



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2024
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trevor Kelly, at 7:02 pm., Monday, November 18, 2024.

It was acknowledged that the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission meets on the traditional territories of the indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Métis settlement in the Métis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our community.

2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Trevor Kelly, Vice-Chair Andrew Soto
Commission Members: Tye Babb, Brandy Badry,
Rashi Khullar, Nateram Seecharan
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Kevin Malahy

3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

T. Kelly provided expectations and conduct for a safe workspace before the public was asked to speak.

Shara Vigeant was in attendance and asked the Commission members to provide their credentials.

The Commission answered S. Vigeant's questions confirming that they are accepting event applications. Information was provided about the recruitment process for ECSC members. The Commission clarified the role of the ECSC versus the role of Administration.

The Commission thanked S. Vigeant for coming to the meeting and asked that she submit any additional questions to the Executive Director and Chair in writing.

4. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the October 21, 2024, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

6. Fatality Inquiry Report

The Fatality Inquiry Report discussion was deferred until the Commission and the City have had a chance to review it.

7. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

F. Gavins flagged the discrepancy in Policy 9 regarding the suspension period of 7 days versus 14 days. The current document will be updated to 14 days for consistency.

Provisions from Policy 7 were added to Regulation 1. The working group will proofread and edit the regulation as needed.

In the next round of policy review, B. Badry and T. Babb will take on Policy 2. A. Soto and N. Sacheeran will work on Policy 4 and R. Khullar and T. Kelly will work on Policy 10.

Policy 13 - The Commission will see if it is feasible to adopt a drug testing policy.

F. Gavins will follow up with Dr. De Freitas on the definition of a mature contestant.

8. Chair's Report

UFC held an event in Edmonton on November 2, 2024. The Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director met to debrief on the event. F. Gavins brought up an issue with A. Soto about Policy 9.

K. Malahy will not be seeking another term on the Commission. There will be two vacancies in 2025.

T. Kelly and F. Gavins plan to attend the November 20, 2024, meeting of Provincial Commissions.

MOVED: To receive the Chair's verbal report as presented. CARRIED

9. Executive Director Report

F. Gavins reviewed the written Executive Director's report.

There is an event request for April 11, 2025.

The Executive Director provided an update on the UFC event. The event was well received.

The Canadian Commissioners Committee held a meeting on November 6, 2024.

Dates for the 2025 ABC Convention should be announced soon.

MOVED: That the written report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented. CARRIED

10. Financial Statements – September 30, 2024

The statement included a bad debt expense from a sports entertainment wrestling event and three credit card purchases for the UFC event.

Revenue will be coming in from the UFC event.

ABC reimbursements have been completed for T. Babb, F. Gavins and T. Kelly. Reimbursement for B. Badry is outstanding.

The Commission will discuss what to do with the balance of funds in the ECSC account at the December meeting.

MOVED: That the September 30, 2024, Financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

MOVED: That the Commission reimburse T. Kelly for the ECSC lunch provided prior to the UFC event. CARRIED

11. Next Meeting - December 9, 2024

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on December 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

The Commission suggested December 7, 2024, as a tentative date for the ECSC Christmas dinner. Members are asked to confirm their attendance as soon as possible. The venue is to be determined.

B. Badry is seeking permission to attend training in Kansas for Bare Knuckle Boxing officials, judges and referees. Training is tentatively scheduled for January 11 and 12, 2025. The Commission will discuss this at the December meeting once B. Badry provides more information.

12. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

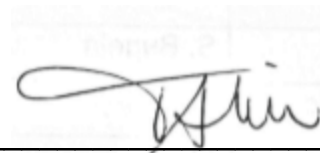
I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on November 18, 2024.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

December 9, 2024

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder