

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES – LICENSING DIVISION
2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, Michigan 48864-5955**

Michigan Boxing Commission

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2006

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Boxing Commission met in Regular Session on March 23, 2006, at the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Conference Room 1, Okemos, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by Vito Danzo, Assistant Licensing Administrator at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Douglas J. Maskin Earle L. Robinson Albert Low James Sype Charles Zurawski Kevin D. Moore	Professional Member Public Member Professional Member Public Member Public Member Public Member
Staff:	Vito Danzo Sara Hernandez Jennifer Olson Linda Douglas Archie Millben Jean Boven Stephen Gobbo Jim Nelson	Asst. Licensing Administrator Asst. Licensing Administrator Secretary Enforcement Staff Enforcement Director Licensing Director Enforcement Staff Enforcement Staff
Visitors:	Ron DeLeon David Mayo Brad Wright Bob Merritt	Visitor Grand Rapids Press Visitor Boxing Inspector

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

None.

**APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the minutes; the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson

MOTION: Mr. Robinson nominated Mr. Low as Chairperson and Mr. Zurawski seconded the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Maskin nominated Mr. Robinson as Chairperson. The motion failed.

There being no further nominations; the vote was called for electing Mr. Low Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson

MOTION: Mr. Sype nominated Mr. Robinson as Vice -Chairperson, there being no further nominations; the vote was called for electing Mr. Robinson as Vice-Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARINGS

A. Rodney Dirone Robinson Complaint #298747

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Rodney Dirone Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Rodney Dirone Robinson in violation of MCL 339.604(c), 1995AACS, R339.3236(2) of the Code and/or Rules.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Moore to amend the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation from a \$500 civil fine to a \$250 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to suspend his license for ninety (90) days from the date of payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision to modify the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation was based on the Michigan Boxing Commission's recommended sanctions for a first time violation of the drug rule.

B. Rodney Dirone Robinson Complaint #299283

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Rodney Dirone Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Rodney Dirone Robinson in violation of MCL 338.3647(1)(d) and MCL 338.3648(1) of the Code and/or Rules.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to amend the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation of a \$500 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to suspend his license for ninety (90) days commencing upon payment of the fine to the fine and a suspension of one(1) year commencing upon payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision to modify the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation was based on the Michigan Boxing Commission's recommended sanctions for a second time violation of the drug rule.

C. Alexis Rubin Complaint #298746

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Alexis Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Alexis Rubin in violation of MCL 339.604(c), 1995 AACR, R339.3236(2) of the Code and/or Rules.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Zurawski and seconded by Mr. Moore to amend the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation from a \$500 civil fine to a \$250 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to suspend his license for ninety (90) days from the date of payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision to modify the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation was based on the Michigan Boxing Commission's recommended sanctions for a first time violation of the drug rule.

D. Brian Arrowood Complaint #299790

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Brian Arrowood. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Brian Arrowood in violation of rule 269(2) of the Michigan Boxing Commission Rules, being 2005 MR 9, R339.269(2).

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to amend the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation of a \$250 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and add a ninety (90) day suspension commencing upon payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision to modify the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation was based on the Michigan Boxing Commission's recommended sanctions for a first time violation of the drug rule.

E. Daniel White Complaint #301306

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Daniel White. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report for Daniel White in which the Formal Complaint was dismissed by the Administrative Law Judge.

F. Anthony Stephens Complaint #300395

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Anthony Stephens. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Anthony Stephens in violation of Rule 339.269(2) of the Michigan Boxing Commission Rules, being 2005 MR 9, R339.269(2).

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Sype to assess a \$250 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to suspend his license for ninety (90) days from the date of payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision was based on the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation that the Board take the disciplinary action it deemed appropriate, and followed the recommended sanctions for a first time violation of the drug rule.

G. Jerry Cooper Complaint #301305

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Jerry Cooper. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report, which found Jerry Cooper in violation of rule 269(2) of the Michigan Boxing Commission Rules, being 2005 MR 9, R339.269(2).

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Zurawski and seconded by Mr. Robinson to amend the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation of a 90 day suspension and to add a \$500 civil fine, to be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to suspend his license for ninety (90) days from the date of payment of the fine. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in the Final Order will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future application for licensure until compliance is made with the terms of the Final Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's decision to modify the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation was based on the Michigan Boxing Commission's recommended sanctions for a first time violation of the drug rule.

H. Julius Long Complaint #299282

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sype and seconded by Mr. Zurawski to receive the hearing report for Julius Long. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission members reviewed the Hearing Report for Mr. Long in which the ALJ found no violation of the Michigan Boxing Regulatory Act.

STIPULATIONS

Jamie Whitcomb

A signed stipulation and complaint were presented to the Commission in the matter of Jamie Whitcomb, for violation of 2005 MR 9, R 339.269(2). Ms. Whitcomb agrees to pay a civil fine in the amount of \$250 to the State of Michigan, within sixty (60) days from the date of the mailing of the Final Order and to have her license suspended for ninety (90) days from the date of payment of the fine.

Failure to comply with the terms of the stipulation will result in a suspension of all licenses, denial of any license renewal and/or future applications for licensure, until compliance is made with the terms of the stipulation.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Zurawski and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept the stipulation as written; the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Mr. Danzo informed the Commission that the Department needs rules or guidelines for establishing financial stability of promoters as required in the statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Commission formed a subcommittee to review and prepare a draft of rules involving various issues such as the financial stability of promoters, when the bond amount should be raised, and a detailed and specific description of the monitoring position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Wright suggested that the Commission enact a rule that would require the Commission member's names to be announced at all boxing shows.

STAFF REPORTS

Archie Millben the Enforcement Division Director gave an overview for the new Commission members of the functions of the Enforcement Division's staff and contractual employees.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Robinson suggested that a rule be constructed to allow only clear water bottles in the ring corners for the boxer's use and that a limit of how many people can be in the ring at one time be specified.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Albert J Low /s/

9/14/2006

Albert J. Low, Chairperson

Date

Holly J Caksackkar /s/

9/14/2006

Recording Secretary

Date