

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CORPORATIONS, SECURITIES & COMMERCIAL LICENSING BUREAU**

MICHIGAN UNARMED COMBAT COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2024

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission met on March 7, 2024, at the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, 2407 N. Grand River Ave., Jupiter Conference Room, Lansing, Michigan. The Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Donald Weatherspoon at 10:02 am.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Donald Weatherspoon	Professional Member
	Josh Bocks	Professional Member
	Bronco McKart	Professional Member
	Todd Skinner	Professional Member
	Anne Morrell	Professional Member
	Tammy Timlin	Professional Member
	Ruben Martinez	Public Member
	Sharon Person	Public Member
Absent:	Wolfgang Mueller	Professional Member
	Corey Taylor	Professional Member
	Byron Osbern	Public Member
Staff:	E. St. Onge	Assistant Attorney General Representative
	Benjamin Parker	Licensing Division Director
	Heather Miller	Licensing Division Manager
	Lindsey Johnson	Departmental Analyst
	Stefanie Barr	Recording Secretary
	Mitchell Page	Legislative Analyst
	Bradley Horton	Administrative Law Specialist
	Caitlin Keene	Regulatory Compliance Division Acting Director
	Courtney Pendelton	Deputy Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 7, 2023

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Skinner and supported by Martinez to approve the minutes as written from the meeting held December 7, 2023. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: The Chair opened nominations to elect a new Chairperson of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission. Members of the Commission nominated Mr. Don Weatherspoon. A roll call vote was held, and Mr. Don Weatherspoon was elected as the Chairperson of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: The Chair opened nominations to elect a new Vice Chairperson of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission. Members of the Commission nominated Mr. Todd Skinner. A roll call vote was held, and Mr. Todd Skinner was elected as the Vice Chairperson of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One individual addressed the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

STIPULATIONS

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Bocks and supported by Mr. Skinner to accept all stipulations as prepared. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

MATCHROOM BOXING USA LLC, LICENSE NO. 15-10-014016, ACTIVE 08-31-2024, NEW YORK, NEW YORK: ENF-23-020135

JACK ANTHONY MOLINARO, LICENSE NOS. 15-04-020245, SUMMARY SUSPENSION 12-20-2023, PORT HURON, MICHIGAN: ENF-23-020139

TAYLOR DANIEL ANTLES, LICENSE NO. 15-04-000307, SUMMARY SUSPENSION 01-03-2024, LAWTON, MICHIGAN: ENF-23-020143

GARY E WARD, LICENSE NO. 15-04-000043, SUMMARY SUSPENSION 12-20-2023, PORT HURON, MICHIGAN: ENF-23-020141

HEARING REPORTS

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Martinez and supported by Mr. Bocks to accept the Hearing Report for Floyd Andrew Russell III as prepared. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

FLOYD ANDREW RUSSELL III. LICENSE NO. 15-02-020224, SUMMARY SUSPENSION 11-14-2023, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN: ENF-23-020132

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Bocks and supported by Mr. Skinner that the following penalty be assessed: Accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Hearing Report; Dissolve the current summary suspension against Respondent's Professional Boxer license; a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 and administrative costs in the amount of \$2,700.00 made payable to the State of Michigan within sixty (60) days from the date of mailing of the Final Order for ENF-23-020132. Respondent's Professional Boxer license is suspended for ninety (90) days from the date of the Final Order or until the fine and costs are paid in full, whichever is later with credit for time served. If the fine and costs have not been paid within sixty (60) days from the date of mailing of the Final Order, then the Respondent's Professional Boxer license shall remain suspended until the fine and costs are paid in full. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

PETITIONERS

JERRY WATERSON

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Morrell and supported by Ms. Person that, after careful consideration of the written petition for review, the Commission recommended that the Department lift the suspension on Mr. Waterson's Professional Mixed Martial Artist license. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

The Department concurred with the Commission's recommendation.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Legislative Analyst Mitchell Page provided a brief update on HB 5156, which was yet to progress through House Committee since the December Commission meeting. He also updated the Commission on the status of the follow-on rulemaking project concerning certification requirements for event officials and paperwork deadlines. The rules subcommittee met last in February.

Mr. Skinner requested that the full Commission determine whether to pursue rule making for emerging unarmed combat sports such as bare knuckle.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Division Director Benjamin Parker introduced new staff within the Licensing Division and advised the Commission on the number of complaints received for within the last 90 days.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission will be held on June 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by and supported by to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Approved by the Commission on October 2, 2024.

Prepared by:
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