



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 13, 2021
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:02 pm., Monday, December 13, 2021.

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 Metis settlement in the Metis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our community.

2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Daniela O'Callaghan, Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja, Kevin Malahy,
Tye Babb
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Manav Deol, Graham Smith

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. Appeals Working Group Update

The Commission will have a more extensive discussion at the January meeting about retaining its mandate to keep the power to review appeals as opposed to making a recommendation to make bylaw amendments to move the power to the Community Standards and Licensing Appeals Committee (CSLAC). The consensus among the working group is there are no concerns about the Commission hearing appeals from the Executive Director. The report will make a recommendation to that effect.

This item will be added to the January agenda to discuss the report and provide a motion as discussed.

6. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update

The ECSC will have a consultant for contracts in place by next week and hopes to do introductions in January.

7. Executive Director Report

Terry DeFreitas accepted the role of Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Karpman will continue to help out in a lesser capacity. The Executive Director will arrange to recognize the contributions of Dr. Karpman.

The Executive Director is looking at transition planning for his position in the first quarter of 2022, particularly with even planning.

Doctors should be signing the code of ethics. The Commission will need to consider its position on event doctors having combat athletes as patients.

A motion was previously passed to change the policy for event advertising. The information has now been updated on the City's website.

There have been about five officials that have contacted the Executive Director to let him know they are interested in coming back.

An email from the City's Law Branch was shared with the Commission around the policy and definition change that would be required for bare-knuckle boxing. D. O'Callahan, K. Malahy and S. Bugeja volunteered to form a bare-knuckle boxing working group to develop and collate the research done so far and come up with a commission recommendation for sanctioning or not sanctioning these types of events.

T. Babb was recruited to be part of the stakeholder engagement group.

COVID-19 Update

Nothing to update.

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

8. Financial Statement – October 31, 2021

The Executive Director addressed an inquiry regarding combative sports awards. He indicated that the responsibility was handed over to the industry in 2019.

MOVED: That the October 31, 2021, Financial Statement be approved as presented. CARRIED

9. Chair Report

M. Deol’s term ends at the end of April and he will not be seeking reappointment so the Commission will be recruiting one new member. The competition closes in January.

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

10. Next Meeting - January 10, 2022



The next Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on January 10, 2022.

11. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on December 13, 2021.

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