



**CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

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John Carvelli, Chair  
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Van Gordon Sauter  
Martha Shen-Urquidez  
Peter Villegas, Vice Chair  
Dr. Vernon Williams

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## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 2021

11:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:

*Teleconference*

**Commissioners Present**

Chair John Carvelli  
Commissioner Peter Villegas  
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez  
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter  
Commissioner Douglas J. Hendrickson  
Commissioner Dr. Vernon Williams

**Staff Present**

Andy Foster, Executive Officer  
Sophia Cornejo, AEO  
Patrishia Blackstock, Staff  
Laycosstia Palmer, Staff  
Kenneth Swenson, Legal Counsel  
Clay Jackson, Legal Counsel

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair John Carvelli. Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster called roll and a quorum was established.

**Agenda Item 2 – Welcome –Chairman’s opening remarks**

Chair Carvelli welcomed everyone to the Commission’s teleconference meeting and introduced the two new appointed Commissioners; Dr. Vernon Williams and Douglas Hendrickson. Chair Carvelli asked all the Commissioners, Commission Staff and Legal Counselors to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item 3 –Election of Officers Pursuant to the Requirements of Business and Professions Code section 18606**

*Chair Carvelli **motioned** to nominate Commissioner Peter Villegas as Vice Chair.*

*Commissioner Sauter **seconded** the motion.*

No other nominations were received.

No Commissioner or public comments received.

Commissioner Villegas accepted his nomination.

*The motion **passed** 5-0 by roll call vote with 1 abstention by Commissioner Villegas.*

*Commissioner Villegas **motioned** to continue with John Carvelli as Chair.*

*Commissioner Shen-Urquidez **seconded** the motion.*

No other nominations were received.

No Commissioner or public comments received.

Chair Carvelli accepted his nomination.

*The motion **passed** 5-0 by roll call vote with 1 abstention by Chair Carvelli.*

**Agenda Item 4- Approval of the October 6, 2020 and December 21,2020, Commission Meeting Minutes**

EO Foster presented the October 6, 2020, Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez submitted grammatical changes, those changes were added to the record.

*Vice Chair Villegas **motioned** to approve the minutes with changes added.*

*Commissioner Sauter **seconded** the motion.*

*The motion **passed** 6-0 by roll call vote.*

EO Foster presented the December 21, 2020, Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez submitted grammatical changes, those changes were added to the record.

*Vice Chair Villegas **motioned** to approve the minutes with changes added.*

*Commissioner Sauter **seconded** the motion.*

*The motion **passed** 6-0 by roll call vote.*

**Agenda Item 5- Review, Discussion and Possible Adoption of Certificate of Compliance and Language for Text of Proposed Regulation 4 CCR 299.5 Relating to Procedures to Hold Combative Sporting Events When an Infectious Disease Causes a State of Emergency**

EO Foster presented the Commission with language changes to the proposed regulation, and introduced DCA Legal Counsel, Clay Jackson. Mr. Jackson reviewed the changes with the Commission. The following sections were amended for the certificate of compliance.

*Commissioner Shen-Urquidez **motioned** the Commission approve the proposed regulation text for the Certificate of Compliance for Emergency Regulation 4 CCR 299.5 for a 45-day public comment period and, if there no comments are received during that 45-day public comment period, authorize the Executive Officer take necessary steps to finalize the text and other documents, including delegating the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical, grammatical or non-substantive changes required in completing the rulemaking file, and taking all necessary steps to file the regulation package with the DCA Executive Office, Agency and the Office of Administrative Law to complete the rulemaking process.*

*Vice Chair Villegas **seconded** the motion.*

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested additional minor clarifying non-substantive changes to the text.

*Commissioner Shen-Urquidez **amended** the **motion** for the Commission to approve the proposed regulation text, including the proposed changes to the Certificate of Compliance for Emergency Regulation 4 CCR 299.5 for a 45-day public comment period and, if no comments are received during that 45-day public comment period, authorize the Executive Officer to take necessary steps to finalize the text and other documents, including delegating the Executive Officer authority to make any technical, grammatical or non-substantive changes required in completing the rulemaking file, and taking all necessary steps to file the regulation package with the DCA Executive Office, Agency and the Office of Administrative Law to complete the rulemaking process.*

*Vice Chair Villegas **seconded** the **amended** motion.*

**Public Comments**

Promoter, Roy Engelbrecht expressed concern High School sports are being allowed to continue but Combative Sports are still under such stringent protocols. EO Foster stated Combative Sports are regulated by the State and the regulations do allow some degree of flexibility. Vice Chair Villegas added the Commission must follow guidelines set forth by the Governor's office.

Promoter, Tom Brown informed the Commission at their Texas events where limited audiences were allowed, and 20 feet of spacing from the ring was adequate.

No further Commissioner or Public Comments.

*The motion **passed** 6-0 by roll call vote.*

*Commissioner Shen-Urquidez **motioned** the Commission Approve the same text as the initial Emergency Regulation 4 CCR 299.5 with changes to the documents incorporated by reference and authorize the Executive Officer take all necessary steps to file the regulation Readoption package with the Office of Administrative Law to complete the Readoption process.*

*Vice Chair Villegas **seconded** the motion.*

No Commissioner or Public Comments.

*The motion **passed** 6-0 by roll call vote.*

#### **Agenda Item 6- Executive Officer's Report**

**a. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund and Pension Program**

The EO presented the Commission the updated revenue numbers as of March 1, 2021. This fiscal year, the Commission deposited \$610,393 to the support fund, \$5,450 to the neurological fund, and \$306,200 to the Boxer Pension Fund, which includes a \$300,000 transfer from the Boxer Pension investment account.

EO Foster stated the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has been very helpful in the resiliency regulation process, which allows the Commission to hold events utilizing the second-largest revenue stream available to the Commission, the television/broadcast/streaming revenue. Events without audiences are the Commission's primary source of revenue this fiscal year. DCA's budget office has updated the Commission's revenue projections for this fiscal year to 875K. Even if the Commission achieves 875K in revenue, it is still approximately 67% less than revenues from FY 18-19, when revenues were approximately \$2,700,000.

EO Foster stated the Commission has seen an increase in pension claims in the last several months which is why the \$300,000 transfer was requested. The Pension Investment account is healthy with approximately \$5.2 million dollars.

**b. Report of Pending and Proposed Regulations**

EO Foster asked AEO Cornejo to update the Commission on the proposed regulations. AEO Cornejo informed the Commission of the status of proposed regulations; the Examination of Boxer Applicants regulatory package, which was filed with the Office of Administrative Law on January 8, 2021, for publication on January 22, 2021, and the 45-day public comment period will end on March 8, 2021; the Emergency COVID-19 Resiliency Procedures will be voted on at today's meeting; and staff is working on the regulation changes to Section 299, Dehydration and Rehydration and the Pension Plan regulatory package.

**c. Staffing Update**

EO Foster reported that due to the loss in revenue this fiscal year, the Commission's staff was reduced to four (4) fulltime office staff and one (1) fulltime position in the field.

**d. Upcoming Event Schedule and discussion regarding event activity under the Commission's emergency COVID-19 regulations**

EO Foster reported since the Commission began regulating events under the COVID-19 regulations, twenty-four (24) events have been held since July 24, 2020, with very few COVID-19 positives. EO Foster stated other Commissions are beginning to allow audience attendances at live events, and many promoters are holding events in those jurisdictions.

EO Foster informed the Commission he was invited to attend the California State Assembly, Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media's "Safe and Equitable Reopening of Sports" informational hearing on March 17, 2021. The hearing will be held virtually.

**Agenda Item 7- Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

Mike McAtee, with USA Boxing, updated the Commission on the protocols and guidelines in place at all USA Boxing sanctioned events. He stated the National Championships will be held in Louisiana later this year and some COVID-19 testing will be done at the event.

**Agenda Item 8- Next Commission Meeting will be on Monday, June 7, 2021**

No Commissioner or Public Comments.

**Agenda Item 9- Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 a.m.