



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
DRAFT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 20, 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 7:00 pm., Monday, October 20, 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: Farrel Shadlyn, Rashi Khullar,  
Nateram Seecharan, Ally McCullough  
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins  
Recorder, Christopher Bishop

**Absent with Regrets:** Brandy Badry

**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 September 8, 2025, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

## 6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

Report: No updates were reported by Rashi, Farrell, or the working groups.

## 7. Robert's Rules of Order Presentation and Procedure Amendments

- Andrew delivered a presentation (which will be incorporated into the new member welcome package) on Robert's Rules of Order, focusing on streamlining meeting procedures.
- **Proposal:** The Chair (Trevor) proposed implementing **negative consensus** (general consent) for routine matters to avoid constant formal voting. The five routine items proposed for this new procedure were:
  - Approval of the Agenda
  - Approval of the Minutes
  - Chair's Report
  - Executive Director (ED) Report
  - Financial Statements
- **Presentation Highlights:**
  - **Focus:** Aligning the commission with clear, modern, and fair meeting processes.
  - **Document Submission:** All reports and supporting documents must be submitted **48 hours in advance** of the meeting.
  - **Debate Limit:** Discussion on any motion or topic is limited to three minutes per speaker.
- **Motion/Consensus:** The Commission voted to move to negative consensus voting (no objection means approval) for the five routine procedural matters listed above.

MOVED: To utilize negative consensus for routine matters.

CARRIED

## 8. Chair's Report (Trevor)

- **Provincial Commission Meeting (September 24):**
  - **New Provincial Director:** Glenn Gamble was hired as the new director for the Sports and Physical Activity branch (started late June).

- **PEI Commission:** Prince Edward Island is working to establish its own provincial commission, with enabling legislation expected in November.
- **Bare-Knuckle Boxing:** Cold Lake announced interest in hosting a bare-knuckle boxing event soon, prompting discussion on the legal review and sanctioning of such events (currently only Lethbridge, AB, oversees them domestically).
- **Recruitment/Elections:**
  - The Chair's term ends on December 31, 2025.
  - The recruitment package for the 2026 vacancy (the Chair's position) has been received.
  - The annual membership report deadline has been moved up to **December 7th**.
  - **2026 Elections:** Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in November. Trevor announced his intention to nominate Andrew for the position of Chair.

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

CARRIED

## 9. Executive Director (ED) Report (Forrest)

- **Older Fighter Regulations:** The Chief Medical Advisor is reviewing regulations concerning older fighters, specifically the idea of lowering the "at-risk" age from 40 to 35, which would trigger required additional medical checks.
- **TD Bank Account:** Efforts to set up the downtown TD branch account continue; the ED has requested a meeting with a senior banker due to complications with the age of the commission's accounts.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - A promoter notified the commission about a professional boxing program event starting on **March 6th**, featuring three amateur bouts and seven professional bouts. The majority of contestants are planned to be female to coincide with International Women's Day (March 8th).
  - Another possible event is being discussed for June.
- **Website Update:** The ED confirmed website updates have been paused as requested by the City until after the municipal election.

- **Draft Regulation 14:** The ED drafted a sample regulation (Reg 14) to propose a process where the ED can conduct legwork for the commission to draft, refine, and speed up the review of new regulations.
  - **Content:** This draft proposed the formal adoption of unified rules for boxing, MMA, and Muay Thai, and the addition of a medical stoppage authority rule (similar to Ontario's).
  - **Discussion:** Trevor sought clarification on professional Muay Thai regulation; Forrest confirmed the ECSC is open to sanctioning professional Muay Thai.
  
- **Fatality Inquiry Recommendations (4 & 8):** Farrell raised concern about the slow pace of implementing the outstanding fatality inquiry recommendations (4 and 8) and proposed setting a **November 30th deadline** for the responsible parties to complete the work, ensuring resolution before the current Chair's term ends.
  
- **Youth Event Inquiry:** The ED received an inquiry regarding a youth "sparring" event. The ED responded that since the inquiry questioned the legality (involving the Criminal Code) of the event, it must be referred to the Edmonton Police Service, as the Commission only regulates professional events.
  - **Amateur Combat:** Forrest confirmed that amateur combative sports events for disciplines like Muay Thai and Kickboxing are generally **not legal in Canada** unless sanctioned under specific conditions related to government authorization or inclusion in the Olympic program.
  
- **Canadian Commissioners Committee:** The next conference will be in **Regina, Saskatchewan, from August 11th-14th.**

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

## 10. Financial Statements – August 31, 2025

- Forrest presented the Financial Statements for August 2025.

MOVED: That the August 31, 2025, Financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 11. Next Meeting - November 10, 2025

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on November 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

## **12. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on October 20, 2025.



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Trevor Kelly, Chair

November 23, 2025



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Christopher Bishop, Recorder