

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

November 10, 2022

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on November 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Stokes at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Stokes led the Commission's invocation. The roll was taken with a quorum present. Commission members present for the meeting were Dr. Steven Stokes, Mr. Rex Vaughn, Dr. Sam Blakemore, Mr. Dwight Gamble, Dr. Angela Martin, Dr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Loree Skelton, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jerzy P. Szaflarski, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Members absent from the meeting were Judge Charles Price.

Chairman Stokes presented the minutes from the October 13, 2022, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Dr. Blakemore, and received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Chairman Stokes noted that the meeting would be abbreviated with only Metrc and staff members providing reports.

Following the conclusion of Chairman Stokes' remarks, Ms. Brittany Peters recognized Ms. Myra Chinn, Mr. Matthew Keegan, and Mr. Brent Doherty to demonstrate the Metrc seed-to-sale tracking system capabilities. Ms. Chinn noted that the Metrc team would be working closely with the Commission to modify aspects of the system to integrate with the requirements of the Alabama program.

With Metrc's report complete, the Commission moved into staff reports. Mr. Daniel Autrey notified members that a Memorandum of Understanding had been executed with the University of South Alabama to serve as the lead university in establishing panels of evaluators for the purpose of grading the merits of applications submitted for business licensure. Mr. Autrey concluded his report by reminding members that the Commission's legislative annual report is due by January 1, 2023.

Mr. Justin Aday and Ms. Peters were then recognized to provide a status update on the application process. Ms. Peters provided an update on the final number of Request for Applications (RFA) received by license type. The final numbers were 124 cultivator application requests, 35 processor application requests, 239 dispensary application requests, 69 secure transporter application requests, 7 state testing laboratory application requests, and 133 integrated facility application requests. Ms. Peters noted that on October 24, 2022, all 607 requestors were provided the business application applicable to the license category selected in the RFA.

Mr. Aday then discussed the resources available to applicants. He explained that the applications guides, fillable forms, exhibit templates, user guides for the application portal and frequently

asked questions were available on the Commission's website. Mr. Aday also reminded applicants that questions related to the application needed to be submitted via the email provided.

Mr. Autrey then introduced Attorney Will Webster to discuss the previously adopted rules. Mr. Webster notified members that the rules became effective on October 15, 2022.

With the conclusion of staff reports and there being no decision items before the Commission, Chairman Stokes moved to discuss new business. Ms. Peters noted that the Commission would be releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Patient and Caregiver Registry on November 16, 2022.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Dr. Jensen, and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.