



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**Boxing and Wrestling Commission**

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**April 8, 2014**  
**Minutes**

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Irving at 7:06:07 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: Bryan Scottie Irving, Timothy Thomas and Sean Ponder

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Alfred Grant, Deputy Commissioner, Skip Brown, Commission Administrator, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.

Legal Advisor to the Commission: Kia Winston

Staff Members Absent: None.

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**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public and Guest Introductions**

1. Chairman greeted everyone, no guests to introduce.

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**Agenda Item: Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ponder and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes.



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**Agenda Item: Upcoming Events**

Commissioner Ponder announced the following upcoming events:

1. April 19, 2014 Promoter; Golden Boy Promotions Triple Header Championship Event featuring Hopkins vs. Shumenov at the DC Armory
2. May 31, 2014 Promoter: April Hairston featuring Ty Barnett at the Washington Convention Center
3. June 21, 2014 Promoter: Headbangers
4. September 13, 2014 Dr. McKnight Amateur Event
5. November 13, 2014 Pro-Boxing Flight Night at the Washington Hilton Hotel: Fight For Children

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**Agenda Item: Reinstatement Application**

- David Bautista

Mr. Brown indicated that Mr. Bautista is a Wrestler for WWE and is requesting reinstatement of his license. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Mr. Bautista's Reinstatement Application.

**Agenda Item: Events to Approve**

- June 23, 2014 Promoter WWE at the Verizon Center

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Ponder and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the June 21<sup>st</sup> WWE Event.



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**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Commissioner Thomas announced the following items:

1. DC Gym Assessment: April 2014 Tuesday & Thursday: Mr. Grant indicated that he will begin visiting gyms after April 19<sup>th</sup> to assess and determine equipment needs of Washington, DC gyms. Also, he will meet with PVA President to identify all registered gyms and set-up a schedule for visitation.
2. Officials Training May 3, 2014: Mr. Grant said that that is the date but the location will be identified and everyone will be informed. Proposed presenters are Larry Hazzard or a Judge from New Jersey, and Mr. Yamasaki to do MMA instruction. Henry Jones said when he announced a fight in Niagara Falls, NY, he spoke with Melvina Lathan, Commissioner from New York and she expressed interest in coming back to Washington, DC along with her husband to do training. Mr. Grant said he will check the budget and her scheduled for the fall. The Chairman indicated that the budget should be sufficient for the proposed training.

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**Agenda Item: New Business**

1. Officials License Renewal: Mr. Brown asked whether all officials renewed their license; Mr. Grant indicated that if your license is not current, you will not be a part of the work rotation. The Chairman also added that if your license is not current do not work.
2. Officials Pay: Mr. Brown indicated that if there are any issues, wait for the issue to be address after the meeting. He will find out what notification if at all for direct deposit or what will the payment says when it is deposited into an account.
3. Upcoming Amateur Events: None discussion.



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**Agenda Item: Comments**

Umar Sports and Learning Center: Chairman Irving indicated that Floyd Mayweather will be working out at the Kenilworth Gym. The open workout is design to work with the kids and help that gym generate support from the community. Also there should be a budget oversight hearing, so be prepared to advocate for amateur gyms and boxing in Washington, DC; to have boxing back into high schools; and that scholarships to colleges are available to boxers like in wrestling and basketball. Additionally, the Commission needs a better presence in social media; therefore, a better job needs to be done. Regarding big fights, as the Commission continues to fight and secure big fights, officials need to continue to execute. So continue to do a great job because that's how the Commission gets big fights. There is speculation of a big fight at the Verizon Center this summer that is because of our execution. Lastly, wherever you are asked to seat, sit there in or out of the corral; the show is about the boxers, fight being televised and the promoters. Big fights can be taken anywhere in the world but they are occurring in the District, so let us execute, which is important.

**Comments:**

Chris Ray announced the possibility of a presentation of a Proclamation from the Mayor's Office to Bernard Hopkins and Mr. Ray request the Commission's support in making the presentation. The proclamation is being offered to congratulate Mr. Hopkins for all of his accomplishments in boxing

**Comments**

Sharon Parker announced ROASA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Unconditional Love Retreat, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Zealia Center, Capital Heights, MD. There will be a tribute to the late Virginia Williams, former District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams. The Commission also donated some memorabilia to Ms. Parker's retreat. For information, the Commission recognized Ms. Williams during the 2012 Dr. McKnight Event.

**Comments:**

Deputy Commissioner Grant indicated that two (2) Commission Officials should be congratulated: Referee Kenny Chevalier and Chief Judge Steve Rados will be officiating at the Golden Boys April 19<sup>th</sup> Event at the DC Armory; there was a round of applause.



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**Comments:**

Chief Referee Cooper asked to have a meeting with the Inspectors prior to the event to discuss some locker room rules, cleaning the corners, and instructions to the seconds.

**Comments:**

Commission Administrator Brown shared the OPLA's Annual Report but he also requested that when officials do something noteworthy, bring it to his attention, so the officials can be highlighted in the Annual Report just like the Commission's accomplishments.

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**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Thomas and seconded Commissioner Ponder, the Commission meeting was adjourn at 7:40:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bryan Irving, Chairperson

  
Date

Recorder: S. J. Brown  
Commission Administrator