

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2023

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

- James Pepper, Chair
- Kyle Harris
- Julie Hulburd

Minutes recorded by Nellie Marvel.

Chair Pepper begins by offering a recap of the previous medical study committee meeting. He also notes that a medical patient survey has gone out to garner feedback on the program, and offers comments on employee identification cards.

Chair Pepper entertains a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting on September 27th. Commissioner Hulburd moves. Harris seconds. Vote is 2-0-1 to adopt the minutes, with Commissioner Hulburd abstaining, due to her absence from the previous meeting.

The Board discusses the possibility of closing licensing tiers, and what implications that might have for the market. The Chair offers his perspective and comments, and Board discussion follows.

The chair entertains a motion on indoor license application window closure. At 1:27pm, Commissioner Hulburd moves to indefinitely close the application window for new Tier 4 indoor cultivation licenses at the close of business Friday November 24, 2023.

Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to indefinitely close the application window for new Tier 4 indoor cultivation licenses.

The Chair entertains a similar motion for outdoor cultivation license applications. At 1:28pm, Commissioner Hulburd moves to indefinitely hold closed the application window for new Tier 4 and 5 outdoor and mixed cultivation licenses.

Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to indefinitely close the application window for new Tier 4 and 5 outdoor and mixed cultivation licenses.

Two representatives of ANSI National Accreditation Board - Chris Fox-Strauss, Accreditation Manager, and Warren Merkel, Vice President of Policy – join the Board for a discussion of ISO lab accreditation.

Brynn Hare delivers the Executive Director report, which includes as staff recommendations for license approval and social equity status.

Chair Pepper entertains a motion at 2:22 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 2:23pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams. Pepper closes the public comment window at 2:33pm. The Board offers some final comments on packaging, and the Chair adjourns the meeting at 2:35pm.

Video recording of October 25 Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlpalDXSnpA>

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

https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2023-10/CCB.Mtg_10.25.23.pdf