

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation**

**Open Minutes:            State of Illinois Athletic Board**

Date: May 7, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 555 W Monroe St., Chicago, IL, 60661

**Board Members Present by phone and video:**

Dr. Nick Rizzo, Member

Patrick J. Morley, Member

Chau Nguyen, Member

Kevin Connor, Member

Robert Dixon, Member

Kelly Waller, Member

***The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.***

**Staff Present:**

Nancy Illg, Director

Deboree Dixon, Executive Manager, Athletics Board Liaison

Tafari Mahout, Assistant General Counsel

Topic	Discussion	Action
I. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BOARD MEETING OPENING	Roll call via phone & Video: Rob Dixon – present Nick Rizzo – present Patrick Morley – present Chau Nguyen – present Kelly Waller-present Kevin Connor-present	Nancy Illg called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.
II. OLD BUSINESS	Deboree Dixon, Board Liaison, had e-mailed the April 28, 2022 meeting minutes for review.	Motion was made and seconded (Pat Morley/Chau Nguyen) to waive the reading and approve the April 28, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
III. NEW BUSINESS (a) Virtual meeting greetings and introductions. Board Chair and Vice Chair elections.	There was a brief introduction of all board members present and Department staff. Chair and Vice Chair elections were held.	Election was held to elect Chair and Vice-Chair to the Board. Motion was made and seconded (Kevin Connor/Chau Nguyen) to elect Pat Morley as Chairperson to the Board Motion was made and seconded (Pat Morley/Kelly Waller) to elect Dr. Nicholas Rizzo as Vice Chair to the Board.

III. NEW BUSINESS (b) Events and Industry Updates	Nancy updated board with event statistics from 2022-2025. Nancy updated the board on the state's status with the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC), Unified Rules for muay thai and kickboxing.	
III. NEW BUSINESS (c) Ringside Physicians	Nancy notified the board that the Department is facing a shortage of ringside physicians due to medical malpractice insurance restrictions. Dr. Nicholas Rizzo provided additional information. The Department will continue to review, monitor and research other options for future events. Board members will provide research and other industry support for future discussion.	
III. NEW BUSINESS (c) Amateur Boxing	The board discussed the status of amateur boxing in Illinois and issues with USA Boxing as an amateur sanctioning organization. Bobby Hitz, professional boxing promoter and industry stakeholder, joined the board meeting and updated the Department re issues with USA Boxing and how to address in future.	
(d) ADJOURNMENT		Motion was made and seconded (Pat Morley/Chau Nguyen) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.