

## **Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2024**

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

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Patrick Crowley.

Chair Pepper began the meeting by noting that the deadline to apply for new Tier 3 and Tier 2 mixed cultivation licenses passed on April 1. Chair Pepper also noted pending legislation which if passed could give the Board authority to allow existing cultivators to move up to a new tier that is otherwise closed to new applicants if they meet certain performance benchmarks.

Chair Pepper also noted a small cultivator survey being conducted with the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. The survey seeks input to form recommendations around making the market more sustainable.

Chair Pepper said the search for a new Executive Director is ongoing.

Chair Pepper also said the Board was aware of a point-of-sale outage that occurred on Saturday, April 20, due to high sales volume. The Agency of Digital Services said they will increase processing capacity for days with increased sales in the future.

Chair Pepper then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting. Hulburd moved, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment at 1:07 p.m. Members of the public submitted comment via Microsoft Teams.

Pepper closed the public comment window at 1:12 p.m.

Pepper then turned it over to Brynn Hare to deliver the Executive Director report. The Executive Director's report included a summary of public engagement events, licensing data, and compliance data.

Hare then requested the board enter executive session to discuss the background of a proposed license denial. Hulburd moved to enter executive session. Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to enter deliberative session at 1:28 p.m.

Board reconvened at 2:04 p.m. with Hare reviewing staff recommendations for initial and renewal licenses. Hulburd moved to accept staff recommendations. Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to accept recommendations.

The Chair adjourns the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Video recording of April 24 meeting:

<https://youtu.be/dUWszHxVFT8>

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2024-04/Board%20Meeting%20April%202024%20%281%29.pdf>