

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel.

Chair comments and administrative notes: Chair Pepper notes that there will be an executive session during today's Board meeting, and offers brief comments on the passing of Dr. Raphael Mechoulam. He also notes that the Budget Adjustment Act has passed, and the 92% vape tax will no longer apply to cannabis vaporizer cartridges in July. The tax will continue to apply to vaporizer devices. Also included in the Budget Adjustment Act is the creation of a reference lab plus additional laboratory staff for the CCB. Pepper also outlines the rule amendment process, which the CCB has begun, and reminds the public that the application window for outdoor and mixed cultivation licenses will close at the end of April. The Board also briefly comments on the State's upcoming first legal 420. Commissioner Harris gives an update on product registration. Commissioner Hulburd discusses the creation of a workforce survey.

The Chair entertains a motion to adopt the minutes from February 27, 2023. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt the minutes.

Brynn Hare delivers the Executive Director report, staff recommendations for license approval and social equity status, and updates the Board on medical program statistics.

At 1:52pm, the Chair entertains a motion to enter executive session in order to discuss the denial of an applicant's social equity status. Commissioner Hulburd moves to enter executive session and invite Xusana Davis and Jay Greene of the Office of Racial Equity. Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to enter executive session. They resume at 2:22pm.

Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adopt the register and staff recommendations as presented. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt the register.

The Chair opens the floor to public comment at 2:24pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams and phone. The Chair closes public comment at 3:01pm, makes a few final comments and adjourns the meeting.

Video recording of March 27 Meeting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Mq_2_9rcgU

Adult-Use and Medical Program Application Register and Executive Director Report:

https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2023-03/March.27.23_Board.Meeting.pdf