

Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission

May 11, 2022 Minutes

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, via Webex Teleconference format.

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The public meeting was called to order by Commissioner Huff at **12:01** pm and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: Andrew Huff, Rodger Mitchell, M.D., and Kim Lockett

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: **Cynthia Briggs - Program Manager**, **Nicole McClendon - Program Coordinator**, **Skip Brown - Deputy Commissioner**, **Marc Nielsen - Legal Counsel**, **and Kimberly Troxler - Program Support Specialist**

Staff Members Absent: None

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

None.

Executive Session - Closed to the Public

• Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell, and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into closed session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (4) (A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b) (13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

Agenda Item: Minutes:

• Approval of Minutes: Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Boxing Program Update:
 Commissioners Huff and Lockett, met with DPR Director Delano Hunter and had
 an impressive meeting regarding the boxing program. Commissioner Huff noted
 that it's a unique opportunity to engage with amateur boxers and how the
 Commission may be able to partner with and support them. The possibility of
 the Commission hosting an event there was also discussed.



- Commission Rebranding: Program Coordinator Nicole McClendon indicated that the new badges for the Commissioners and staff have arrived. Also, the Commission uniforms with the new logo have been ordered and should arrive within the next 2-3 weeks.
- Commission Re-launching Event: Commissioner Huff suggested the event be held possibly in August or sometime in the Fall as a welcome back to coincide with the back-to-school season. It was agreed that it was a good idea, and there will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- Commission Covid Guidelines: It was agreed that the Commission will continue to require contestants to complete the covid questionnaire regarding the presence of symptoms related to Covid and positive test results. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to research and follow the protocols of other local professional teams.
- Independent Pro-Wrestling Requirements: The Commission agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- Wrestling Exhibition Event Requirements: Commissioner Mitchell suggested that the requirements appear on the Commission website. It was agreed that it was a good idea, and there will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- Modification of the Medicals Due (Boxing): The Commission agreed that the
 policy of medicals being due 5 days before weight-in should remain. The
 modifications requested by Rising Star Promoter Thomas LaManna will be
 granted until Wednesday, the week of the event, as an exception for this event
 only.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

• Commissioner Huff properly adjourned at **12:53** pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Huff, Commissioner

6/28/22



Recorder & Minutes prepared by: S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner and Kimberly Troxler, Program Support Specialist.