

**LOUISIANA STATE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 30, 2025, 12:00 p.m.**

1) ATTENDEES:

RONALD RANTZ (R.R.)
DARRELL POIRIER (D.P.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)
JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
RICKY NORRIS (R.N.)
MIKE HOLLANDER (M.H.)
WILLIAM GRAY (W.G.)
TODD SINGLETARY (T.S.) (absent)
CHRISTOPHER DUPRE (C.D.)
JESSICA BARRERO (J.B.)

2) MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

March minutes reviewed W.G. motions to approve D.P. seconds, all vote in favor.

Financial statement including monthly bills and salaries also presented to the Commission. J.G. motions to approve, seconded by W.G, all vote in favor.

3) LIST OF GUESTS:

Aaron Philips – attended as an observer and to gather information regarding promoter licensing process.

Danny Toro and Ethan Madison – attended seeking information about obtaining a boxing promoters license and hosting future events. The group explained they were in the early stages of planning potential community-based boxing events involving amateur participants and fundraising efforts. The Commission discussed the distinction between amateur boxing, professional boxing and rally boxing, safety requirements and event regulations and the importance of reviewing the Commission rules and procedures prior to applying for licensure.

Devin McGovern - Promoters addressed concerns regarding the \$4-per-head option, the 5% gate tax, official fees, and Commission seating. The Commission clarified that the \$4-per-head option is intended as an alternative to a detailed revenue audit and that promoters may submit records showing that 5% of actual revenue would be lower. The Commission also clarified that the eight-foot area surrounding the ring or cage is under Commission control by law. Promoters requested clearer communication regarding the number of Commission officials, workers, and guests needing access.

The Commission agreed that the event coordinator should provide a list or number of authorized Commission personnel at weigh-ins.

4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:

The Commission also discussed the prior motion limiting charity events to one per promoter per year, while noting that the law itself does not establish a specific number of allowable charity events.

J.G. made a motion to approve the upcoming McNeese Rodeo charity show, provided the event includes an event coordinator, two referees, and a scorekeeper/timekeeper as discussed. Seconded by R.N. seconded the motion. R.R. noted his objection on the record regarding the event's classification as a charity event.

Matt McGovern Promoter License J.G. motioned to approve the promoter license, seconded by W.G., all vote in favor.

John Green Jr. made a motion to approve the promoter license.

Second: Alan Gray seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- 5) PAST SHOWS:** The Commission reviewed the incident report from the April 18 event involving Garrett Payton vs. St. Marks. The report stated that St. Marks was disqualified for illegal strikes to the back of the head after a prior warning. Following the decision, a disturbance occurred involving members of both fighter camps and spectators. Unauthorized individuals entered the restricted safety area, and law enforcement responded. Four arrests were made. Judge Pat Deaton was knocked down and sustained injuries to his hip and knee.

The Commission discussed safety concerns, the eight-foot barrier, security placement, and the importance of keeping unauthorized individuals away from judges and officials.

6) UPCOMING SHOWS:

Frontier All Star Crucible — June 27, 2026, Covington Country Club

Joey Comeaux/ LWA — May 2, 2026, The Pits in Scott

Joey Comeaux / LWA — May 23, 2026, Cajundome Convention Center

Matt Lantzy / Wildkat — May 30, 2026, Minogue Community Center

Midget Wrestling — May 18, 2026, Juicy's Lounge, Lake Charles

Mike Boudreaux / 225 — June 13, 2026, Denham Springs

Mike Boudreaux / 225 — July 24, 2026, Bayou Blue, Houma

Mike Boudreaux / 225 — August 8, 2026, Gonzales
Sean Dunn / Southern Crown Wrestling — August 22, 2026
Michael Boudreaux / 225 — August 29, 2026, Plaquemine Civic Center

Motion to approve made by J.G., seconded by W.G., all vote in favor.

Matt McGovern/WFC Boxing Event — July 11, 2026, L'Auberge Baton Rouge
J.G. Motioned to approve, seconded by W.G., all vote in favor.

The Commission discussed a closed wrestling event at L'Auberge Lake Charles, with the promoter reportedly being paid \$12,000 and attendance estimated at 600–700 people. The Commission determined the event should be treated as a Class A show due to the venue capacity and agreed to collect 5% of the \$12,000 payment. J.S. made a motion to approve the event as a Class A show with 5% of the \$12,000 payment due to the Commission Seconded by R.N. All in favor.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed rising costs for ambulances at event. The Commission will explore the possibility of discounted rates for events.

The Commission discussed legislative updates and the possible increase of the event cap from \$50,000 to \$250,000 as well as the charge of \$4 per person at an event to be paid to the Commission by the event promoter.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to discuss.

9) **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

The Commission discussed the need for a full-day working session to review outdated statutes, rules, charity event procedures, gate tax issues, ticketing, and other operational matters.

The Commission agreed to hold a working session on May 13, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m., pausing for the public meeting, and continuing afterward if needed.

Meeting adjourned.