

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

May 14, 2025 Minutes

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, May 14th, via Zoom Workplace.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff at **12:05 PM.** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: Commission Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Shawn Townsend, and Commissioner Kimberly Lockett

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Christopher Jenkins

Staff Members Present: Agustin Villadares – Legal Counsel, Terron McAbee – Program Support Specialist, Jacqueline Noisette – Deputy Administrator (OPL), April Randall – Legislative & Public Affairs Officer, Kimberly Troxler – Board Administrator, Demetrius Norman – Chief Customer Experience Officer, Jatarious Frazier – Policy Analyst, A'layza Mitchell – Program Support Specialist, Jennifer Durden – Paralegal Specialist, and Shakira Richardson – Program Manager.

Staff Members Absent: None

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

None

Agenda Item: Comments from the Commission and Staff

Chairman Huff reported conducting site visits to local organizations. He visited Deanwood Recreation Center to observe the HOGO organization and also visited the Woodland Tigers organization. Both visits featured amateur events focused on youth and female amateur boxing.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes:

• April 9th Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Townsend, and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for April 9th, 2025.



Agenda Item: Old Business:

- *Update on Gym Equipment Purchases* Nikki reported that \$150,000 originally allocated for grants has been split due to budget constraints. \$75,000 remains available for grants, while the other \$75,000 is set aside for DPR gym equipment purchases, pending board approval via MOU.
- *The Commission Support for Gyms and local Events* The Commission voted to approve a \$1,300 contribution to support the amateur boxing event on May 24th at the AutoZone on H Street NE, specifically for ring rental. The motion was made by Commissioner Townsend, seconded by Commissioner Lockett, and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: New Business:

• *Government Budget/Restraints/Freeze and how it impacts the commission for the remainder of FY25* - Due to the FY25 budget constraints and a current travel freeze, the Commission will not attend the ABC conference in New Orleans this year. There is a possibility it may be streamed online, and staff will look into that option.

Agenda Item: Events to Approve:

- *Headbangers and HOGO Boxing Foundation Presents: Rookie Rumble DC May 3rd @ Deanwood Community Center-* Event has already happened and did not have to be approved since it was an amateur event.
- 2Fly Boxing Club Presents: The Heart of the City Championship Fight Night. May 24th @ 1207 H St Ne, Washington, DC Event does not need approval since it's an amateur event.
- *Eric Davis Pro-Boxing Event July 12th (10 Bouts)* @ *FirstCare Arena* Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Townsend, and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the upcoming event.

Agenda Item: - Upcoming Events:

None

Agenda Item: Executive Session - Closed to the Public

No executive session was held.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

• The meeting ended at **12:38pm**.



The Next Scheduled Meeting is Wednesday, June 11th 2025, at noon via Zoom Workplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission Chairman, Andrew Huff

Date

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