



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission**

**November 14, 2019
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2019 at 1100 4th Street SW, Conference Room 546 E, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Commission held its Executive Session prior to the Commission's public meeting.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Weers at 1:16 pm and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Adam Weers, (Andrew Huff and Kim Lockett via phone)**

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Nicole McClendon, Program Manager, Kia Winston, Attorney for the Commission, and Chanda Kearney, Program Support Specialist**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

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Chairman Weers called the meeting back into order for public session of the November 14, 2019 monthly meeting.

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 October 2019 minutes.

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Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Wrestling Referee Classification: Deferred. Further discussion will be in the context of rule-making/updating the regulations.
- Policy – Blood Test Results (6-Months for Hepatitis B & C and HIV): There was discussion concerning changing the requirement of Blood Test Results from not older than 6-months to 1-year. This is consistent with jurisdictions such as: Florida, Colorado, and New York, which is in-line with other Commissions. And the requirement should be consistent for all Combat Sports.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Lockett and properly seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the new policy of changing the requirement from 6-months to 1-year for the submission of Blood Test Results.

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Agenda Item: New Business:

- December Holiday Meeting: The Commission deferred discussion but will selected a date and notify staff of the new date, which will be an evening meeting as well.
- Events to Approve Chairman Weers announced the following Events:
 - Nick Capezza Pro-Wrestling Event, **Saturday, November 16th @ the DC Brau Brewery**
 - UFC Pro-MMA Event, **Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ the Capital One Arena**
 - Cassandra White Pro-Am Boxing Event, **Saturday, January 11, 2020 @ the Highland Community Entertainment Hall**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event, contingent upon the submission of required items.

- Upcoming Commission Events Chairman Weers announced the following Event:
 - Fight For Children Fight Night, **Thursday, November 14th @ Washington Hilton Hotel**
 - WWE Pro-Wrestling Event, **Saturday, November 16th @ the Capital One Arena**



And that Fight Night is tonight and the last one ever. Deputy Commissioner Brown indicated that if we are able to staff the two (2) wrestling events on Saturday, which will not be an issue. It will be challenging but both events will be sufficiently staffed with officials.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

By a consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam Weers, Chairperson

12.19.19

Date

Recorder S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner & Minutes prepared by: Chanda Kearney, Program Support Specialist & Deputy Commissioner.