

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2021

Chair calls to order meeting at 10:00am. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel.

Chairman Pepper calls the Board to order at 9:30am. Administrative details: Executive Director Brynn Hare has extended an offer to the Board's finalist for Administrative Services Manager III, and she has accepted. The Board is holding off on announcing the finalist's name until she can make her own notifications. Applications have also closed for the General Counsel and Administrative Services Coordinator II positions. Brynn will be moving forward on interviews for those positions as well.

Chair Pepper asks for a motion to approve the minutes for July 22nd. Member Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes as written.

The Board first hears from Mandy White of VTrans for an update and review of highway safety and crash data. They then hear from Sergeant Jay Rikken of the Vermont State Police on the Drug Recognition Expert program, as well as an overview on impaired driving. Robin Joy of the Crime Research Group then updates the Board on criminal justice data collected in Vermont, and how such data should be analysed.

The Chair opens the floor for public comment. None is submitted.

After a break for lunch, the Board reconvenes for an update from Commissioner Michael Pieciak of the Department of Financial Regulation on current banking and insurance practices as they relate to the burgeoning Vermont cannabis industry. He is followed by Rob Miller and Greg Huysman of the Vermont State Employees Credit Union to give an update on their particular credit union's practices. Christian Sederberg of Vincente Sederberg LLP joins the call to update the board on the federal cannabis landscape.

The Chair opens the floor for public comment. Comment is submitted via Microsoft Teams.

At 2:20pm, Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adjourn. Member Hulburd moves to adjourn. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adjourn. The board adjourns at 2:21pm.