



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission**

**December 8, 2021
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 via Webex Teleconference format. The Commission held its Executive Session prior to the Commission public meeting.

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The public meeting was called to order by Commissioner Huff at **12:15 pm** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Andrew Huff, Rodger Mitchell, M.D. and Paola Moya**

Commission Members Absent: **Kim Lockett**

Staff Members Present: **S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner**

Staff Members Absent: **Nicole McClendon, Program Coordinator Marc Nielsen**

A Agenda Item: Moment of Silence for Anibal Miramontes of Fight Fax:

- A Moment of Silence was observed in acknowledgement of the passing of John L. Grant, Sr. "Johnny". Deputy Commissioner Brown stated that The Washington Post published the obituary of the passing of John L. Grant, Sr. "Johnny". Anyone that knew Johnny would tell you he was one of those rare boxers that an unkind word could never be said. A true gentleman. He further noted that it was good that the Commission honored Mr. Gant at one of its Dr. Arnold McKnight Events a few years back.
- Henry Discombulating Jones also added that this past Friday, he did a Honorary 10 count for Mr. Gant at his Homegoing Service, representing the Commission and that was well received as well. He further added that he would also like to acknowledge the passing of Mathew "Rick" Bowlding of PVA, did a lot to promoter local boxers in the DMV.

A Moment of Silence was observed in acknowledgement of the passing of Mathew "Rick" Bowlding.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- None.



Executive Session – Closed to the Public

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell, and properly seconded by Commissioner Moya, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into closed session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (4) (A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b) (13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell and properly seconded by Commissioner Moya, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes.

Agenda Item: Upcoming Events:

Acting Chairman Huff announced the following and upcoming event:

- WWE Pro-Wrestling Event, **Tuesday, December 28th @ the Capital One Arena**

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Commission Rebranding: The purchasing of new badges being processed; once purchased, the badges will be distributed. Additionally, uniforms for the officials are being considered as well; and will be purchased upon the finalization of the new logo.

Ring Announcer Henry Jones added that the Commission should look at launching an event, that would reintroduce the Commission, informing the public of the expanded and new Commissioners. As an example, looking at the renaming of the Wilson H.S. after a Vincent Reed the first black principal and Golden Glove Boxer and Edna Jackson, the first black teacher. Also, incorporating the youth ambassadors such as: Jahmal Harvey, Elite Men’s World Champions or Quincey Williams Pam Am Games Welterweight Champion. Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown agreed to speak just before Christmas and Commissioner Mitchell expressed interest in working on this effort.

- A new logo was selected from the samples that were provided by Commissioner Moya. Commission Huff thanked Ms. Moya, as well as all in attendance for her hard work and efforts in the rebranding effort.
- Website: There needs to be a finding on whether the proposed Commission events can be added to its website. Once the finding has been provided, it will be communicated to the Commission.



Agenda Item: New Business:

Acting Chairman Huff announced the following and upcoming event:

- Event to Approve:
 - All Elite Wrestling Events, **Wednesday, January 19th** and **Friday, January 21st** @ the ESA

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell and properly seconded by Commissioner Moya, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event, pending receipt of all required documents.

- Proposed Events
 - Rising Sun Promotions, **Saturday, February 19th** @ the ESA
- Wrestling Issue: The Acting Chairman indicate that in the realm of professional wrestling, which he has a passion for, that the Commission should consider deregulating wrestling, since it does not get a lot of wrestling, other than the large companies, primarily. So, he would like to see wrestling in the city deregulated like other commissions in the country.

He stressed that it does not mean that there are not requirements for doing events, but that Commissions do not regulate the sport. As an example, are events at the Shakespeare theater regulated? And are licenses issued to the actors and actresses there that are engaged in stage combat. So, he stayed that he would take a closer look at this issue.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- It was properly moved by Commissioner Mitchell and properly by Commissioner Moya, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourned at **12:58** pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Huff", written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Huff, Commissioner

January 12, 2022

Date

Recorder & Minutes prepared by: S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner.