

# **Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting**

## **Minutes**

**November 27, 2023**

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met on November 27, 2023, at the Alabama State House, room 200. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 10:02 A.M.

Chairman Vaughn recognized the Commission's new member, Dr. Jimmie Harvey, an oncologist from Birmingham.

The roll was taken with a quorum present. Commission members present for the meeting were Chairman Rex Vaughn, Mr. Dwight Gamble, Dr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Loree Skelton, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jerzy Szaflarski, Dr. Jimmie Harvey, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Dr. William Saliski, Vice Chairman Sam Blakemore, and Dr. Angela Martin were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn made introductory remarks and provided guidance as to the presentation process. He noted that materials for all applicants, including applications, written briefs, videos, and presentations had been provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Chairman Vaughn also reiterated, that regardless of whether an applicant requested to make a presentation, all applicants are subject to be considered for an award of license.

Before moving into the scheduled presentations, Chairman Vaughn introduced Mr. Mark Wilkerson, AMCC's legal counsel, to provide an overview of a proposed litigation settlement agreement. Mr. Wilkerson discussed the most recent court proceedings and explained that through court-ordered mediation, the legal team had reached a tentative settlement agreement that required ratification by the Commission. Mr. Wilkerson reviewed the settlement terms that had previously been provided to the Commission.

Following Mr. Wilkerson's explanation, Chairman Vaughn entertained a motion to consider the ratification of the settlement agreement. A motion to ratify the terms of the litigation settlement was made by Mr. Harwell, seconded by Judge Price, and received unanimous approval from those Commission members who voted. Dr. Szaflarski did not vote.

The Commission then received presentations and participated in discussions with the following Cultivator and State Testing Laboratory applicants:

- Native Black Cultivation
- Gulf Shore Remedies, LLC
- CRC of Alabama, LLC
- Greenway Botanicals, LLC
- Twisted Herb Cultivation, LLC
- James Gang Dispensary, LLC
- Creek Leaf Wellness, Inc.
- Certus Laboratories

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday, AMCC legal counsel, to address the Commission. Mr. Aday provided a summary of the application materials before the Commission for those cultivator and state testing laboratory applicants who did not make a presentation.

There being no further business, a motion to recess until Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:15 A.M. was made by Dr. Jensen, seconded by Ms. Skelton, and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting recessed at 2:34 P.M.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_