



PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC
COMMISSION (PSUAC)
Scheduled Commission Meeting Friday, October 20, 2023

Attending Commissioners: Vice Chair Bruce Baird, Tammy Leavitt, Brian Miller.
Other meeting attendees and participants: Director Scott Bowler, Covi King, and Judge Stephen Faragher and Dan Furse, Assistant Attorney General Todd Jenson and paralegal Michelle Waite, assigned to represent the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Elliott Clark, assigned to represent the Department of Culture and Community Engagement, and licensees Abijah Meheula and Francisco Alcantara, also participated in the ZOOM Conference meeting.

1. Call meeting to order.

Commission Vice Chair Bruce Baird acting on behalf of Commission called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from the September 15, 2023 meeting.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments - No members of the public participated, no action taken.

4. Contestant Abijah Meheula - review of suspension from bout cancellation due to missed weight.

Vice Chair Bruce Baird made the following motion to reduce the discipline, and Commissioner Brian Walker seconded.

Suspension: reduced from 90 days to 45 days

Penalty/fine with staggered payments imposed: \$750 paid as follows, \$250 shall be paid before end of the 45 day suspension period, remaining \$500 paid over the following year (\$250 can come from November fight purse, and remaining \$250 paid within the following year).

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Francisco Alcantara - review of license application in accordance with “Nonperforming Contestant” Protocol

Vice Chair Bruce Baird made the following motion to deny the request to make an exception to allow Mr. Alcantara to compete. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on Administrative Rule amendments – AAG Todd Jenson provided an update

7. Compensation increases director and staff - Discussion: Vice Chair Bruce Baird proposed an increase to salary between \$130,000 and \$135,000, and discussed the national respect that Director Bowler has in the industry. Commissioner Brian Miller agreed with that range. Both Baird and Miller expressed the concern that other State commissions are interested in hiring Director Bowler away. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt agreed, and mentioned the Commission’s

appreciation for Director Bowler's excellent performance and management of the Commission's operations.

Commissioner Baird made the motion to increase the salary to \$130,000.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events:

09/30 - Crown Fighting - St George

10/06 - FKF

10/14 - Steele Fists - Union Event Center

10/21 - Fierce Fighting Challenger - Wasatch high school in Heber

11/17 - Fierce Fighting Championship - Maverik Center

11/18 – (tentative) 801 Event – The Great Saltair

12/02 - Bare Knuckle Fighting Championships

8. Director's Report – Financial Update.

Director Bowler provided the financial update and discussed the use of a new licensing system. Asked for consideration of making an administrative rule regarding the submission of forged or fake medical records.

9. Discussion and confirmation of the next meeting date/time.

Set for November 17, 2023

10. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn, Commissioner Miller moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Baird seconded. passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.