



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

**June 12th, 2024
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, via Webex Teleconference.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:20 PM.** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Commission Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Christopher Jenkins, and Commissioner Dr. Roger Mitchell**

Commission Members Absent: **Commissioner Kim Lockett, and Commissioner Shawn Townsend**

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, Kimberly Troxler – Program Specialist, April Randall – Legislative Director, and Jatarious Frazier.**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

- Promoter Eric Davis commended the staff and commission for their exceptional work at the May 18th boxing event held at the ESA. In honor of the recently deceased Official Paul J. McGarvey, Davis proposed that recognition be extended to McGarvey and his family during the homegoing and funeral service.
- Referee and official Sharon Sands noted that the International Boxing Hall of Fame event took place over the weekend in Canistota, NY. She praised the event, highlighting its value to the entire boxing community. Sands encouraged everyone to attend at least once, emphasizing the wide array of activities available, including boxing matches, golfing, racing, and more. For more information, you can visit IBHOF.com.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff

- **Commission Grant Application Update:**

- ❖ Chairman Huff provided a brief update on the Commission Grant. He mentioned that Councilmember Kenyon McDuffie successfully secured \$100,000 in funding for nonprofit organizations in DC that use combat sports as an anti-violence strategy. Currently, three applications are under review from the following applicants: Midtown Youth Academy, Woodland Tigers Youth & Education Program, and Heels Off Gloves On.
- ❖ A 10 second Moment of Silent was held in respect of the late Official Paul McGarvey (2024).

Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public

- . Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to proceed to executive session. During the executive session, the following topics were discussed: *Grant Applications for Commission Grant Program*, and *Emergency Rule making in regards to licensee conduct & timeliness*.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:

- May 8th Meeting Minutes approved by commission with corrections.
Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell, and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for May 8th 2024.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- **Emergency Rulemaking update**
Deputy Commissioner Brown discussed the possibility of featuring various combat sports styles in a single event. These styles include MMA, Kickboxing, and Bare Knuckle fighting, a new form of boxing with its own distinct rules. An event could be held in the future once the rules are finalized and adopted.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- **None**

Agenda Item: Events to Approve:

- **Eric Davis- August 3rd @ the ESA**
Approved. Event scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 @ the ESA.
Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Eric Davis event pending receipt of required documents.

Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events:

- Lamont Roach – Friday, June 28th @ The ESA

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- The meeting ended at **1:10pm**.



The Next Scheduled Meeting is **Wednesday, September 11th 2024, at noon** via WebEx Teleconference.
July 2024 (Tentative Meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

Date

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