



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
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MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE  
7:00 PM  
Online via Google Meet**

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Andrew Soto, at 7:00 pm., Monday, March 9th, 2026.

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 Andrew Soto, Vice-Chair Rashi Khullar  
Commission Members: Brandy Badry, Farrel Shadlyn,  
Nateram Seecharan, Ally McCullough, Trevor Kelly,  
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins  
Recorder, Christopher Bishop

**Absent with Regrets:**

**3. Guest Speaker**

**No guest speaker**

**4. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

## 5. Adopt Agenda

**MOVED:** That the agenda be adopted as presented.  
**Adopted without objection**

## 6. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

**MOVED:** That the February 9th, 2026 minutes be adopted as circulated.  
**Approved without objection**

## 7. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

Motion Regarding Policy 6 Amendment

- **VOTED:** The motion was accepted by those present.
- **Action:** Christopher Bishop was tasked with incorporating all tracked changes and uploading the new version of Policy 6 to the website.

### Review of Policy 10 (Ringside Privileges)

- The policy review is in its initial stages, and a comprehensive gap analysis is underway, involving Alexandra McCullough and Brandy Badry.
- Concerns were raised that Policy 10 is too broad and its rationale does not fully align with the text
- **Recommendation:** It was agreed to document the need to split Policy 10 into two distinct regulations as part of the gap analysis recommendations.
- **Discussion on Liquids:** Allowing contestants to bring their own ringside liquids was confirmed as unmanageable due to the need to test for banned substances. Promoters must request and receive prior commission approval for specific products.

## 8. Chair's Report

There was no provincial meeting in February. A new member is expected to join in May following Trevor Kelly's departure, with a shortlist of three candidates selected.

**MOVED:** To receive the Chair's verbal report as presented.  
**Approved without objection**

## 9. Executive Director Report

Revisions were made to the website to include January and February 2025 dates. Information regarding event financials and attendance, especially for UFC events, was shared with the Government of Alberta to assess economic impact.

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

**Approved without objection**

## **10. Financial Statements – January 2026**

**MOVED:** That the January 2026, Financial statements be approved as presented.

**Approved without objection**

## **11. New Business**

### **Code of Conduct Review**

- **VOTED:** Discussion on the Code of Conduct is tabled until May's meeting to allow time for members to review materials and bring a potential new member up to speed.

### **New Expense Procedure**

- The new expense procedure was introduced, requiring a direct deposit setup via an EFT form and a pre-event travel and training approval form to be submitted two weeks prior to any event.
- Expense receipts should be submitted as soon as possible, with a once-a-month submission preferred for quicker reimbursement.

### **ABC Conference Attendance**

- Preference for attendance will be given to those who have not previously attended, specifically Andrew Soto, Alexandra McCullough, Rashi Khullar, and Nateram Seecharan, pending budget and scheduling.

### **Provincial Commission Meetings**

- A suggestion was made to increase the involvement of commission members in provincial meetings.

### **Farewell Acknowledgment**

- Trevor Kelly expressed gratitude for his seven years of service.

**Next Meeting - April 13, 2026**

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on **April 13, 2026**, at 7:00 pm.

## 12. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

**Approved without objection**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on DATE.

  
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Andrew Soto, Chair

April 13, 2026  
Date

  
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Christopher Bishop, Recorder