



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

**May 13, 2026  
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom Workplace.

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The public meeting was called to order by Andrew Huff at **12:02 PM**, and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Christopher Jenkins and Commissioner Shawn Townsend**

Commission Members Absent: **Commissioner Kimberly Lockett**

Staff Members Present: **Agustin Villadares – Legal Counsel, Terron McAbee – Program Support Specialist, Kimberly Troxler – Board Administrator, A’layza Mitchell – Program Support Specialist and Jacqueline Noisette – Deputy Associate Administrator**

Staff Members Absent: **(None)**

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

- **Brandon Lewis, Office of Open Government** was present to observe.
- **Ricky Womack, PVA** explained that he has two free outdoor summer events scheduled—one on June 27 at Marvin Gaye Recreation Center and another on July 24 at Barry Farms—and is requesting financial assistance from the Commission to cover costs such as the ring and EMS.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff**  
**None**

**Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:**

- April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

**Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- ***DC Council Hearing (Theatrical Wrestling Regulation Amendment Act of 2025)***
  - The Commission gave a brief update on the recent DC Council hearing. Chairman testified before Councilmember Parker’s committee about a bill proposing to deregulate smaller theatrical wrestling events. The hearing went well, and the committee requested a red-line version of suggested changes, which staff are now preparing with a focus on participant safety.
- ***Strategies or opportunities for recruitment***
  - The Commission briefly revisited strategies for recruiting new officials, noting ongoing challenges when DC events overlap with those in nearby states that draw from the same pool of inspectors, referees, and timekeepers. No new updates were reported, though Terron mentioned that since the last discussion, two or three additional officials—possibly inspectors—have submitted applications and resumes.
- ***Boxing Not Bullets request for funding (\$3,500.00)***
  - The Commission reviewed a \$3,500 funding request from the group Boxing Not Bullets, submitted by Cassandra White, who was briefly present during the meeting. Chairman Huff acknowledged receipt of the request and explained that, the Commission would discuss it internally and follow up once a decision is made.

**Agenda Item: New Business:**

- ***DC Luche Libre Promotions: Cinco de Mayo at the Kraken***
  - The Commission reported that a California-based promoter who previously held events in DC again operated multiple shows—two nights and three events—without obtaining the required permits, despite being informed after their last visit that professional wrestling is regulated in the District. An investigator from DLCP’s Consumer Protection Unit attended and documented one of the events, and the Commission plans to discuss potential enforcement action for unlicensed activity during executive session.
- ***Funding Request: THE WATTS RUMBLE at Marvin Gaye Recreation Center (Watts) / FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS INSIDE DA GATES (Barry Farm)***
  - The Commission briefly revisited Ricky’s earlier funding request for his upcoming amateur events at Marvin Gaye and Barry Farm, noting that it will also be reviewed internally. Chris Jenkins asked whether the Commission had supported this initiative in the past, and Andrew confirmed that they have.

- **Boxing Complaint for Matchmaker Brian vs Boxer (Isidro Curiel)**
  - DLCP investigated and provided a report, which has been shared with the Commission. This matter will be reviewed further during the upcoming executive session.
- **Vans Warped Tour DC. June 13-14, 2026.**
  - The Commission discussed an inquiry from the Vans Warped Tour, which plans to hold a music festival at RFK in June and expressed interest in adding a wrestling component. Terron explained that he informed their representative that they would need a permit and additional requirements, but he has not received any follow-up from the organizers.

#### **Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events**

- **Boxing Not Bullets (Amateur Event) – June 6, 2026**
- **Dirty Boxing Championship (DBX) – June 2026 (Cancelled)**
- **Professional Fighters League (PFL) – July 25, 2026**

*Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the waiver, and Commissioner Townsend seconded. The Commission unanimously voted to move into Executive session.*

#### **Agenda Item: Executive Session – Closed to the Public**

- **Lucha Libre:** Andrew reported on the recent Lucha Libre event at Kraken Courts, noting that he and several DLCP staff visited the venue but the promoter never showed and has still not responded to any emails. They spoke only with venue management, and the promoter’s continued lack of communication remains an issue. Fines will eventually be issued
- **Complaint for Matchmaker Brian vs Boxer (Isidro Curiel):** The Commission discussed the contract dispute stemming from Eric Davis’s last event, where the matchmaker and a boxer gave conflicting accounts about missed travel and contractual obligations. DLCP’s investigative report did not identify any clear violation, and staff agreed the evidence was insufficient to justify enforcement action. After confirming no commissioners had further questions, the Commission moved to vote on closing the case for insufficient evidence.
- **Funding Requests:** The Commission discussed two funding requests—\$3,500 from Boxing Not Bullets and \$6,000 from Ricky’s amateur events—and noted uncertainty about whether the agency still has funds available. Kimberly explained that the agency previously had accessible funding and sometimes used waivers, but current budget lines show zero, and staff will need to consult Demetrius once he returns. Commissioners agreed the events are valuable for DC youth and the amateur pipeline but acknowledged financial constraints. They also discussed helping promoters seek sponsorships and suggested creating a formal funding request form to standardize the process moving forward.

#### **Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

- The meeting ended at **1:02pm**.



The Next Scheduled Meeting is **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 at noon** via Zoom Workplace.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

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Date

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

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