



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
DRAFT
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 7:02 pm., Monday, April 13, 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 Trevor Kelly, Vice-Chair Andrew Soto
Commission Members: Brandy Badry, Rashi Khullar, Nateram
Seecharan, Ally McCullough
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Christopher Bishop

Absent with Regrets: Farrel Shadlyn

3. Nancy Jacobsen - Governance Plan - Updates

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 March 9, 2026 Minutes be adopted as circulated.
Approved without objection

7. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

Ali and Brandy to coordinate with Forrest regarding Policy 10

Policy 11 Submitted - Chair would like like 2 more comparisons

Policy 6 - Trevor asks about section 5 - ED appeals. Forrest will review one last time before adding to the website.

MOVED: That the Policy Review be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

8. Chair's Report

Motion to approve the expense for a gift purchased for Trevor Kelly following their departure from the commission passed.

MOVED: That the Gift Expense be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

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

9. Executive Director Report

- The Executive Director reported no planned events.
- Amateur Events: Two amateur kickboxing requests were received but could not be sanctioned, as the commission does not sanction amateur events.
- Media Inquiry: Responded to a media request regarding the bare-knuckle Ice Wars event at River Cree, confirming the event does not meet the professional sanctioning standards of the commission.
- **MOVED:** A motion was put forward to fund Forrest Gavins to attend the Canadian Commissioners Committee Combative Sports Conference

(CCCCSC) in Saskatchewan. The commission approved \$1,600 in funding for this critical national meeting. **CARRIED**

- Canadian Commissioners Committee Update is scheduled for May 13, 2026.

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

Approved without objection

10. Financial Statements – February, 2026

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

Approved without objection

Expression of Interest for ABC Conference Delegation. Will circle back in May when a new committee member has been onboarded.

- ABC Conference Delegation and Training: Brandy Badry, Nateram Seecharan, Farrel Shadlyn (Frell), and Alexandra McCullough (Ali) expressed interest in attending the ABC Conference.
- The commission debated funding the two days of officials training preceding the three-day conference.
- Decision: Interested members must prepare a business case to justify the funding for the full 5-day attendance, including the extra days of training, per diem, and accommodation costs, for a vote at the next meeting.
- The Chair requested a copy of the commission position descriptions be sent to members.

Next Meeting - May 11, 2026

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on May 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

Approved without objection

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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



Andrew Soto, Chair

June 8, 2026
Date



Christopher Bishop, Recorder