

Cannabis Control Board Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2021

Chair calls to order meeting at 11am. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel. Administrative details: Advisory sub-committee process is starting to come to a natural conclusion, and will begin to adjourn. At this point only social equity and sustainability will continue to meet, but subcommittees and the full advisory committee will reconvene periodically as necessary.

The decision points today will revolve around application requirements. Starting next week, the Board will hold twice per week meetings.

Executive Director Hare gives a brief update prior to moving into the agenda. She reiterates the notice given during the October 15th meeting that website content was lost between the dates of October 4-14. The Board also put out a request for information notice on October 5th through the Agency of Digital Services looking for more information on a license application portal, among other things.

Chair Pepper entertains a motion to approve the minutes from October 15. Member Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes from both meetings.

Chair Pepper moves into the agenda, beginning with a discussion of provisional licenses, and how the Board might go about administering such licenses. He then moves on to discuss suitability standards for licensure, and what might be disqualifying for a hopeful licensee.

The Board begins a discussion of baseline application requirement recommendations for different license applicants, buffer zones, general operating plan requirements for all licensees, and application requirements for insurance and banking.

At 12:35pm, the Board recesses briefly before reconvening at 12:45 to begin a discussion on discoveries of untruthfulness to the CCB, followed by a discussion of priority of licensure among applicants and criteria for determining priority.

The Board moves on to recap the week's sub-committee meetings. Compliance and Enforcement discussed delivery issues in their one meeting on Monday. During Sustainability's meeting, the members discussed social equity issues as they relate to sustainability. Public Health wrapped up this week with a discussion on warning labels and the manufacturing of edibles. Social Equity will continue to meet through next week, and will move on to discuss Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and how to use the cannabis excise tax. The Medical subcommittee finalized their recommendations to the Board on patient/caregiver ratios and plant counts.

At 1:20, Chairman Pepper opens the floor for comment. Members of the public submit comment both in person and via Microsoft Teams. After public comment, the Board continues with a conversation on tax compliance and review some of the suggestions to come out of the public comment period.

Motion to approve the package of recommendations as reviewed with the addition that the provisional license requirement recommendations include the change that the person must demonstrate tax compliance or a good faith effort to become tax compliant. Member Harris moves. Hulburd seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the package of recommendations.

Before adjourning, Chair Pepper reminds the public of the evening public comment period coming up on Tuesday, 10/26, at 6pm. He adjourns the meeting at 2:30pm.