Board of Director
Minutes of Meeting
March 9, 2025
Virtual

1. Opening

Mr. Ali Salameh, Secretary General, welcomes everyone to the Official Board meeting of Asian Boxing and informs them it is being recorded. He asks President Pichai if he can begin with roll call, Mr. Pichai confirms.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ali Salameh, the Secretary- General begins roll call:

PICHAI CHUNHAVAJIRA	Present
VICTORICO P. Vargas	Present
JUNG AEHYUN	Present
DARKHAN KYZAIBAYEV	Absent
SHOHID TILLABOEV	Present
BAYANMUNKH MAIDAR/Mr. Zolbo is present in Bayanmunkh's Absence	Present
ALI TAKLEEF SHAHEED	Absent
AJAY SINGH	Present
TATSUYA NAKAMA	Present

Mr. Ali Salameh declares a quorum and informs the President that the meeting can continue.

3. The agenda

Mr. Ali Salameh shares the agenda with everyone and leaves the floor for Mr. Pichai's opening speech.

Agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Welcoming Speech by Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira, Interim President
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting
4. Selection of the Date and Venue for the upcoming Congress
5. Discussion on the Upcoming Asian U17 and U15 Championship, Amman, Jordan.
6. Closing Speech by Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira, Interim President

4. Welcoming Speech

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira welcomes all the members and mentions some of the great achievements in recent months of Asian Boxing and World Boxing including recognition by the IOC, MOU with OCA and boxing being added to the Asian Youth Games.
He officially starts the meeting.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks if they can begin on agenda point 3, Approval of the minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting. The President approves.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting

Mr. Ali Salameh provided a brief on the meeting, highlighting the suggestion to adopt the previous Olympic weight categories from Paris 2024, which consisted of 7 weight classes for men and 6 for women and to match with the weight categories set

by the World Boxing starting in 2025. After lengthy discussions by the committee, these were the weight categories they concluded upon.

Men's Weight Categories

Category	Olympic Weights 2024 (Paris)	World Boxing Weights (Starting January 2025)
51 kg	51 kg	50 kg
57 kg	57 kg	55 kg
63.5 kg	63.5 kg	65 kg
71 kg	71 kg	70 kg
80 kg	80 kg	80 kg
92 kg	92 kg	90 kg
Over 92 kg	Over 92 kg	Over 90 kg

Women's Weight Categories

Category	Olympic Weights 2024 (Paris)	World Boxing Weights (Starting January 2025)
50 kg	50 kg	51 kg
54 kg	54 kg	54 kg
57 kg	57 kg	57 kg
60 kg	60 kg	60 kg
66 kg	66 kg	65 kg
75 kg	75 kg	70 kg

Mr. Ali Salameh points out that the Committee voted unanimously approving these weight categories. He opens the floor to Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira to open the discussion.

Mr. Ajay Singh asks a question about the Women's Weight Category, trying to understand what is the recommended category – Olympic or World Boxing.

Mr. Ali Salameh clarifies that the World Boxing Weight categories were approved.

Mr. Ajay Singh asks if OCA has confirmed only 7 Men's and 6 Women's categories, and Mr. Ali Confirms that the OCA will not be adding any more weight categories.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks Miki, the LOC if there has been any room for negotiations on the number of weight categories.

Dr. TATSUYA NAKAMA asks to speak, that he understands this has been discussed at length by the committee, but he is concerned that World Boxing should be looking at their weight categories as the difference of 5kg and more is dangerous and not equal, that the weight categories should be discussed for the LA2028.

Ajay Singh, agrees and wants to discuss with World Boxing. Equal weight categories for Men and Women in LA2028.

Ali Salameh states that it has already been confirmed there will be equal 7 weight categories for men and women.

Ajay Singh asks which weight categories. That although the Asian Games is decided it would be paramount as the Asian Boxing Board to give feedback on the weight categories. That looking at women's adding a 48kg weight should be part of the future discussion.

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira makes a motion to approve the weight categories and the minutes of meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Vargas.

The motion to approve the weight categories and minutes of Technical Committee meeting is passed unanimously.

Mr. Rowann has joined the meeting on behalf of Mr. Darkhan – and there are no objections by the board allowing him to attend on behalf of Mr. Darkhan of Kazakhstan.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks Mr. Pichai if they can move on to the next point on the agenda.

President Pichai, approves.

6. Selection of date and venue of the upcoming Congress

Mr. Ali Salameh points out that in accordance with the roadmap that was presented, there will be a congress in April to approve the constitution. He points out that the Constitution Committee has completed the constitution, and he will provide the board copies at the end of the meeting. Ali proposes a date of 26th or 27th of April.

Mr. Ali Salameh also suggests the congress be online as it is about only one topic, the constitution. That the constitution will be shared to NFs and feedback received in advance. He asks President Pichai if he agrees on this point, and if the dates are acceptable.

Mr Pichai agrees and asks if it is possible to finalise these dates. He asks if everyone else is available.

Dr. Nakama says he prefers May 3, 2025 but if it can be later time like 9pm Thailand time, he can make the virtual meeting on 26th.

Ali Salameh proposes April 26 at 9pm Thailand Time virtual Congress.

There are no objections to this proposal.

There is unanimous approval on the date and time of the virtual congress.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks the president if they can proceed to the next point of the agenda.

President Pichai asks Mr. Shohid to repeat what he just mentioned about the weight categories.

Mr. Shohid points out that the Technical Committee has made the right decision for today. He agrees that yes, we all want eight categories for the Olympics, but as they did, he totally agrees with their decision.

7. Discussion on the upcoming U15 and U17 Boxing Championships in Amman

Ali Salameh summarises how preparation has been for the championship. He points out that the registration has been opened, there is a link with login details sent to the NFs for registering the teams. He mentions that Jordan Boxing Federation is highly qualified and promises they will deliver a great championship.

Mr. Ali Salameh opens two points for discussion:

1. Does Asian Boxing allow non-world boxing Asian National federations to join or only those who have joined World boxing? According to World Boxing Constitution, they allow non members to participate, so the board needs to vote on this point.
2. Also, Asian Boxing has received outside requests from non-Asian countries asking to participate – Ukraine due to the war has asked to participate.

Ali Salameh opens the floor to the President to discuss.

Dr. Nakama asks to speak on the topic, according to the OCA rules only members of Asian Boxing can join the Asian Games. He wants to discuss this point.

Ali Salameh states that we can open it for all NFs

Dr. Nakama agrees that World Boxing allows.

Mr. Ajay Singh asks why we would let non-members participate. Ali Salameh reiterates, World Boxing allows non-members to participate.

Mr. Vargas asks to speak. He points out that we are discussing two points. World Boxing allows non members to participate in open tournaments but not in qualifying tournaments. So since Asian Boxing Championship isn't an Olympic qualifying tournament, then we should include them.

Mr. Ali Salameh adds that to open it to any Asian countries even non-members unless there are clear guidelines by the OCA that it is a closed competition for registered only.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks if the board can make a motion to allow non-World boxing Asian members to participate in Asian Boxing Championships unless it is an Olympic Qualifying event.

Mr. Vargas supports and moves to a motion.

Mr. Pichai asks to vote on the motion.

Ajay Singh, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Shohid, and Mr. Rowan are discussing Ukraine's status in World Boxing and IBA.

Mr. Ali Salameh is explaining that Ukraine doesn't want to participate in tournaments with Russia.

Mr. Shohid wants to stay way from politics and keep it only Asian continental countries only.

Mr. Vargas points out that Ukraine is a separate subject.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks to vote on the point discussed.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks if the board can make a motion to allow non-World boxing members from Asian Continent to participate in Asian Boxing Championships unless it is an Olympic Qualifying event.

This motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Ali Salameh asks to discuss Ukraine as they submitted a letter to participate.

He suggests that if the board wants to discuss with World Boxing it is an option. Mr. Vargas agrees it should be cleared by World Boxing.

Mr. Ajay Singh doesn't understand why we should allow them if they are not part of Asia. The board also agrees.

Dr. Nakama says Asian continent should be for Asia only.

Mr. Vargas agrees, only Asian countries.

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira agrees that this is an Asian continental tournament. And Ukraine has opportunities in Europe, but they don't want to participate.

Mr. Ali Salameh, states that the board clearly wants to keep it as Asian countries only.

8. Closing Speech President Pichai Chunhavajira
The President thanks everyone for their time, and their valuable feedback and insights to the growth of Asian Boxing.

He closes the meeting.