



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission**

**April 26, 2018
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Commission held its Executive Session prior to the Commission public meeting.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Weers at 7:13 pm and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Adam Weers, Andrew Huff and Kim Lockett**

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: **Kia Winston, Attorney for the Commission and S. J. Brown, Deputy Commissioner.**

Staff Members Absent: Andrew Jackson and Cynthia Briggs

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- None.

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Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the March 15, 2018 minutes.



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Agenda Item: Old Business:

- **WWE NXT Pro-Wrestling Event:** Commissioner Huff indicated that it was sold out and based on all the feedback received it was a great show. Commissioner Lockett and Deputy Commissioner Brown echoed his sentiment.

Commissioner Huff also stated that ways to assist smaller wrestling promoters will be looked at as well.

- **Officials Training Recap:** Deputy Commissioner Brown provided a recap of the training. He indicated that overall the Officials training was deemed excellent to good and that view carried through the remainder of the survey. Officials thought that the group discussion was most beneficial as well as the hands-on aspect of the training. Scoring bouts by judges and critiquing referees performances should be incorporated in the future to enhance the training.

Commissioner Lockett raised the issue of Officials pay, it will be discussed at the May or June meeting.

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Agenda Item: New Business:

- **Professional Fighters League (PFL) (MMA Tournament Event):** Mr. Carlos Silva of the PFL discussed the season and format of its events. Additionally, he spoke about the Referee Camera, Gloves Punch Counters, elbows not being used, fighters' ranking, winners of first round of draw bouts advance and 3 Round and 2 Rounds Bouts.
- **Event to Approve:** Mr. Brown announced the event, indicating that the Permit Application is in order.
 - PFL Pro-MMA Tournament Event, **Thursday, July 5, 2018**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the PFL Pro-MMA Event with additional required documents to follow.



Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Lockett and properly seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission unanimously voted to pursue rule making changes for the PFL Pro-MMA Event Playoff format.

- Upcoming Rule Making Action: Chairman Weers indicated that in the coming months, the Commission will continue to work on incorporating its changes to the rules, once that is complete, feedback from officials will be received and the process will continue until completion.
- Upcoming Events: Deputy Commissioner Brown announced the following events.
 - Josef Pearson Professional Muay Thai Event, **Saturday, July 21, 2018**: It will be held at the Thurgood Marshall Center.
 - Dr. Arnold McKnight Event, **Saturday, September 8, 2018**: Kenilworth Recreation Center will be the location for this event. The format will be similar as previous years.
- Upcoming Amateur Boxing Events: Mr. Brown announced the following events:
 - Golden Gloves Tournament Regional Championship, the time is 7:30 pm at Rosecroft Raceway, **Friday, May 4, 2018**.

The Commission will brainstorm on how to have Golden Gloves and other big national amateur events held in the District again.

- The Joe Louis Award Ceremony & Amateur Boxing Event, **Saturday, June 23, 2018**

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Agenda Item: Announcements/Presentations

- Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Michael's Ballroom.
- Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame 2nd Annual Induction Weekend, will be June 1-3, 2018 at the Claridge Radisson Hotel.
- Sympathy Card was presented to Andrew Huff on the passing of his mother. He expressed appreciation and thanks!
- Belated Birthday cards were presented to Kia Winston and Adam Weers. They expressed their pleasure and thanks for the well wishes!
- New Commissioner in Massachusetts Natalia Ballasar, may need guidance in her new duties. The Chairman stressed that she can rely on him and the Commission to provide any support that is needed; as he relied upon from other Commissions (Nevada and California in particular) when he was newly appointed.



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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockett and seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Weers, Chairperson

Date

Recorder & Minutes prepared by: S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner