

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025

OPR Board Room, 89 Main St., 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT

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 adding a second public comment period to the end of the meeting. He also made remarks about the closure of Ceres and noted the board's commitment to keeping patient access open.

The Chair also noted the impending closure of new applications for cultivation licenses.

The Chair announced the launch of a pilot program for disposable vape device reclamation, with more details on the CCB website.

Other updates included the announcement that a lease has been signed for the new state laboratory, and that the requirement for background checks upon renewal has been changed to every four years.

The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous regular Board meeting as well as legislative working sessions. Commissioner Harris abstained from the approval of the 12/18/2024 minutes as he was absent. Hulburd moved, Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

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

The Chair gave an update on rulemaking, including outlining the comment period, rules hearing, and summarized major changes in the proposed amendments. The Chair also explained how to make written comments.

The Chair then turned it over to Callie Chapman, of Onward Analytics, and Nick Castro of Stone Leaf, who reviewed a proposal to study aspergillus.



Following discussion, Hulburd moved to authorized rule waivers committee to grant waivers to facilitate the study. Seconded by Harris. Vote was 3-0-0 to support the waivers regarding the study.

Commissioner Harris then reviewed the Act 166 Sec. 15a legislative report about the social equity program. Harris reviewed the background and intent of the report and highlighted key recommendations. The report is published to the CCB website.

Commissioner Hulburd reviewed the Outdoor Siting of Cultivation and Advertising legislative report and noted key recommendations from that report, which is also published to the CCB website.

The Chair then turned it over to Olga Fitch, who delivered the Executive Director report. 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.

Hulburd moved to accept staff recommendations, motion seconded by Harris. Vote was 3-0-0 in favor of accepting staff recommendations.

With additional in-person participation at the meeting, the Chair opened a second public comment period. Comments were received both in person and on Microsoft Teams.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Video recording:

<https://youtu.be/dLV-fQS-zDI>

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

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2025-01/Board%20Meeting%20January%2029%202025.pdf>

