

## **Cannabis Control Board Sec 15a Act 166 Working Group Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2024**

Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Kyle Harris
- Julie Hulburd

Minutes recorded by Patrick Crowley.

Chair Pepper convened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Chair Pepper opened the meeting by giving an opportunity for public comment. No comments received. Public comment closed.

Chair Pepper introduced statutory members: Jean Hamilton (Land Access Opportunity Board) Mark Hughes (Vermont Racial Justice Alliance), Tim Tierney (Vermont Department of Economic Development), Xusana Davis (Vermont Office of Racial Equity).

Chair Pepper then introduced the purpose of the working group and gave an overview of the state of the cannabis market.

Tim Tierney from ACCD gave an update on the status of the Cannabis Business Development Fund.

Tiffany NorthReid from the Office of Racial Equity Division of Racial Justice Statistics presented findings and recommendations on the Cannabis Social Equity program.

Commissioner Harris presented findings on the technical and business support needs of licensees.

Commissioner Hulburd reported on interviews conducted with retailers on their perspective on working with small cultivators and social equity businesses.



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Chair Pepper then opened it up to other members of the working group to discuss what other parties should be heard from at future working group meetings.

Chair Pepper then opened up the meeting to another period of public comment before adjourning the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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<https://youtu.be/ypq1BSgTnGc>

