

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT COMMISSION

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COMBAT COMMISSION,

ENF-22-020064

Complainant,

v

P.U.R.E. PRESSURE BOXING LLC  
Professional Promoter  
License No. 15-10-014297,

Respondent.

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Issued and entered  
This 24th day of May, 2022

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1. The Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission (“MUCC”) is taking action in the above-entitled matter, under the authority and jurisdiction set forth in Executive Order 2019-07, the Michigan Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act, MCL 338.3601 *et seq.*, its associated administrative rules, and the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, with a copy of the Affidavit of Linda Clegg attached; and

2. On behalf of the MUCC, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau (“Department”), investigated and determined that sufficient and good cause exists to find that Respondent P.u.r.e. Pressure Boxing LLC, a licensed professional promoter, establishes that there is an imminent threat to the welfare and safety of a professional requiring emergency action;

IT IS NOW ORDERED that the license of Respondent to engage as a professional promoter in any capacity is suspended effective on the **issued and entered date** of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if requested, you must surrender your license(s) to the Department, as an agent of the MUCC, immediately upon demand.

You have the right to petition the MUCC, care of the Department, to dissolve this Summary Suspension Order under MCL 338.3642(2). In response to the petition, the Department may deny the request to dissolve the Order, grant the request to the dissolve the Order, or immediately schedule a hearing to decide whether to grant or deny the request to dissolve the Order. If the Department immediately schedules a hearing to decide whether to grant or deny the request, the hearing in this matter must consider the petition to dissolve before consideration on the merits of the Formal Complaint.

As a result of this Order, the Department, as an agent of the MUCC, will place your name on a national suspension list or otherwise notify the national governing bodies of its action to suspend your license(s), and that such notice may result in suspensions of your licenses in other states in accordance with the other states' laws.

This Order is effective on the date mailed.

MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT COMMISSION

BY

  
Linda Clegg, Director  
Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing  
Bureau

Date Signed: May 24, 2022

Responsive Documents Should Be Filed by U.S. Mail, Email, or Fax With:

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Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau  
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AFFIDAVIT

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AFFIDAVIT OF LINDA CLEGG

Linda Clegg, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I make this Affidavit in support of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission's ("MUCC") Order summarily suspending Respondent's licenses set forth above; the following facts are within my personal knowledge or my knowledge and belief; I am competent to testify to the facts and will do so if called as a witness.
2. I am the director of the Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs ("Department"), and, in that capacity, I direct the investigation of complaints alleging violations of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act, MCL 338.3601 *et seq.* ("Act"), and its associated administrative rules and review records of professional boxing and professional and amateur mixed martial arts contests and other documents involving persons and entities holding licenses on behalf of the MUCC.
3. In the course of my duties, I reviewed reports and other documents and substantiated the following facts:

- a. On April 4, 2022, Ben D. Williams, Jr., on behalf of P.u.r.e. Pressure Boxing LLC (“Respondent”), submitted a Request for Event Approval to the Department for a professional boxing event to take place on May 7, 2022, at the Orchards Mall in Benton Harbor, Michigan.
- b. On April 7, 2022, the Department, on behalf of the MUCC, sent Respondent a Preshow Letter conditionally approving the event upon completion of the statutory requirements outlined in the letter. Specifically, the letter notified Respondent of the following:

Rule 339.202a, requires all bouts to be finalized by 2 p.m. on the day of the event. If your event is held on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then 2 p.m. on the regular business day before the event. No additions or substitutions shall be allowed after this time. **All contestants must have an active license, Federal ID and submitted all required medicals in accordance with Section 54a (2)(f), (g) & (h) of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act (PA 403) no later than the applicable 2:00 p.m. deadline** [emphasis added].
- c. As of Friday, May 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., Respondent failed to submit documentary proof of the following documents to the Department in response to its request, contrary to MCL 338.3647(1)(m):
  - i. That all proposed contestants held active professional boxer licenses, consistent with MCL 338.3633a(1).
  - ii. Ophthalmological exam results for each proposed contestant performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist within the 12-month period before the event, consistent with MCL 338.3654a(2)(g).
  - iii. Negative HIV and Hepatitis B & C test results for each proposed contestant performed within 180-days of the event, consistent with MCL 338.3654a(2)(f).

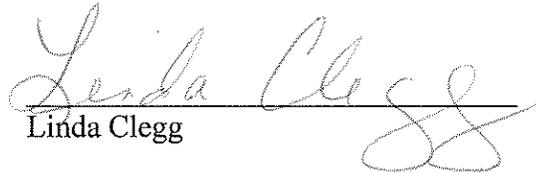
- iv. Physical examinations for all proposed contestants performed by a licensed physician, consistent with MCL 338.3633a(4).
- d. At 2:03 p.m. on May 6, 2022, Respondent emailed Department staff requesting an extension to provide the required documentation.
- e. At 2:25 p.m. on the same date, Department staff notified Respondent that it had until 3:00 p.m. to submit all required documentation or the event would be cancelled.
- f. At 3:37 p.m. on that same date, Department staff notified Respondent that 11 out of the 12 proposed contestants did not hold active professional boxer licenses under the Act and failed to submit all required medical documentation, so none of the contests were approved for the event.
- g. At 4:22 p.m. on that same date, the MUCC's website, [www.mi.gov/ucc](http://www.mi.gov/ucc), was updated to reflect that Respondent's event at the Orchards Mall in Benton Harbor, Michigan, was cancelled.
- h. At 4:45 p.m. on that same date, Department staff notified the event inspector, Joseph Merritt, the event was cancelled, and the inspector informed Department staff that he would notify the other event officials of the cancellation.
- i. At 5:26 p.m. on that same date, Department staff emailed Respondent requesting confirmation that it understood the event was cancelled and that a new event request would need to be submitted if it chose to reschedule.
- j. On Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 11:14 a.m., Mr. Williams, on behalf of Respondent, responded via email to Department staff indicating that he understood the event was cancelled and that a new event request would be submitted on Monday, May 9, 2022.
- k. Instead, later on May 7, 2022, the following occurred:

- i. Respondent knowingly and intentionally promoted and conducted a professional boxing event at the Orchards Mall in Benton Harbor, Michigan that was not approved by the Department on behalf of the MUCC.
- ii. Respondent aided or abetted at least 11 individuals to participate as contestants in boxing contests at the event without first obtaining contestant licenses under the Act, contrary to MCL 338.3647(1)(t).
- iii. Respondent allowed at least six individuals to participate as a contestant in a contest at the event without submitting proof to the Department that the contestant passed a physical examination performed by a licensed physician.
- iv. Respondent allowed at least one individual to compete as a contestant in a contest at the event without submitting medical certification of negative test results for HIV and Hepatitis B & C performed on the contestant at least 180-days prior to the event to the Department, contrary to MCL 338.3654a(2)(f).
- v. Respondent allowed at least four individuals to compete as a contestant in a contest without submitting the results of an ophthalmologic exam performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist on the contestant within the 12-month period prior to the event to the Department, contrary to MCL 338.3654a(2)(g).
- vi. Respondent conducted a professional boxing event without the presence of at least one inspector, contrary to MCL 338.3633(11). Consistent with MCL 338.3633(11), the event inspector is responsible for weighing each contestant, tabulating the scores of each contest, approving each contestant's hand wraps before a contest, and monitoring the actions of each individual who assists a contestant during the contest.

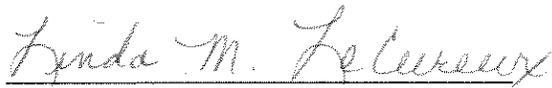
4. Respondent's conduct associated with the event described above establishes that Respondent participated in a sham or fake contest or event, contrary to MCL 338.3647(1)(e).

5. Respondent's conduct associated with the event described above establishes that it engaged in fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in performing the duties of a promoter, contrary to MCL 338.3647(1)(b).

6. Respondent's conduct associated with the event described above establishes that Respondent conducted itself in a manner that poses an imminent threat to the integrity of the sport of professional boxing and the welfare and safety of unarmed combat contestants, justifying the summary suspension of the license set forth above under MCL 338.3642(1).

  
Linda Clegg

Subscribed and sworn before me this  
24th day of May 2022



Linda M. LeCureux  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
County of Shiawassee  
My commission expires 02-12-2027  
Acting in the County of Ingham