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## BOXING ONTARIO IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ERIK ESPINOLA AS OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | TORONTO (September 14, 2020)** The Boxing Ontario Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Erik Espinola to the role of Executive Director, effective September 14, 2020. Erik's organizational experience, sport knowledge, and diverse skill set will be crucial over this next year to lead the anticipated workload that comes on the heels of our new 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The announcement comes as past Executive Director, Matthew Kennedy, takes leave after being recruited to various dynamic opportunities in the corporate sector.

"We will miss Matthew's vision, diligence, and leadership," says Boxing Ontario's President Jennifer Huggins. "He has grown the Business of Boxing exponentially over the years, and will continue his support into other sectors to manage that same growth for others. While we will miss Matthew's direction and expertise, we are pleased with the quality of candidates who emerged in our 4-month-long search for a new Executive Director. Erik's experience, passion, and skill-set distinguish him in the field as a strong fit to help us start our new strategic cycle with focus and strong direction."

Erik has previous involvement with Boxing Ontario as a volunteer, official, ambassador, and most recently as part of the staff from 2012 through early 2018.

"I am confident that Erik's passion and vision for Boxing Ontario will ensure that we continue to deliver on key objectives over the next year in support of our athletes and the greater sport system," says current Vice-President, Mike Williamson. "Having worked directly with Erik over the years has enabled a seamless transition process that will serve to continue the necessary momentum of important projects including athlete and partner engagement, our campaign to increase athlete funding, our participation in the current targeted funding model review, and the essential work around the health and safety of our members and clubs."

*"I am very happy to be joining Boxing Ontario as Executive Director. I'm most excited to be working with and for our Provincial athletes again; but I'm also looking forward to the opportunity to build on Matthew's excellent work creating constructive relationships with Boxing Ontario's various partners and generally guiding the sport to new heights as we continually try to improve our athlete-centred sport system."*

—Erik Espinola | Boxing Ontario, Executive Director

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### **Interview Opportunities:**

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Interview Opportunities available in person, virtual and via phone or email with:

- [Jennifer Huggins](#) (President)
- Michael Williamson (Vice President)
- Erik Espinola (New Executive Director)
- Matthew Kennedy (Executive Director 2010 – 2020)
- Provincial and National Team Members (contacts available upon request)