

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

January 12, 2023

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) met virtually on January 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Stokes at 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Daniel Autrey 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, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jerzy P. Szaflarski, and Mr. Dion Robinson. No members were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Stokes presented the minutes from the November 10, 2022, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Ms. Skelton, and received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Chairman Stokes noted that the meeting would be abbreviated as the business license application process was ongoing.

The Commission moved into staff reports. Mr. Daniel Autrey notified members that the Commission's legislative annual report was submitted to the legislature and posted to the AMCC website. He concluded his report by reminding members that the period of limited communication with business applicants and their associates would continue until licenses are awarded in June 2023.

Mr. Justin Aday and Ms. Brittany Peters were then recognized to provide a status update on the application process. Ms. Peters provided an update on the number of business applications received by the December 30, 2022, deadline. The final numbers, by license category, were 12 cultivator applications, 12 processor applications, 18 dispensary applications, 11 secure transporter applications, 3 state testing laboratory applications, and 38 integrated facility application requests.

Mr. Aday noted that the next phase of the application review process is to provide notices of deficiency to applicants by February 13, 2023. He explained that notices would be generated upon AMCC's review of the application for corrupted or illegible file materials, incomplete applications, improperly formatted or labeled materials, and typographical or formatting errors preventing reasonable understanding of the documents filed.

Mr. Autrey then introduced Attorney Will Webster to discuss the application evaluation timeline. Mr. Webster reviewed the timeline, as provided by the statute and rules (Appendix A of 538-x-3). He explained that applicants have until March 3, 2023, to propose corrections in response to the notice of deficiency or submit a petition to amend their application. He also discussed the

ability for applicants to request additional time for corrections based on extraordinary circumstances.

Mr. Webster also discussed the April 13, 2023, Commission meeting and explained the various decision items needed to reach the slate of applications that will be deemed submitted. He noted that once applications are deemed submitted that they will be available for public inspection on the AMCC website and a 30-day window for public comment will be provided. Mr. Webster concluded his report by reminding members that licenses are scheduled to be granted or denied at the June 12, 2023, meeting.

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 received three (3) responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Patient and Caregiver Registry.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gamble, seconded by Ms. Skelton, and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:28 P.M.