Chief Medical Officer Dr. Gagliardi.

Executive Director Delaglio formally introduced Chairman Nick Perry and provided an overview of his public service background, including his military service as a U.S. Army medic, his thirty-year tenure as a member of the New York State Assembly, and his appointment as United States Ambassador to Jamaica. Chairman Perry expressed his appreciation for the introduction and shared remarks acknowledging the work of the Commission and his eagerness to collaborate with its members.

II. *Approval of Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Meeting*

Executive Director Delaglio stated that the minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 5, 2024 had been distributed to the Commissioners in advance for their review. Hearing no corrections or amendments, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was



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offered and seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor, and none opposed. The minutes were therefore approved.

III. *Report of the Executive Director*

Executive Director Delaglio provided a comprehensive mid-year update on Commission operations. He reported that during the first half of 2025, the Commission oversaw eleven professional boxing events and six mixed martial arts (MMA) events. This represents an increase from the first half of 2024, during which eight boxing events and three MMA events were conducted. He noted that the Commission is currently on pace to exceed last year's total event volume.

Executive Director Delaglio also described the busy week ahead, during which three boxing events are scheduled: one at the Oculus at the World Trade Center, one at Madison Square Garden featuring Katie Taylor versus Amanda Serrano III, and one at Louis Armstrong Stadium. He observed that both boxing and MMA events have increased in upstate regions of the state, which he described as a positive development.

He reported that the number of licensed wrestling promoters has increased from twenty-eight in 2024 to thirty-five in 2025, although the total number of wrestling events being held remains consistent with the prior year. The number of events regulated under authorized sanctioning entities—including amateur MMA, professional and amateur kickboxing, Muay Thai, and grappling—has risen from forty-five events at this time last year to fifty-five events this year. Executive Director Delaglio informed the Commissioners that the annual training sessions for per diem staff and ringside physicians will be scheduled for September and October.

Additionally, the Commission plans to host Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports training sessions for professional boxing and MMA officials.

IV. *Report of the Chief Medical Officer*

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Nitin Sethi provided an update regarding the Commission's medical operations. He reported that the medical team has performed strongly thus far in 2025, noting that the Commission currently has a well-trained group of ringside physicians. He indicated that additional physicians are being recruited to help support events held in upstate New York and on Long Island, where staffing has occasionally been challenging.

Dr. Sethi also reported that, due to the Commission's enhanced medical protocols and event-day procedures, there have been no major health or safety incidents involving combatants this year. He emphasized that the Commission continues to closely monitor athletes through its "Red Flag Policy," which identifies fighters who may be at increased risk following bouts—particularly in cases involving concussions—and ensures appropriate medical observation prior to discharge. He thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing guidance and support.

V. *Discussion and Approval of Professional Boxing Gloves*

Executive Director Delaglio stated that Commissioners had received the staff evaluations for each make and model of professional boxing gloves submitted for approval. These evaluations

were conducted pursuant to Commission Bulletin 2015-2 and 19 NYCRR § 212.9, which establish standards for glove weight and construction.

The following gloves were reviewed: DiNardo Equim 1, Everlast MX 25, GT Boxing, Heavy Hitters, Permitro, Sabas, and Stallion NYCPS. After examining the samples, staff determined that all models met the Commission's requirements for both 10-ounce and 8-ounce gloves. A motion to approve the listed gloves was made and seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor, and none opposed. The motion carried, and the gloves were approved.

VI. *Discussion and Approval of MMA Gloves*

Executive Director Delaglio next presented two models of MMA gloves for Commission approval: the Victory Fighting League (VFL) MMA gloves and the HKA USA MMA gloves. Staff evaluated these gloves pursuant to 19 NYCRR § 212.7, which governs glove weight and construction for mixed martial arts competition. Staff determined that both models are compliant with Commission standards.

A motion to approve the VFL and HKA USA MMA gloves was offered and seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor, and none opposed. The motion passed, and the gloves were approved.

VII. *New Business*

Executive Director Delaglio asked the Commissioners whether they had any items to present under new business. No Commissioner raised any new matters.

VIII. *Old Business*

Executive Director Delaglio stated that there was no old business carried over from the September 5, 2024 meeting.

IX. *Adjournment*

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor, and none opposed. The meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was adjourned at approximately **6:40 p.m.**