

## Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021

Chair calls to order meeting at 9:30am. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel, Program Technician.

Chair Pepper goes over administrative details prior to moving into the agenda items:

- Governor Scott has lifted the COVID-19 emergency order, meaning that the Cannabis Control Board must have a physical location to meet. The Chair notes that the Board was not able to secure a physical location on short notice, but will plan to have one for next week, alongside the remote option.
- The Board is still operating under special meetings rules until Brynn Hare is able to start as Executive Director. However, the Chair notes that the Board tentatively plans on continuing to meet on Thursdays, from roughly 9:30am – 2pm. He highlights the general planned subjects for the next few meetings.

The Chair asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/10 meeting. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Board then moves to a discussion of the request for services posted on the CCB website for a consultant. After a brief discussion, the Chair opens the floor for public comment. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams.

The Board takes a brief break at 9:55am. They return at 10:20am to hold a discussion on social equity issues in Vermont cannabis policy. They are joined by Mark Hughes, Executive Director of the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, as well as two members of the public with criminal convictions, Matt Leonetti and Ericka Redic, to speak to the collateral consequences they've faced due to their conviction history.

The Chair opens the floor for public comment. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams and phone. The Board takes a five-minute break at 12:35, and returns at 12:40pm.

When the Board returns, they hear from Beau Kilmer, Director of the RAND Drug Policy Research Center, and Shaleen Title, Inaugural Commissioner of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, to discuss cannabis policy and social equity issues in jurisdictions outside Vermont. The presentations are interspersed with questions and comments by the Board members.

Following the presentations and questions from the Board, Chair Pepper opens the floor for public comment. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams and phone.

Following the public comment period, Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adjourn at 2:50pm.