

HAWAII STATE BOXING COMMISSION  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: PVL Examination Room – Room 330  
King Kalakaua Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Abraham Pacheco, Chairperson  
Henry Sasaki, Vice-Chairperson  
Roland Casamina, Member  
Bruce Kawano, Member  
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General  
Alice Worthy, Secretary

Excused: Herbert Minn, Member

Guests: Vail Minn  
Henry Mailolo  
Enrique Rodrigues  
Hubert Minn  
Zachary Ariola  
Mike Freitas  
Donn Arizumi  
Bert Shiosaki

Call to Order: With the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pacheco at 10:03 a.m.

Additions/  
Revisions to  
Agenda: None.

Approval of  
Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Bruce Kawano, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Commission's meeting held on August 30, 2011 as circulated.

Executive  
Officer's Report: None.

Approval of  
License  
Applications:

There were five new applications for judges' licenses. The five applicants appeared before the Commission.

Hubert Minn asked Chairperson Pacheco if he could say a few words on behalf of the five applicants.

He congratulated Abe Pacheco on being appointed Chairperson.

Hubert Minn stated that he recruited the five applicants. Although they don't have experience in judging any professional fights, he believes they are capable and has complete confidence in their ability to serve as future judges.

Hubert Minn also stated that because Hawaii does not have many professional fights, he recognizes that gaining experience as an official is difficult. He recommends that they attend seminars and conventions, and shadow judges at amateur fights as ways for them to gain experience.

He mentioned that Hawaii has never held a seminar for officials and believes it would be a good idea for the Commission to consider conducting in-service training for potential officials. He mentioned that the next WBC convention will be held in Cancun later this year, and extended an invitation to anyone who is interested to attend.

Hubert Minn highly recommends that the applications for the five applicants be approved.

Zachary Ariola

Mr. Ariola has no prior judging experience, but has been interested in boxing for some time. He has attended seminars conducted by Hubert Minn, in addition to attending a WBC convention. He has attended fights, but did not do any shadowing at those fights. He is willing to learn and will do whatever is necessary to gain the experience needed to be a judge.

Executive Session:

At 10:12 a.m., it was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Henry Sasaki, and unanimously carried to move into executive session pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(1) and (4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS section 26-9 or both, and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, as provided in HRS section 92-5(a)(1) and (4).

At 10:29 a.m., upon a motion by Roland Casamina and seconded by Henry Sasaki, it was unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Zachary Ariola

Discussions continued regarding Mr. Ariola. The Commission noted that although its laws and rules do not specify any experience requirements for licensure as a judge, it would be better if an applicant had some amateur judging experience and had attended judging seminars and clinics. However, if the applicant did not have this background, the Commission would still license the applicant (provided that the applicant met all of the other licensing requirements) and recommend that a licensee attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve their judging skills.

After further discussion, it was moved by Henry Sasaki, seconded by Roland Casamina, and unanimously carried to approve the license application for ZACHARY ARIOLA with the recommendation that he attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve his judging skills.

Michael Freitas

Mr. Freitas has no prior experience as a judge. He has always had an interest in boxing and continues to keep up with what is happening in the sport of boxing. Mr. Freitas has attended judging seminars conducted by Hubert Minn and shadowed fights on his own. He is willing to learn and do whatever is necessary to acquire the experience needed to be a judge.

After discussion, it was moved by Henry Sasaki, seconded by Bruce Kawano, and unanimously carried to approve the license application for a judge's license for MICHAEL FREITAS with the recommendation that he attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve his judging skills.

Bert Shiosaki

Mr. Shiosaki has no prior experience as a judge, but is willing to learn. He has attended seminars conducted by Hubert Minn. He has been associated with Hubert Minn for the past 10 years and has traveled with Hubert Minn to judging seminars and conventions.

After discussion, it was moved by Henry Sasaki, seconded by Roland Casamina, and unanimously carried to approve the license application for a judge's license for BERT SHIOSAKI with the recommendation that he attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve his judging skills.

Donn Arizumi

Mr. Arizumi has no prior judging experience. His interest in boxing has been through his association with Hubert Minn. He has attended judging seminars conducted by Hubert Minn. He is willing to learn and do whatever is necessary to gain the experience he needs to be a judge.

After discussion, it was moved by Henry Sasaki, seconded by Roland Casamina, and unanimously carried to approve the license application for a judge's license for DONN ARIZUMI with the recommendation that he attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve his judging skills.

Vail Minn

Mr. Minn has no experience as a judge. His interest in boxing began at an early age. He has attended judging seminars conducted by Hubert Minn and is willing to learn and gain the experience needed.

After discussion, it was moved by Bruce Kawano, seconded by Roland Casamina, and unanimously carried to approve the license application for a judge's license for VAIL MINN with the recommendation that he attend judging seminars and clinics, and shadow judges at professional and amateur contests, to improve his judging skills.

Promoter's License – Amateur

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Henry Sasaki, and carried by a majority vote (Bruce Kawano recused himself from the vote) to approve the license application for an amateur promoter's license for AMATEUR BOXING OF HAWAII.

Ratification of  
License  
Applications:

After discussion, it was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Henry Sasaki, and unanimously carried to ratify the renewal applications for a second's license for the following individuals:

Adrian C.N. Silva	Joel Kim
Keoni Adric	George C.U. Yoon
James G.A. Masaki	Carl J.P. Phillips
Donald Tsark	Cedric R. Fujitani
Daryl Takata	Ronald Ushijima
Freddy Pereira	Snooky B. Fujikawa
Alan T. Fujii	Armando Blue
Michael T. Tanaka	Stuart Okamura
Michael C. Daquioag	William L. Sarcedo, Sr.

It was moved by Henry Sasaki, seconded by Roland Casamina, and carried by a majority vote (Bruce Kawano recused himself from the vote) to ratify the renewal application for a second's license for Bruce Kawano.

Executive Session: At 10:50 a.m., it was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Henry Sasaki, and unanimously carried to move into executive session pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(1) and (4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS section 26-9 or both, and to consult with the Board's immunities, and liabilities, as provided in HRS section 92-5(a)(1) and attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, (4).

At 10:59 a.m., upon a motion by Roland Casamina and seconded by Bruce Kawano, it was unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Ku'ulei Kupihea: The Executive Officer reported that he had received an email dated February 22, 2012 from the Professional Boxing Federation of Finland ("Federation") regarding Ms. Kupihea. Ms. Kupihea participated in a boxing match on December 3, 2011 in Finland. The Federation claims that results of the antidoping test indicated that Ms. Kupihea had taken a diuretic, which is a banned substance. Ms. Kupihea's trainer, Mr. Rodrigues, said that they received the results of the test two months after they left Finland and were not going to appeal the Federation's decision as an appeal would require them to fly back personally to Finland. Mr. Rodrigues also stated that Ms. Kupihea took a small amount of diuretics because she was having her menstrual period at that time, and that the diuretics did not give his fighter any advantage at all. He thought that the two year suspension was too severe given the type of banned substance involved, the reason it was taken, and the fact that fighters have been suspended for shorter periods when the banned substance involves steroids or drugs. Thus, he asked the Commission for its informal opinion on whether testing positive for diuretics would warrant a two year suspension in Hawaii.

The Federation of Finland claims that it emailed the Commission a letter on January 17, 2012 regarding this matter. As a result of not receiving a response from the Commission, the Federation decided to suspend Ms. Kupihea from boxing for a period of two years, beginning December 3, 2011. Mr. Taniguchi stated that the Commission never received this email, and inquired whether Ms. Kupihea could appeal the matter. Mr. Taniguchi informed the Federation that the matter would be taken up at the Commission's March 6, 2012 meeting.

After discussion, it was moved by Roland Casamina, seconded by Abe Pacheco, and unanimously carried to issue an informal opinion that based on the facts presented and the banned substance involved, the Commission believed that Ms. Kupihea's suspension should be for six months instead of two years, and that the Executive Officer inform the Federation of the Commission's opinion.

Unfinished Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Next Meeting

Date: To be scheduled by Executive Officer.

Open Forum: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy

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Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

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Alan Taniguchi  
Executive Officer

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[ X ] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_,