



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

**January 8, 2025
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, January 8th, via Zoom Workplace.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:08 PM.** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Commission Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Christopher Jenkins, and Commissioner Shawn Townsend and Commissioner Kimberly Lockett**

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **Skip Brown – Deputy Commissioner, Marc Nielsen – Legal Counsel, Terron McAbee – Program Support Specialist, Jacqueline Noisette – Deputy Administrator (OPL) and Nicole McClendon – Program Manager, April Randall – Legislative & Public Affairs Officer, Kimberly Troxler – Board Administrator, Demetrius Norman – Chief Customer Experience Officer, and Jatarious Frazier – Policy Analyst**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

- *Joan Jelma* stated that she's in attendance observing on behalf of DC Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA).

Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff

- *Chairman Huff* indicated that Councilmember Nadeau has reintroduced the Theatrical Wrestling Amendment Act and that it has been referred to the Council's Committee on Business and Economic Development. DLCP staff will meet with Council staff to clarify the bill's purpose and goals.
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- *Chairman Huff and Commissioner Jenkins* confirmed they will continue serving additional terms. Other commissioners with expiring terms are awaiting official reappointment but will remain active in the meantime.

Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public

No Executive Session this meeting

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:

- December 11th Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, and properly seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for December 11th, 2024 with corrections.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- The December 18, 2024 **All Elite Wrestling Event** at ESA was successful, running smoothly from start to finish.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- *Gym Equipment for Recreation Centers* - Commissioner Lockett emphasized the poor condition of Emory Rec Center's boxing facilities and Columbia Heights Rec Center's needs.
- *Recruiting New Commissioners and Large Event Strategy* – The open commissioner seat, formerly held by Dr. Mitchell, remains vacant. The Commission discussed steps to attract more large-scale televised events, with a focus on partnering with EventsDC, DestinationDC, and DMPED to streamline efforts.
- *Officials' Pay Adjustment* - Skip proposed doubling officials' pay for boxing events to match rates in neighboring jurisdictions.
- *FY25 Community Grants* – Nicole confirmed grant recipients are moving forward, with plans for February site visits to assess impact. Chairman Huff requested introductions to grant awardees to organize visits and provide feedback

Agenda Item: Events to Approve:

None

Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events:

- WWE plans to host two events in February 2025, including a Friday Night SmackDown @ Capitol One Arena, and an NXT-style event @ the ESA
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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- The meeting ended at **12:39pm**.

The Next Scheduled Meeting is **Wednesday, January 12th 2025, at noon** via Zoom Workplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

Date

Minutes Prepared by: Terron McAbee, DLCP/OPL Program Specialist