



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 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 7:01 pm., Monday, February 10, 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, Vice-Chair Andrew Soto
Commission Members: Brandy Badry, Tye Babb,
Rashi Khullar, Nateram Seecharan
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Kevin Malahy

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 January 13, 2025, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

This item has been tabled until after the March meeting.

7. 2025 Budget and Workplan Update

On March 10, 2025, the Commission's annual report along with the workplan and budget will go to City Council. T. Kelly emailed the documents to the Commission members.

MOVED: To approve the workplan to be included in the presentation to Council on March 10, 2025. CARRIED

MOVED: To approve the budget as amended for the presentation to Council on March 10, 2025. CARRIED

8. Chair's Report

T. Kelly will present the ECSC annual report to City Council on March 10, 2025. The Chair is requesting A. Soto attend the meeting for succession planning.

The Chair had the opportunity to help with the recruitment of new Commission members to fill the upcoming vacancies. Of the 21 applications, 9 people were shortlisted. T. Kelly is still waiting to find out if his request for a one-year extension on the Commission is approved.

On March 11, 2025, T. Kelly will attend the Community and Public Services Committee to present the membership report. The shortlist of potential candidates will be used to determine interviews.

F. Gavins and T. Kelly met with officials from the province to discuss the ECSC's response to the Tim Hague fatality inquiry.

On February 4, 2025, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director held their monthly meeting.

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

9. Executive Director Report

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

There is interest from a promoter to hold an event in April.

The Executive Director met with the ECSC Chair and the Government of Alberta on January 24, 2025. This was a follow-up to the December 17, 2024, State of Combative Sports in Alberta meeting. It was also an opportunity to discuss the recommendations from the Fatality Inquiry Report. The ECSC offered to provide a presentation to the Government of Alberta regarding the role of the Commission if needed to inform a decision about a provincial commission.

Once the response to the Fatality Inquiry Report Recommendations is complete, F. Gavins will share it with the Province to post on their web page.

On January 22, 2025, there was an Alberta Commissions meeting.

The Canadian Commissioners Committee meeting was held on February 5, 2025.

Training for MMA and Boxing is scheduled for March 22, 2025, in person in Vancouver and then again in April online.

The 2025, ABC Conference is scheduled for August 4 to 6 in New Orleans.

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

10. Financial Statements – December 31, 2024

The ECSC paid \$13,211 to the City to balance the budget. Money paid by Unified Promotions will be deferred to a future event.

F. Gavins is waiting for a call back from the bank to see about setting up an investment account for the ECSC.

MOVED: That the December 31, 2024, Financial Statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

11. Next Meeting - March 10, 2025

MOVED: To postpone the March 10, 2025, meeting to March 17, 2025.

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on March 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

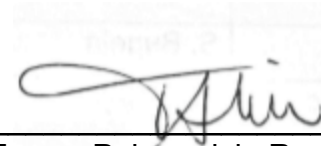
I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on February 10, 2025.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

April 14, 2025

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder