



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

**November 13, 2024
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, via Zoom Workplace.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:01 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) and Nicole McClendon – Program Manager, April Randall – Legislative & Public Affairs Officer, Kimberly Troxler – Board Administrator, and Demetrius Norman – Chief Customer Experience Officer.**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

- *Sharon Sands* stated that she attended the California State athletic Commission meeting where the commission announced that Jack Reese retired from refereeing but will be judging for the commission in the future.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff

- *Chairman Huff* indicated that the PBC hosted a press conference at Howard University on December 4, 2024. The press conference is aimed to promote the upcoming boxing match for Gervonta Davis vs. Lamont Roach Jr scheduled for March 1st, 2025, at the Barclays Center, NY, streaming on Amazon Prime.
- *Deputy Commissioner Skipp* indicated that he was in attendance and mentioned that key highlights included advice to youth fighters and fighter strategies. He also mentioned that there was a lot of profanity used.

Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public

No Executive Session this meeting

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:

- November 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 November 11th, 2024 with corrections.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

No agenda items

Agenda Item: New Business:

- *All Elite Pro-Wrestling Event* - Wednesday, December 18th @ The ESA. The permits have been approved, just waiting for the final medical documentation.
- *FY25 Community Grant update* – Reviewed progress and feedback from three current recipients. We discussed challenges in attracting applicants for anti-violence focused grants. We will contact DPR and gym managers to discuss equipment need then discuss further in January meeting.
- *Commission Holiday Party* - discussions included venue suggestions such as Wilson Building or a local establishment. Skipp will be investigating budget allowances and finalizing venue options.
- *Emery Recreation Center's Boxing Gym Assistance* – discussion included upgrades for gyms amongst DPR, especially Emery. Commissioners suggested expanding the initiative to other DPR boxing facilities as well. Staff will consult DPR and individual gym managers for a prioritized list of equipment needs.

Agenda Item: Events to Approve:

- All Elite Pro-Wrestling Event- Wednesday, December 18th @ The ESA

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

Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events:

- There have been a proposed event by Al Davis for potentially February, nothing has been finalized.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- The meeting ended at **12:33pm**.



The Next Scheduled Meeting is **Wednesday, January 8th 2025, at noon** via Zoom Workplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

Date

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