

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2022

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

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by David Scherr.

The Chair announces that the Board is giving notice that the prequalification approval process will be opened in 30 days, beginning March 16. The Chair makes several notes about this: that a prequalification approval is not a license to operate and seeking such approval is voluntary, entities seeking licenses can proceed directly to the licensing process and need not seek prequalification approval.

Hulburd discusses the guests and discussions that occurred during the second Social Equity Networking event.

The Chair notes that Rules 3 and 4 are still in their public comment period. The official public hearing is on Friday, February 18 at 11am.

The Chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes from February 7th. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Board begins discussion on guidance documents. The Board discusses safety information flyer that is required at the point of sale. Hulburd notes that the document remains to be vetted through other stakeholders including the Department of Health. It will be aimed at people who have already decided to purchase cannabis.

The Board then discusses inhalable additives. The Chair goes through the legal requirements in Rule 2 regarding additives. Chair discusses the nature of various possible additives, including flavoring and dilutants. Discusses the Oregon report on additives, and the ways in which it can be difficult to ascertain the full nature of ingredients in commercially available additives. The research on which additives might be dangerous is still in flux. Regulation of additives could take multiple forms, including permissible lists, product registration, product recalls, and minimizing risk from the vaping device. The Board could also use New Jersey approach, which has a list of products that are harmful or potentially harmful.

The Board turns to a discussion of testing parameters and action limits with respect to testing of cannabis and cannabis product. Harris presents a draft of proposed action limits and testing parameters that has already been discussed by the Board and the Advisory Committee.

Harris further discusses guidance around permissible waste management practices that will be promulgated by the Board, including what will be some of the possible ways of rendering cannabis and cannabis product “unusable and unrecognizable.” Harris also discusses hazardous waste guidance. Disposal of hazardous waste must follow Vermont’s Department of Environmental Conservation Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Public comment begins at 11:44am and ends at 11:51am.

The Chair reminds those present that the prequalification approval process will open in 30 days, and the public hearing on Rules 3 and 4 will be on Friday, February 18.

The Chair adjourns the meeting at 11:52am.