

**LOUISIANA STATE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 29, 2025, 12:00 p.m.**

1) ATTENDEES:

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

2) MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

December minutes presented to the Commission. D.P. motions to approve, W.G. Seconds all vote in favor.

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

3) LIST OF GUESTS:

Wayne Ductoe, Daniel Sinclair Jr., and Jay Blossman. Guests introduced their promotion as "Frontier All-Star Wrestling" and stated they wished to start a new promotion for professional wrestling in St. Tammany and Washington Parish. The differences between A and B licenses was explained by the commission. D.P. motions to approve the A license for All-Star Wrestling, W.G. seconds, all vote in favor.

4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS: The Commission discussed an application from a promoter named Jonathan Harris, who wants to bring Muy Tai shows to Louisiana. R.R. questioned if Muy Tai falls under the commission's regulatory purview. J.G. suggests treating it like kickboxing or Power Slap where the promoter submits a specific set of rules for the commission to approve. Jonathan Harris must submit his proposed rules to the commission and the commission will review and vote on their approval and the next meeting.

5) PAST SHOWS: Nothing to report.

6) **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling: March 27th & March 28th TNA Wrestling Alario Center
February 22nd Mike Beadle in Morgan City
March 14th Mike Beadle Assumption High School
May 2nd Pro Wrestling at Albany High and
March 7th in Denham Springs and February 21st in Gonzales
February 7th Joey Comeaux at the Epic Center in Scott
February 28th Danny Davis
March 7th AKA at Golden Nugget
March 7th CWC in Denham Springs
February 21 MMA at Melot
March 14th Delta Fighting West Monroe
March 28th AKA at The Paragon
March 28th Ragin Youngsville Sport Complex

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commission discussed establishing and enforcing stricter safety and financial protocols for all combat sports events. R.R. highlighted critical safety lapses at previous shows. A new way to ensure gate taxes are paid correctly includes enforcing a flat \$4 per head for venues under 3,000 capacities. A dual headcount system will be used to determine attendance and commission staff/guests will not be included in the count.

J.G. introduced a complaint from a fighter who claimed their medical bills from a fight injury were not being paid by insurance. The commission's role was debated but the consensus was that action could only be taken against the promotor if they failed to have insurance, provide false documents or not paying the deductible. The commission cannot intervene between a fighter and an insurance company. J.G. will continue collecting the facts of injury and timeline of events to determine if a claim was filed within the 14-day window and if the promotor fulfilled all obligations.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:** The commission discussed Robert Greif's request to reinstate his license after a past suspension. W.G. makes a motion to approve, seconded by J.S. all vote in favor. Robert Greif is to submit all necessary paperwork.

The commission also discussed the ongoing issue of promoters using the charity show designation to bypass regulations and taxes. The commission will enforce the existing rule that events must be for a legitimate charitable organization which will interpret as a 501c3. The charity show requests must be brought before the full commission for a vote and the commission plans to spend time formally defining the criteria for a charity event to close loopholes.

9) NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2026, informed meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.