

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2021

Chair calls to order meeting at 9:36am. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel, Program Technician.

The Chair announces that the Board has made a decision on their Executive Director finalist, and that they've reached out, and the finalist has accepted. The Board will publicly vote to hire the Executive Director at the end of the meeting. Chair Pepper also gives an update on the Board's process for hiring a consultant, as well as other staff positions.

Chair Pepper asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/2 meeting. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes. Chair Pepper asks for a follow up motion to approve the minutes from the 6/1 meeting. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Board hears an update from small cultivators and cannabis policy advocates on the current Vermont cannabis landscape, as well as needs and wants from involved parties as the Board looks towards beginning its rulemaking process. Presenters include:

- Stephanie Waterman and Kendall Smith – White River Grow Pro
- Graham Unangst-Rufenacht – Rural Vermont
- Josh Decatur – Trace Vermont
- Chris White - West Crescent Farm
- Geoffrey Pizzutillo – Vermont Grower's Association
- Dave Silberman – Attorney
- Jahala Dudley – Fox Holler Farm

The Board asks questions of the presenters throughout. Chair Pepper opens the floor for public comment at 12:08pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams and phone.

The Board breaks for lunch at 12:25pm. They reconvene at 12:40pm.

Following lunch, the Board hears from representatives of farm service providers in Vermont: Nikki Lennart of the Intervale Center, and Heather Darby of UVM Extension. Members of the Board ask questions of the service providers and move into a period of public comment at 1:32pm. Members of the public submit their comments via Microsoft Teams and phone.

After public comment, Chair Pepper announces that the Board has extended an offer to Brynn Hare, formerly of the Vermont office of Legislative Counsel to serve as Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board. Member Hulburd moves to hire Ms. Hare as Executive Director. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to hire Brynn Hare.

Chair Pepper gives another brief update on future hires for the Board, and entertains a motion to adjourn at 1:54pm. Hulburd moves to adjourn. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adjourn at 1:54pm.