



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

**June 8, 2022
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, via Webex Teleconference format.

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The public meeting was called to order by Commissioner Huff at **12:13 pm** and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Andrew Huff, Rodger Mitchell, M.D., Kim Lockett, Christopher Jenkins, and Shawn Townsend.**

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **Cynthia Briggs – Program Manager, Nicole McClendon – Program Coordinator, Skip Brown – Deputy Commissioner, Marc Nielsen – Legal Counsel, Rebecca Silva – Law Clerk for Mr. Nielsen, and Kimberly Troxler – Program Support Specialist**

Staff Members Absent: **Harriett Broadie – Deputy Associate Administrator, BPLA**

MOTA Staff Present: **LaNesha Kearse and Booker Roary** were present to swear in new Commissioner Christopher Jenkins, Commissioner Rodger Mitchell, M.D., and Commissioner Andrew Huff as the Commission Chairman. Incoming Commissioner Shawn Townsend will be sworn in at a later date.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- Mr. Henry Jones, Ring Announcer: Wants to see more events come to the District of Columbia but is concerned that the city is cost-prohibitive for promoters. Chairman Huff acknowledged Mr. Jones' concern and agreed it is a matter for further discussion.

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 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 Lockett and properly 2nd by Commissioner Jenkins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 3rd and May 11th.

Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Commission Re-launching Event: Commissioner Huff to follow up with Director Delano Hunter, Ring Announcer Henry Jones, and interested Commissioners to discuss a potential Commission Open House in September or October.
- Independent Pro-Wrestling Requirements: The Commission agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.
- Wrestling Exhibition Event Requirements: The Commission agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- Thomas LaManna Pro-Boxing Event – Saturday, May 28th: The Commission agreed that Deputy Commissioner Brown will draft a letter of admonishment to send to Mr. LaManna acknowledging the various violations of the boxing requirements.
- Gym Visits: Deputy Commissioner Brown will put together a list of boxing gyms for the Commission to visit
- Commission Revenue: DCRA Program Manager Cynthia Briggs discussed the feasibility of increasing the percentage of gate revenue from 5% to 7% for funds to use for grants and community projects. The Commission agreed to explore further.

Agenda Item: Events:

- Davis Boxing Promotion: Pro-Boxing Event – Saturday, August 27th: The Commission agreed to approve this event upon the receipt of all requested documents.
- Cease Fire... Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sisters Inc. Promotion: Amateur Boxing Event – Saturday, August 27th: Deputy Commissioner Brown will circulate additional details on the request for financial assistance.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

- Commissioner Huff properly adjourned at **1:25** pm without objection.



Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Huff

Andrew Huff, Commissioner

09/19/2022

Date

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