

## Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – May 29, 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 announcing the hiring of Olga Fitch as Executive Director and Elizabeth Love as Data Manager.

Chair Pepper also noted a miscellaneous cannabis bill passed both chambers of the legislature and is currently awaiting action by the Governor.

Chair Pepper announced that the Board will begin convening a new meeting type, called Evidentiary Hearing on a monthly basis, or as needed, moving forward. The meetings are expected to take place on the second Wednesdays of the month and the schedule will be posted to the CCB website.

Chair Pepper also noted the reasons, including from the legislature, about why licensees are required to apply for renewal of their licenses.

Chair Pepper then noted that insurance for cannabis establishments is a statutory requirement, which the CCB does not have the authority to waive.

The Chair also made a plea for licensees to be professional and respectful to licensing and compliance officers of the CCB and encouraged licensees to voice their frustrations during the Board's upcoming rule-making process.

Chair Pepper then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 24, 2024 meeting. Hulburd moved, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment at 1:13 p.m. Members of the public submitted comment via Microsoft Teams. Pepper closed the public comment window at 1:30 p.m.



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The Chair noted the Board needed to adopt a meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Hulburd moved to approve the schedule, to be posted on the CCB website, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the meeting schedule.

Pepper then turned it over to Olga Fitch to deliver the Executive Director report at 1:31 p.m. The Executive Director's report included a summary of public engagement events, licensing data, and compliance data.

Fitch then requested the board enter executive session to discuss the background of a presumptive disqualification of an employee ID request. Hulburd moved to enter executive session. Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to enter executive session at 1:58 p.m.

Board reconvened at 2:23 p.m. with Fitch 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 adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Video recording of April 24 meeting:

<https://youtube.com/live/Ce4izmupoLk>

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2024-05/Board%20Meeting%20May%202024%205.27.24.pdf>

