

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2021

Chair calls to order meeting at 10:30am on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel, Program Technician.

Prior to starting agenda, Chair Pepper thanks both Vermont Judiciary Committees, both Government Operations Committees, Legislative Counsel Michele Childs, Governor Scott & his cabinet, fellow Board members, Program Technician, members of the public.

Agenda:

Introductions from all three members of the Board and staff, giving brief biographical and professional backgrounds.

Committee adjourns before reconvening after a 10 minute break.

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity for the State of Vermont, joins the call to present to the Board and answer questions around the importance of maintaining an equity lens in the Board's work.

The Board adjourns for lunch at 12:20pm.

The Board reconvenes at 1pm. They are joined by Michelle Anderson, Assistant Attorney General in Chief of the General Counsel and Administrative Law division. She presents to the Board on Vermont Open Meetings Law. Questions are limited from the Board to adhere to agenda timeline. Board members state that they will follow up with Michelle in writing if they have any additional questions.

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff for the Attorney General, joins the Board to provide a training on public records requests, including recent developments from Supreme Court cases. Kyle Harris, as interim public records officer, opts to follow up with Charity in writing with any questions he might have.

Chair Pepper updates the Board and public on the search and hiring for an Executive Director and Consultant.

At 1:51pm, the Chair opens the floor for public comment. Members of the public ask questions and submit commentary via Microsoft Teams and phone.

Chair Pepper announces the Board's plan to move into executive session to interview candidates for the position of executive director, per the posted agenda. Board member Hulburd moves. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0

The Board moves into executive session at 2pm.

At 6:13pm, the Board reconvenes after its executive session. Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adjourn from Member Hulburd. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0. The Board adjourns at 6:14pm.