

Cannabis Control Board Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2025

CCB Conference Room, 89 Main St., 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Board members in attendance:

- James Pepper, Chair
- Julie Hulburd
- Kyle Harris

Staff present:

- Olga Fitch, Executive Director
- Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel (virtual)

Minutes recorded by Patrick Crowley.

Chair Pepper began the meeting with remarks about the work to open a state-run laboratory and also gave an update on the rulemaking process, noting the scheduling of a special meeting next week to review comments and discuss rule changes.

The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous regular Board meeting as well as special meetings. Commissioner Hulburd moved, Commissioner Harris seconded. Vote was 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment at 1:04 p.m. Jake Grossman-Crist commented on a renewal application. Sean LaRock commented on cannabis competitions. Geoffrey Pizzutillo, of the Vermont Growers Association, commented on public consumption and the rule amendment process. The Chair closed the public comment period at 1:20.

The Chair then turned it over to Executive Director 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.

In three separate motions, Commissioner Hulburd moved to accept staff recommendations for initial licenses, renewal licenses and late renewals. All motions were seconded by Commissioner Harris. Votes were 3-0-0 on all licensing motions. There was also a separate motion to continue an incomplete license application to the



next regular Board meeting in April. Motion seconded by Harris. Vote was 3-0-0 to continue.

The Board then discussed cannabis competitions and discussed possible directions the Board could go and what is authorized currently. General Counsel Gilman remarked on the circumstances of a letter issued by staff that warned against a cannabis competition. Gilman also reviewed Rule 2.3.9 which outlines the Board's role in cannabis competitions. The Board questioned Gilman about possible changes. No Board action taken.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

