



**Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection  
Occupational and Professional Licensing  
District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission**

**April 12, 2023  
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, via Webex Teleconference.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:06 pm** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Commission Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Christopher Jenkins, Commissioner Shawn Townsend, Commissioner Kim Lockett, and Commissioner Roger Mitchell, M.D.**

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **Nicole McClendon – Program Coordinator, Skip Brown – Deputy Commissioner, Marc Nielsen – Legal Counsel, Jacqueline Noisette – Interim Program Manager, OPL and Kimberly Troxler – Program Support Specialist**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission**

- Commissioner Lockett – Since Delano Hunter is no longer the Director of DPR, should the Commission begin discussing a partnership with the acting DPR Director or wait until the council appoints a new Director? The Commission unanimously agreed to wait until a new DPR Director is appointed.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

- Henry Jones – No comment
- Paul Snell – Events DC. Asked about available alternate dates for a boxing event at the end of the year. Deputy Commissioner Brown recommended they talk about scheduling procedures outside of the meeting.
- Chauncey Flowers – Wanted resolution of the complaint filed on behalf of his son, Boxer Chamar Flowers. Chairman Huff indicated that the complaint will be discussed during Executive Session and a decision will be forthcoming.
- Jose Flora – No Comment

**Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public**

- We will now go into executive session, which is closed to the public, in order to consult with our attorneys to seek legal advice; to discuss disciplinary matters; and to deliberate upon decisions in adjudication actions and proceedings, as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A), § 2-575(b)(9), and § 2-575(b)(13). We will resume the public portion of the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. Please stand by for our return if you are participating online.

*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell, and properly seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session.*

**Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:**

- February 8<sup>th</sup>
- March 8<sup>th</sup>

*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> of 2023.*

**Agenda Item: Complaint:**

- Mr. Chauncey Flowers file a complaint on behalf of his son Boxer Chamar Flowers regarding the official's TKO ruling at the Davis Promotions Boxing Event on 3/25/2023. Mr. Flowers wants the ruling changed to No Contest or to have the fight deemed as an exhibition on his son's record.

*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted that the official's TKO ruling remains as stands.*

The Commission will provide a written response to the complaint.

**Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- **Wrestling Exhibitions** – Licensing requirements for professional wrestling events that are not stand-alone but are an attraction as part of another event. Chairman Huff recommended the following:
  - Permit fee of \$100
  - Licenses and Medicals for all participants
  - Proof of Insurance

*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the policy for wrestling exhibitions that are an attraction as part of another event.*

- **5% Commission Fee for Small & Local Promoters of Wrestling & Boxing Events** – Chairman Huff reached out to neighboring jurisdictions and those about the same size as DC and found that the District's Commission fee is in line with their fees. Deputy Commissioner Brown talked about the idea of creating a tiered system. Commissioner Jenkins recommended that the Commission consider slightly lowering the fee

or offering tax incentives as a way to be more competitive, especially for smaller and local promoters. Commissioner Lockett suggested having a partnership(s) with a local hotel(s) for room and/or meal discounts to reduce costs for promoters. Chairman Huff mentioned a grant offered by the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) for televised or streamed events as another option to reduce costs.

- **Davis Promotions Boxing Event Recap** – There was concern regarding the sportsmanship and behavior of some of the licensees at the weigh-in and the event itself. The Commission will be taking action regarding those actions at the next meeting. Will provide Promoter Eric Davis with a letter to provide feedback on the event.
- **Grant Making Application Draft** – Tabled.
- **Draft Language Concerning Permit Deadlines** – Tabled.

**Agenda Item: New Business:**

- **Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Las Vegas, NV @ The Mirage Hotel & Casino**  
*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the attendance of 4 Commissioners, along with staff to the conference.*

**Agenda Item: Events to Approve:**

- **New Japan Pro Wrestling – Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ the Entertainment Sports Arena (ESA)**  
*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event contingent upon the receipt of all requested documents.*
- **Rising Star Entertainment – Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ the Entertainment Sports Arena (ESA)**  
*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event contingent upon the receipt of all requested documents.*
- **That’s A Plug Boxing Event -Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ the WEG Studios (Old BET Soundstage)**  
*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event contingent upon the receipt of all requested documents.*
- **All Elite Wrestling (AEW) - Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> @ the Capital One Arena**  
*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event contingent upon the receipt of all requested documents.*



**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

- The meeting ended at 1:21.

The Next Scheduled Regular Meeting is **Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at noon** via Teleconference/Webex.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ *Andrew Huff* \_\_\_\_\_

Date May 25, 2023

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