



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 9, 2024  
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 7:05 pm., Monday, December 9, 2024.

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 November 18, 2024, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## **6. 2025 Chair / Vice-Chair Election**

T. Kelly asked if anyone wanted to put their name forward for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission.

A. Soto was the only member to put their name forward for Vice-Chair.

MOVED: That A. Soto be elected as ECSC Vice-Chair by acclamation. CARRIED

T. Kelly let his name stand for the position of Chair. No one else put their name forward.

MOVED: That T. Kelly be elected as ECSC Chair by acclamation. CARRIED

## **7. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates**

Two of the working groups had no updates to report.

A. Soto provided a summary of Policy 9 which he will share with the Commission for their review prior to the January 2025 meeting. He will share the document with City Administration for formatting.

## **8. Protocol for Submitting Expenses**

The Commission discussed establishing a procedure for paying expenses, what are considered standard expenses, and when motions need to be made to approve expenses.

MOVED: That the Commission agrees to pay expenses incurred for the UFC event. CARRIED

## **9. Commissioner Attendance at Unsanctioned Events**

Amateur boxing is not sanctioned, but Pro/Am events are. The commission prohibits contestants from competing in unsanctioned events. It was confirmed that Commission members will not attend unsanctioned events.

ECSC members should not take pictures at events or post them on social media.

## **10. Training Request for B. Badry**

B. Badry emailed the Commission providing all the details regarding training opportunities in Kansas City for Bare Knuckle Boxing. The ECSC decided this was not training they felt would be beneficial at this time. The request was denied.

## **11. Chair's Report**

T. Kelly was not able to attend the last meeting of provincial commissions held on November 20, 2024.

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director held their monthly meeting on December 3, 2024. Their main discussion was about an invitation from Victor Cui, a newly appointed consultant for the Province, regarding a meeting on December 17 to discuss the possibility of a provincial commission in Alberta. T. Kelly will attend virtually and F. Gavins will attend in person.

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

CARRIED

## **12. Executive Director Report**

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

The definition of older fighters has been tabled until March 2025.

The UFC provided ticket sales and drug testing for their event. All event details have been wrapped up and money has been paid.

The Executive Director is working on a report for the Hague inquiry. There are 14 recommendations and the ECSC has been asked to respond to some of them.

F. Gavins is working on key messaging for the December 17, 2024, Government of Alberta meeting regarding the state of combative sports in Alberta.

Complaints have been coming in regarding the rumour of an unsanctioned event planned for December 14, 2024.

F. Gavins attended the meeting of provincial commissions on November 20, 2024, and the December 4, Canadian Commissioners Committee meeting. The commission's priority is fighter safety. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025.

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

CARRIED

**13. Financial Statements – October 31, 2024**

F. Gavins reviewed the financial reports. Line items included revenue fees of \$1,000 for a local promoter’s licence, \$4,868 for ABC conference expenses and \$3,390 for the uniform order.

MOVED: That the October 31, 2024, Financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

**14. Next Meeting - January 13, 2025**

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on January 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

**15. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

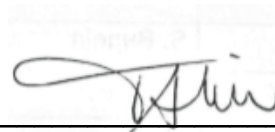
I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on December 9, 2024.



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Trevor Kelly, Chair

February 7, 2025

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Date



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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder