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Oklahoma State Athletic Commission

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

*Here a simple statement of the adopted mission of the agency should be provided, along with the entity or person(s) who adopted the mission statement and when it was adopted.*

The Commission's mission, powers and duties are set out in its enabling act as enacted by the Legislature. Title 3A O.S. § 604.2(A) provides:

“The mission of the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission shall be to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of combative sports event participants and the general public through the effective regulation of combative sports in the State of Oklahoma, while fostering an environment that expands existing combative sports events and brings new events into the state.”

Title 3A O.S. § 611 further states:

“Before issuing any license or sanctioning permit, the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission shall consider the following in order of importance:

1. The preservation of the safety and health of the participants;
2. The best interest and welfare of the public; and
3. The best interest of combative sports in general.”

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GOVERNANCE:

*Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.*

Pursuant to 3A O.S. § 604.1, the Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. The members serve three-year terms and shall have the following qualifications:

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Two members shall have experience as a professional combative sports practitioner other than a wrestler (i.e., boxer, kickboxer or MMA fighter) or experience in combative sports promotions other than wrestling;

One member shall have experience as a professional wrestler or in wrestling promotions;

One member shall have experience in sports medicine;

One member shall have experience in the cable television business;

Four members shall represent the public at large.

Current Commission members:

Danny Hodge	Chair	Professional Wrestling
Mike Bower	Vice-Chair	Professional Boxing
Terry Smith	Commissioner	Boxing Promotions
Dr. Larry Lovelace	Commissioner	Sports Medicine
Andrew Dearth	Commissioner	Cable Television
Dr. Mark Hanstein	Commissioner	Public at Large
Malcom Atwood	Commissioner	Public at Large
Robert Manchester	Commissioner	Public at Large
Glen Vernnon	Commissioner	Public at Large

*Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? If so, please provide a detailed listing of the subgroups and their areas of focus.*

The Commission has no standing committees or subgroups.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

*Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?*

The enabling act has no attendance requirements. However, the act provides that the Governor may remove a member for incompetence, willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, or malfeasance in office. 3A O.S. § 604.1.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

*Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency since July 1, 2012. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.*

By statute the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission is provided administrative support from the Oklahoma State Department of Health for which services the Commission pays a fee. All modernization efforts undertaken by the Oklahoma State Department of Health have also been undertaken by the Commission. This has led to a slight additional cost to the Commission.

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*What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?*

Use of State Vehicles when possible

Use of Trip Optimizer

Car Pooling of Inspectors when possible

Assignment of Inspectors to events in close proximity to their duty station

Use of full-time employees to conduct part-time inspector duties when possible

Document scanning verses hard copy of documents when possible

CORE MISSION:

*What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?*

None.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

*Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states? Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?*

No. Under federal law, all professional boxing events must be regulated by either a State or tribal commission. 15 U.S.C. §§ 6301-6313. Pursuant to the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Act (3A O.S. §§ 601-624), the Commission also regulates professional kickboxing, professional wrestling, and professional and amateur MMA. In issuing licenses and permits, the Commission exercises the police powers of the State. There is no private entity that licenses combative sports participants.