

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2023

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Kelsi Alger.

Chair Pepper begins the meeting by making an amendment to the agenda. Page 2 of the agenda listed all license applications to review under the heading “staff recommendations for initial licensure” when only 2 were initial, the rest being renewals.

Chair Pepper offers comments on the fourth medical program study committee meeting, which took place on December 7, 2023.

He then takes a moment to remind all licensees and applicants that it is their responsibility to make sure that the CCB has the correct contact information for them. He recommends people log into the portal to check their contact information and email ccb.applications@vermon.gov if it needs to be updated.

The Chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2023, meeting. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The chair entertains a motion to adopt a seasonal closure for all new outdoor and mixed cultivator applications from March 1st to November 1st of each year. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to adopt this practice.

The board then discusses a new board meeting schedule for the next 6 months. It is proposed that the board meetings continue to be on the last Wednesday of each month through June of 2024. Hulburd moves to adopt this schedule, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0.

Brynn Hare delivers the Executive Director report, which includes lab testing requirements survey results, as well as 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.

Commissioner Hulburd makes a motion to enter deliberative session at 1:49pm, Harris seconds and the vote is 3-0-0. At 1:51pm Hulburd withdraws her motion to enter deliberative session to discuss another agenda item prior.

Executive Director Brynn Hare presents a notice of violation to the board to confirm. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0 to confirm the notice of violation.

The board then votes to enter deliberative session at 1:58pm. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0.

When the board returns from deliberative session at 2:28pm, General Counsel Gabe Gilman clarifies the difference between deliberative session and executive session.

The board reviews the staff recommendations from licensure and votes to approve them. Hulburd moves, Harris seconds. Vote is 3-0-0.

The Chair opens the floor to public comment again at 2:36pm. Members of the public submit comment via Microsoft Teams and phone. Pepper closes the public comment window at 2:44pm.

The chair adjourns the meeting at 2:48pm.

Video recording of December 20 Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WslZzcmb1Cg&t=12s>

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2023-12/Board%20Meeting%20December%2020%202023.pdf>