



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
DRAFT
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 12, 2026
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 7:10 PM.

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: Farrel Shadlyn,
Trevor Kelly, Nateram Seecharan,
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Christopher Bishop

Absent with Regrets:

3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

The anticipated speaker was unable to attend due to illness.

4. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: The agenda for the meeting was adopted without objection.

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: The December meeting minutes were adopted without objection.

6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

- **Team Reorganization:** Andrew Soto reported that only three policies remain in the review project and announced a reorganization of the review teams, with the Chair (Andrew Soto) acting as a floater to assist all teams as needed.
- **Policy 2 Revision:** Andrew Soto discussed Policy 2, which was worked on in previous years but never voted on. He will ask Brandy Badry for any updated version of the one-page revision originally forwarded by Ty, and then email a revision to the entire group for review and a vote at the next meeting (February 9th).
- **Assignment of Remaining Policies:** The following policy reviews were assigned:
 - **Policy 6:** Rashi Khullar and Trevor Kelly.
 - **Policy 11:** Farrel Shadlyn and Nate Seecharan.
 - **Policy 10 (Ringside Privileges):** Brandy Badry and Ally.
- **Future Review Cycle:** Andrew Soto noted that completing these remaining policies will position the committee to establish the next policy review cycle, aiming to align with the city's desired four-year review cycle.

7. Chair's Report

- **Presentation of Updates:** Andrew Soto presented an update on new city administrative processes, which Rashi Khullar had compiled into a PowerPoint presentation.
- **Committee Expectations:** Key expectations reviewed include:
 - Attend all meetings (miss two at most per year).
 - Attend the full meeting (forfeit honoraria if less than 50% is attended).
 - Provide notice for absences.
 - Be visible and on camera.
 - Review all requested documents prior to the meeting.
- **Administrative Process:** Chairs and Co-chairs are now required to complete an administrative duties report form and an expense statement to the administrative liaison.
- **Honoraria/Reimbursement Opt-Out:** Members must notify the administrative liaison in writing if opting out of the honoraria or expense reimbursement.
- **Allowable Expenses:** Allowable expenses for reimbursement include transportation (parking, bus fare, taxis, ride share services), but mileage will not be reimbursed, and receipts must be provided.

- **Clarification on Honoraria:** Rashi Khullar asked for clarification on honoraria continuation. Forrest Gavins clarified that the notification to opt out only applies to new members; existing members do not need to take action to continue collecting.

8. Executive Director Report

- **Investments:** The \$250,000 investment transfer with TD, involving two separate GICs, was completed on December 17, 2025.
- **Event Update:** A March 6th event was cancelled by the promoter due to personal reasons, with the possibility of revisiting it later.
- **Media Interview:** An update was provided on a CBC interview conducted on January 9th regarding the implementation plan for fatality recommendations and recent changes to regulations (specifically referencing Policies 1, 8, and 9).

MOVED: The Executive Director's Report was adopted without objection.

9. Financial Statements – October 31, 2025

- **Accumulated Surplus:** Forrest Gavins presented the financial statement as of November 30, 2025, showing an accumulated surplus of \$354,339.
- **Liability:** A liability of \$22,870 due to the city of Edmonton was noted, which Forrest Gavins explained was for accumulated costs (e.g., travel, dinner expenses) paid by the city that the commission is in the process of paying back. A check has been cut to cover this amount.

MOVED: That the October 31, 2025, Financial statements are approved as presented. **CARRIED**

10. Next Meeting - February 9, 2026 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on January 12, 2026.



Andrew Soto, Chair

9 Feb, 2026
Date



Christopher Bishop, Recorder