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Recently Appointed Commissioner Dr. Ara Feinstein Welcomed to Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission

PHOENIX – Today, the Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission welcomes new Commissioner Ara Feinstein, M.D., who was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to serve commencing January 18, 2021. Dr. Ara Feinstein has over a decade of experience as a trauma surgeon and ringside physician. He currently serves as an associate professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix and Physician Executive at Banner Health. Dr. Feinstein’s dedication in academic, administrative and professional medical roles furthers the Commission’s commitment to supporting the health and safety of athletes.

“I look forward to working closely with our new Commissioner, Ara Feinstein,” said Scott Fletcher, Commission Chairman. “His medical experience and history as a ringside physician will provide valuable expertise to support our goal of prioritizing the safety of athletes while advancing combat sports throughout Arizona.”

Dr. Feinstein replaces Commissioner Scott Peters, who returned to a coaching position in the National Football League after serving five years with the Commission. “We thank Commissioner Peters for his dedication to Arizona unarmed combat sports,” said Francisco Meneses Jr., Commission Executive Director. “His legacy displays a strong commitment to the safety of our athletes, which has laid the foundation for the expansion of unarmed combat sports in the state. I am excited to work closely with Commissioner Feinstein to continue this important work.”

“I look forward to joining fellow Commissioners Fletcher and Pennington on the Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission,” said Dr. Ara Feinstein, newly appointed Commissioner. “With a passion for boxing and mixed martial arts, I am excited to work closely with my fellow Commissioners to further develop unarmed combat sports in the state while doing our part to bolster health and safety protections for participating athletes.”

The next scheduled Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission meeting is next Thursday, 1/21, starting at 10 A.M. You can view the meeting notice and agenda for how to connect and more information: <http://bit.ly/2H7fq4Z>

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