

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)
Scheduled Commission Meeting
November 21, 2025

Attending Commissioners:

Chair Troy Walker and Commissioners Brian Miller, Tammy Leavitt, and Bruce Baird attended via ZOOM Meeting.

Director Scott Bowler, Assistant Director Tracy Pattillo, Assistant Attorney General Elliott Clark

Troy Walker called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm

Approval of October 17, 2025, meeting minutes

Commissioner Bruce Baird motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2025 ; Commissioner Tammy Leavitt seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public comment – no action

Alexis Whitney, owner representing Salt Lake Muay Thai, inquired about the status of the IKF event that Mr. Jonny Davis was scheduled to hold in October 2025. She asked if the event would be rescheduled soon or if she should request a refund for her registration. Director Scott Bowler will contact Alexis Whitney with what is currently taking place with the topic.

Zack Partridge inquired about two specific items: the current status of the proposed Ali Act and the scheduling update for the meeting concerning THC regulations.

Regarding the Ali Act, it was confirmed that this item is scheduled for discussion and review on the agenda for the current meeting.

Concerning the THC meeting, Director Scott Bowler acknowledged the inquiry and informed Director Partridge that he would personally follow up and contact him at a later time to provide the requested status update and further details.

Mr. Malachi Pool-Appealing Suspension

Director Scott Bowler summarized the incident involving Mr. Malachi Pool from October 17, 2025, at the SteelFist event. Mr. Pool was selected for a drug test, and the results showed a THC level of 279 ng/mL, exceeding the standard limit of 150 ng/mL.

When addressing the commission, Mr. Pool attributed the failed drug test to his use of THC for nightmares and PTSD. He believed he had stopped using long enough to pass the test.

Commissioner Bruce Baird inquired about the details of Mr. Pool's situation, asking when he last smoked and what his weight was. Commissioner Baird also asked Director Bowler whether the commission had previously uplifted suspensions and/or fines for first-time offenders.

Mr. Pool responded that he weighed 155 pounds and had stopped smoking 5 to 7 days before the event.

Director Scott Bowler informed Commissioner Baird that the penalty for the violation is a 180-day suspension, a \$200 fine, and a \$30 processing fee. He also confirmed that the commission has not previously uplifted suspensions or fines for any first-time offenders.

Commissioner Bruce Baird subsequently motioned to deny the request to reduce Mr. Pool's suspension and fines. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ali Act Information

Director Scott Bowler initiated the discussion on HR4624, explaining that the purpose was to inform those inquiring and to publicly state the PSUAC's position on the bill.

Commissioner Bruce Baird sought clarification, asking if the bill applied only to boxing or all fighting, to which Director Bowler confirmed it pertains only to boxing. Commissioner Baird then voiced his concern that the bill could eliminate boxing in Utah, especially for "smaller promotions."

Chair Troy Walker intervened, emphasizing that since the commission is a state agency, they must first obtain the Governor's Office's stance before taking an official position. Chair Walker stated he would gather the straw votes from the commission and present them to the Governor. Commissioner Baird explicitly stated his opposition to the bill.

Commissioner Brian Miller inquired if any entities besides TKO would benefit from the bill. Director Bowler responded that not many other states, apart from a few with more fights, are in favor. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt agreed with the points raised and suggested compiling a very detailed document to give or present to the Governor's office. Director Bowler confirmed he has prepared a document with pertinent information and will distribute it to the board. Chair Walker will proceed with providing information to the Governor's office or go through his channels to see how to proceed.

Review upcoming events

December 12 Fierce FC

December 20 Steelfist FN

January 24 Fierce FC

January 31 SteelFist FN

Note: Will be having two events on one night, March 7; All-Heart Boxing and Fierce FC. First time because we now have Assistant Tracy Pattillo on the Team.

Director's report – Financial update.

Director Bowler raised a concern regarding a letter sent by USA Boxing. This letter, which is causing distress among fighters, essentially prohibits those registered with USA Boxing from participating in any discipline other than boxing. Director Bowler has contacted USA Boxing to clarify their intent but has not yet received a response. Commissioner Bruce Baird inquired whether Assistant Attorney General Elliott Clark had reviewed the matter. Mr. Clark confirmed that he had only had a brief discussion with Director Bowler. Commissioner Baird suggested that if USA Boxing's position is deemed legally incorrect, the Attorney General's office could draft a letter challenging its legality. Assistant Attorney General Elliott Clark agreed to investigate the issue and provide an update at the next meeting.

Director Bowler also provided a brief update on the financial report, noting no changes other than a recent request from the CCE finance team. This request, originating from the Governor's Office, requires the commission to identify areas where a five percent budget cut could be implemented.

Schedule next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 2025 at noon via ZOOM Meeting unless otherwise noted.

Adjourn.

Commissioner Bruce Baird motioned to adjourn;

Commissioner Tammy Leavitt seconded.

Passed unanimously at 12:28 PM