

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:01 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 correcting a previously sent notice about hemp-derived products, announcing the Board's intention to seek consulting services for market research, and made a brief introductory statement about the agenda item regarding the temporary license closure.

Chair Pepper then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous regular Board meeting as well as legislative working sessions. Hulburd moved, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment at 1:09 p.m. Members of the public submitted comments via Microsoft Teams. Pepper closed the public comment window at 1:47 p.m.

At 1:47, the Board began discussion about closing the application window for new retail and cultivation licenses. Chair Pepper began by giving remarks on the rationale for the retail license pause and the Board authority to do so.

At 2:33, Hulburd made a motion to give 30 days notice of the closure of new retail application window. Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 in favor.

The Board then held a discussion on closing the application window for cultivation.

At 2:51, Hulburd made a motion to give 30 days notice of a closure of new applications for Tiers 1 and 2 cultivation licenses. Seconded by Harris. Hulburd then moved to amend the motion to only include Tier 2 cultivation licenses. Final motion was to give 30 days notice of closure to new applications for Tier 2 cultivation, noting the Board's



obligation to reopen the application window under Rule 1.10 (d). Seconded by Harris. Vote was 3-0-0 in favor.

At 2:52, Commissioner Harris gave remarks on the Board's plans for the packaging requirements in the near future. No vote was taken.

The Chair then turned it over to Olga Fitch, who delivered the Executive Director report beginning at 3:08 p.m. The Executive Director's report included a summary of public engagement events, licensing data, product registration data, and compliance data. The report also included a list of licensing recommendations and late renewal applications.

The Board discussed the licensing recommendations in separate motions.

Commissioner Hulburd made separate motions to accept and approve licensing recommendations for initial applications, renewal applications, and late but complete applications. Votes were all seconded by Commissioner Harris and Board vote was 3-0-0 to accept recommendations. A separate motion to accept another list of late license applications but continue them due to outstanding requirements was made by Hulburd and seconded by Harris. Motion carried, 3-0-0. One late license application for MoMark Farms was declined to be granted a late renewal by a vote of 3-0-0.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Video recording of September 25 meeting:

https://youtu.be/xh_7pU2HmQw

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2024-09/Board%20Meeting%20September%2025%202024.pdf>

