

## Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2024

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Minutes recorded by Patrick Crowley.

Chair Pepper began the meeting by giving remarks about the passing of Sen. Dick Sears.

Chair Pepper then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 29, 2024 meeting. Hulburd moved, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment at 1:08 p.m. Members of the public submitted comment via Microsoft Teams. Dave Silberman commented about the siting requirements put in Act 166. James Lang gave a comment about the packaging reuse program. Pepper closed the public comment window at 1:12 p.m.

The Chair then gave an overview of the sections in the Miscellaneous cannabis bill, Act 166 (H.612) which passed without the Governor's signature earlier this month.

The Chair then turned it over to Gabriel Gilman, who delivered the Executive Director report in the absence of Olga Fitch at 1:25 p.m. The Executive Director's report included a summary of public engagement events, licensing data, and compliance data.

Hulburd moved to accept staff recommendations for licensure. Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to accept recommendations.

The Chair then noted that the Board needed to discuss whether to accept a late renewal of a license (Euphoria Cannabis) under Rule 1.15.1. The Chair noted the Board received a letter from the applicant about the reasons for the late renewal as well as an inspection report from the compliance and enforcement team.



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Hulburd asked whether the license can operate on an interim status if the Board should chose to consider the application at a later evidentiary hearing. Gilman confirmed that would be possible.

The Board discussed their concerns about the business and tax issues, but also said that it is not up to the Board to consider the amount of private debts a business holds and that the primary consideration for finances is tax compliance.

The Chair asked the Board if any member felt the matter should be discussed in an evidentiary hearing. All members indicated that further discussion would be unnecessary.

At 2:06, the Chair asked for a motion on the late application. Hulburd moved to accept, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 in favor of approving the late application for Euphoria Cannabis.

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

Video recording of May 29 meeting:

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

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2024-06/Board%20Meeting%20June%202024.pdf>

