



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

**March 12, 2025
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 12th, via Zoom Workplace.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:02 PM.** and attendance was taken.

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

Commission Members Absent: **Commissioner Kimberly Lockett**

Staff Members Present: **Skip Brown – Deputy Commissioner, Marc Nielsen – Legal Counsel, Terron McAbee – Program Support Specialist, Jacqueline Noisette – Deputy Administrator (OPL), April Randall – Legislative & Public Affairs Officer, Kimberly Troxler – Board Administrator, Demetrius Norman – Chief Customer Experience Officer, Jatarious Frazier – Policy Analyst, A’layza Mitchell – Program Support Specialist, Jennifer Durden – Paralegal Specialist, Shakira Richardson – Program Manager, and Brittney Cheshier**

Staff Members Absent: **Nicole McClendon**

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public
None

Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff

- *Skipp Brown* expressed his deepest gratitude as he prepares to step into a new chapter of his life, retirement. He thanked the entire Combat Sports Commission (current and previous board members) while also thanking a list of staff members for their dedication to helping the Combat Sports team.
- *Chairman Huff, Commissioner Jenkins, and Commissioner Townsend* also expressed their gratitude towards Skipp and expressed how much of an honor it has been to work with him throughout his tenure.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:

- January 8th Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Townsend, and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for January 8th, 2025 with corrections.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- *Officials Pay* – The goal is to get DC on the same scale as MD, and VA. The last increase was about 10 years ago.
- *Rules to Adopt* – Team Champion League (TCL). Skipp will circulate the rules, while the Commission needs to work with the Legislative Director so the rules can be adopted.
- *WWE Smackdown Pro-Wrestling Event – Friday February 14th @ Capitol One*. Event was approved retroactively. *Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Townsend, and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event for February 14th, 2025.*
- *NXT Vengeance Day Pro-Wrestling Event – Saturday February 15th @ Carefirst Arena*. Event was approved retroactively. *Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Townsend, and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event for February 14th, 2025.*
- *Commission Spring Mixer (And Farewell to Skipp Brown) Event*. – Chairman and Commissioner Locket has discussed a few potential venues where this farewell/ Spring Mixer can take place. Nothing has been solidified at the moment.
- *Columbia Heights & Emory Boxing Gym Needs* – Skipp has spoken with liaisons from DPR, and has requested them to provide their Wishlist then he can follow-up based on what the Commission can do to help serve their needs (Based on the budget).

Agenda Item: New Business:

- *FY25 Community Grantees Winter Site Visits* – Chairman Huff stated he has received emails from grantees with some potential dates for Spring site visits. The visits will likely to be a walk through observation not to exceed an hour.

Agenda Item: Events to Approve:

None

Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events:

None

Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, and properly seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the Commission unanimously voted to proceed to the Executive Session.

During the Executive Session, the following topic was discussed: *Officials Pay (increase)*. The Commission discussed the fee structure for boxing officials in DC, with Skip proposing a minimum 100% increase in fees to bring them in line with neighboring states.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- The meeting ended at **1:21pm**.

The Next Scheduled Meeting is **Wednesday, April 9th 2025, at noon** via Zoom Workplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

Date

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