



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

**September 14, 2022
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 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: **Chairman Andrew Huff, Commissioner Rodger Mitchell, M.D., and Commissioner Christopher Jenkins**

Commission Members Absent: **Commissioner Kim Lockett and Commissioner Shawn Townsend**

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:

- **Ring Announcer Henry Jones:** No comment
- **Quiana Lammonds:** No comment
- **Candy Jacobs, Jerrell Brown, and Ulysses Cooper:** Wanted the promoter's application status for their proposed event. Deputy Commissioner Brown stated he would contact the promoters directly to discuss this.

Executive Session – Closed to the Public

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell, and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into closed Executive Session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(4) (a), (9) and (13) to receive advice from counsel, review application eligibility requirements and disciplinary actions.



Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes for June 8th and June 30th.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Independent Pro-Wrestling Requirements: The Commission discussed ways to engage smaller pro-wrestling promoters to promote and bring more independent wrestling events to the District of Columbia.
- Wrestling Exhibition Event Requirements: Exhibition matches are usually part of overall larger events, case in point, C3W is sponsoring a professional wrestling event as part of the city's Art All Night Event. These events are not ticketed matches. The Commission discussed the requirements since we still have authority over these events.
- Commission Open House: Chairman Huff mentioned the Commission's Open House on October 1st at the Columbia Heights Boxing Gym from 11 am – 1 pm. It's an opportunity for members of the Commission to meet & greet DC licensees, as well as those who wish to be licensed in DC, and members of the community. There will be an opportunity to tour the boxing facility and learn about what DPR offers in terms of its boxing program. Commissioner Mitchell recommended bringing in PR and marketing to further promote the event. Chairman Huff agreed and encouraged the Commissioners to reach out to extend invitations to their contacts in the District. There was also discussion about plans to boost the Commission's website and social media presence.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- Association of Boxing Commission (ABC) Conference Recap: Chairman Huff, Deputy Commissioner Skip Brown, and Nicole McClendon all attended the ABC Conference in Niagara Falls, NY back in July. Some topics addressed at the conference included the role of the Commission & licensing of transgender fighters, concussion protocols, dehydration, weight cutting & bare-knuckle fighting. Commissioner Mitchell asked about online resources on the conference topics. Ms. McClendon offered that the conference was live-streamed and could be found on YouTube.



Agenda Item: Approved Events:

- **Rising Star Promotions – Beltway Battle Pro-Boxing Event – Saturday, October 1st @ the ESA:**
Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event upon the receipt of all requested documents.
- **All Elite Wrestling (AEW) Pro-Wrestling Event – Wednesday, October 5th & Friday, October 7th @ the ESA:**
Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Mitchell and properly seconded by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event upon the receipt of all requested documents.
- **Alarm.com Pro-Boxing Event (Private) – Thursday, October 6th @ the Mayflower Hotel:**
Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event upon the receipt of all requested documents.
- **C3W Art All Night Festival, Saturday, September 24th @ the Shaw Community Center (Outside)**
Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins and properly seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve this event upon the receipt of all requested documents.

Agenda Item: Proposed Events:

- **DC Brau Brewing Pro-Wrestling Event, Saturday, November 6th @ The Brewery, 3178-B Bladensburg Road NE, Washington DC 20018**
- **Fight Club Pro-Wrestling Event, Sunday, October 16th @ Edgewood Arts Center, 3415 8th St NE, Washington, DC 20017**

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- Commissioner Huff properly adjourned at **12:57** pm without objection.



Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Huff
Andrew Huff, Commissioner

10/19/22
Date

Recorder & Minutes prepared by: Kimberly Troxler, DLCP Program Support Specialist.