



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES**

**July 14, 2025
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 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2025.

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
Commission Members: Andrew Soto, Brandy Badry, Farrel Shadlyn,
Rashi Khullar, Ally McCullough
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Christopher Bishop

Absent with Regrets: Nateram Seecharan

3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

4. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the June 16, 2025, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

The Chair briefly recapped the reshuffle of the policy working groups.

- R. Khullar and F. Shadlyn policy 10
- B. Badry and N. Seecharan policy 2
- A. Soto and A. McCullough policy 4

Policy review is Temporarily on hold to work on Fatality Inquiry Implementation Plan.

7. Fatality Inquiry Implementation Plan

F. Gavins explains the remaining recommendations:

Recommendation 10 - Preventing return to ring post concussion:

The implementation plan recommends that the ECSC revise “Regulation 8” to explicitly prohibit contestants displaying any signs of incomplete concussion recovery from competition and then furthermore, the ECSC could consider revising existing regulations, or creating new regulations, to specify the responsibilities of corners and coaches in reporting any signs.

Recommendation 4 - Medical proof for knockout and technical knockout due to headblows:

The provincial requirement is if a TK or TKO was due to blows to the head, a contestant would provide medical proof, such as MRI, CT, or fitness tests, before fighting again.

The recommendation is to revise “Regulation 8” to require a contestant that has suffered a concussion in their last bout, or lost by KO or TKO due to head strikes, to provide the results of a neurological exam completed by a neurologist since their last bout.

A neurologist and the Chief Medical Examiner has since added that the exam would also include an ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) or equivalent performed by a neurologist, or qualified sports medicine physician, a specified duration after a fighter has fully recovered.

Recommendation 14 - The mandatory suspension of not less than 90 days for any fighter or contestant that suffered a KO or TKO:

It's recommended that "Regulation 8" be revised to prohibit contestants from competing if they lost a bout from KO from headstrikes within the preceding 90 days. There would also be an update of the statutory declarations for the 90 day period as well.

A. Soto and A. McCullough has been assigned recommendation 10.
R. Khullar and F. Shadlyn has been assigned recommendation 4.
B. Badry and N. Seecharan has not been assigned a recommendation at this time.

The teams will be ready to present for the next ECSC meeting.

8. Funding request

F. Gavins reports that the UFC has reached out to the Canadian Combative Sports Commissioners Committee with an opportunity to send some officials down to Las Vegas to participate in an educational seminar and conference this year. Last year 2 referees were chosen, this year they would like to extend the opportunity to another set of officials. Two candidates were chosen, both referees, Kyle Cardinal, and Mike Tubbs. Pending the Nevada State Athletics committee and the UFC to finalize the selections.

Documents have been forwarded to the committee for their consideration. Suggested funding is \$2000 each.

MOVED: That the funding is approved for the 2 candidates. CARRIED

9. Chair's Report

The monthly chair, vice chair, executive director meeting did not take place, so nothing to report.

Awaiting an announcement from the province for the next provincial association meeting.

T. Kelly is registered for the ABC conference Aug 3.
Also attending the Conference: F. Shadlyn, B. Badrey, and N. Seecharan.
All members will submit expenses to C. Bishop after the conference.

MOVED: To 4 delegation members to attend the ABC conference. CARRIED

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

CARRIED

10. Executive Director Report

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

The commission is awaiting a decision from the chief medical advisor regarding older fighters.

Event updates: nothing to report

Referee training has been created, the new course entails industry best practices such as concussion protocols, fully approved by our chief medical advisor, and also vetted by professional referee and instructor Blake Grace, who advised some final changes for clarity. This new training will be mandatory for any referee wishing to officiate any Edmonton Events.

An inspector version of the same training is in its final stages, slated for the fall.

After meeting with TD bank representatives, it's been determined that some information is still required from City Finance to proceed. TBD

The Alberta commission met with the Canadian Commissioners Committee, but no new information regarding moving to a provincial sanctioning body.

ECSC will be meeting for their 3rd annual conference August 11-14th 2025

ABC: There were some discussions about voting for two new judging rules for bout scoring in MMA.

The Civic Agencies Committee announced some new rules around operation with a slight increase in honoraria including parameters around time. These have been shared with members.

There was a discussion about a provincial governing body. F. Shadlyn inquires about the need for a Provincial Body and The Chair explains that it is in the works but awaiting a legislative component that wouldn't be on the table until a fall session at the earliest.

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

CARRIED

11. Financial Statements – May 31, 2025

F. Gavins reviewed the financial reports. Line item expenses included costs for hosting supplies, travel and training, equipment, medical supplies and technical advisor for Unified 61, totalling \$6262

F. Shadlyn inquires about investing a portion of ECSC funds (~360k), The Chair explains that a motion has already been put forward to invest 250k and F. Gavins explains that he is in discussions with TD, and is currently navigating the administrative requirements between TD and the City’s Finance Department.

MOVED: That the May 31, 2025, Financial statements be approved as presented.
CARRIED

12. Next Meeting - August 11, 2025

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

13. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on July 14, 2025.



October 16, 2025



Trevor Kelly, Chair

Date

Christopher Bishop, Recorder