

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2023

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel.

Chair Pepper notes that the Board will add an executive session to the agenda to discuss social equity recommendations from CCB staff.

Chair Pepper offers comments on the recent July flooding throughout much of Vermont and encourages impacted cannabis licensees to fill out the storm damage survey shared via email. He also updates the public on the review status for applications effected by the seasonal closure of some application windows following the votes taken by the Board over the winter and spring. He then reviews changes to regulations that have taken effect following the passage of Act 65 – notably regarding taxes on vape cartridges and the medical cannabis program. The medical program study committee created by Act 65 will convene for the first time on Tuesday 8/8 at 10:00am via Microsoft Teams.

The Chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26 meeting. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

Gabe Gilman walks the Board through new changes proposed to the CCB's administrative rules 1 and 2 since June. They move on to the Executive Director report prior to final review and public comment.

Brynn Hare delivers the Executive Director report, which includes early flood survey results. She pauses the report prior to reviewing staff recommendations so Mr. Gilman can review final changes on the Board's administrative rules.

The Chair opens the floor to public comment on proposed rule changes at 2:10pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams. The Chair closes public comment at 2:30pm and addresses some of the comments raised. He then entertains a motion to accept the amendments on rules 1 and 2. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt the rules as discussed.

At 2:40, the Chair entertains a motion to move into executive session so the Board can discuss staff recommendations for social equity status. Commissioner Hulburd moves to enter executive session, and further moves that the Board be joined by Xusana Davis and Jay Greene of the Vermont Office of Racial Equity. Commissioner Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to move into executive session. The Board moves into executive session.

The Board returns from executive session at 2:50pm. Following executive session, Ms. Hare presents staff recommendations for license approval and social equity status.

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 again at 2:55pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams. The Chair closes public comment at 3:10pm and take a break to investigate alleged missed recommendations for licensure raised during public comment. The Board returns at 3:18pm. Ms. Hare presents an updated list of staff recommendations for licensure that includes the businesses mistakenly excluded from the original list. Pepper entertains a motion to adopt the register. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt the revised register. Pepper adjourns the meeting at 3:20pm.

Video recording of July 19 Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= aufbL-Olok>

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

https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2023-08/CCB.Mtg_07.19.23.pdf