



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 14, 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 7:04 pm, on Monday, April 14, 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 March 10, 2025, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

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

T. Babb reviewed the Policy 2 Gap Analysis, which was previously shared with the Commission. The MNP report recommended reviewing the promoter licence policy. Policy 2 is to be used in conjunction with the Combative Sports Bylaw 15594; the contents of the bylaw supersede this regulation. T. Babb will share the draft regulation with the Commission for review.

## **7. UCP Policy Proposal re: Provincial Commission**

Chris Mead from the Gold Bar constituency provided a draft policy supporting a provincial commission. T. Kelly shared the document with the ECSC for information.

## **8. Contingency Planning - Interim Chair**

The City will vote on April 22, 2025, to extend T. Kelly's term on the Commission for an additional year.

MOVED: That if T. Kelly's term is not extended, Vice-Chair Andrew Soto will assume the Chair's responsibilities until the ECSC elects a new Chair. CARRIED

## **9. Removing Policy 12 from the Website**

The Commission discussed removing outdated policies from the website, specifically, Policy 12, which regulated professional wrestling and was struck in 2018. Policy 7, concerning pro fighter debuts, which was incorporated into Regulation 1, has been removed. The ECSC website should be updated to reflect when policies are no longer in effect, and a note will be added to indicate if policies are repealed.

MOVED: To remove the link to Policy 12 from the ECSC website and include an explanation on the site indicating why a policy has been repealed. CARRIED

## **10. Chair's Report**

On March 19, 2025, T. Kelly and F. Gavins attended the Provincial Commissions meeting. Richard Arnold, the Executive Director for the Ministry of Sports and Tourism, attended the Lethbridge Commission meeting in February as a special guest. Edmonton and Calgary commissions were not contacted about attending the meeting.

On April 1, 2025, the Chair and Executive Director discussed Regulation 5 regarding participation in an unsanctioned event after learning that a participant on the Unified card competed in one.

The decision regarding the request to extend T. Kelly's extension for another year is scheduled for April 22, 2025. City council will vote on this matter, along with the appointment of new members and the reappointment of existing members.

April 4, 2025, a contestant making his pro debut on the Unified card was denied a licence. No notice of appeal has been received.

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

## **11. Executive Director Report**

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

The Executive Director provided an update on the Unified 61 event, held in the Ice District Fan Park on April 12, 2025. This was the first local event since 2019.

Refresher training for officials was completed on April 9, 2025.

The Unified performance bond was deposited. An appointment is scheduled to talk to TD about the ECSC funds.

The Canadian Commissioners Committee meeting was held on April 2, 2025.

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

## **12. Financial Statements – February 28, 2025**

A breakdown of the \$10,263 will be provided at the May ECSC meeting. The commission currently has an accumulated surplus.

MOVED: That the February 28, 2025, financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

## **13. Next Meeting - May 12, 2025**

This was T. Babb's last meeting. The ECSC expressed gratitude for his six years of service and wished him well.

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on May 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

#### 14. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on April 14, 2025.



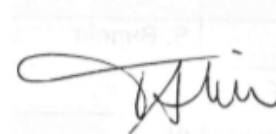
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Trevor Kelly, Chair

May 12, 2025

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Date



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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder