

# **Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting**

## **Minutes**

**December 7, 2023**

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met on December 7, 2023, at the Alabama State House, room 200. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 8:33 A.M.

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

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday to discuss the decision items being considered. Mr. Aday explained that final approval was needed for the new and revised rules adopted by the Commission at its October 12, 2023, meeting. He explained that the rules were submitted to the Legislative Services Agency for publication and public comment. He noted that no written comments were submitted by the deadline of December 5, 2023. Mr. Aday discussed the changes to Rule 538-X-3-.20 which included removing references to third-party scoring as directed by the Order entered by the Montgomery Circuit Court.

Chairman Vaughn reiterated that the rules were published and made available for public comment and that no written comments or other filings were received. He opened the floor for anyone to address the Commission concerning the rules and after receiving no comments, the Chairman moved to consider the final adoption of Rule 538-X-3-.20 (as amended). A motion to approve Rule 538-X-3-.20 (as amended) was made by Mr. Harwell, seconded by Dr. Jensen, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn then moved to consider the final approval for the revisions to existing rules including Rule 538-X-3-.04, Rule 538-X-3-.10, Rule 539-X-3-.12, Rule 538-X-3-.13, Rule 538-X-3-.18, and Chapter 3 Appendix A. A motion to approve the revisions to existing rules was made by Mr. Gamble, seconded by Dr. Jensen, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Following the decision items, 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.

The Commission then received presentations and participated in discussions with the following integrated facility applicants:

- Verano Alabama, LLC
- Sustainable Alabama, LLC

- RX Connection, LLC

There being no further business, a motion to recess until Friday, December 8, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. was made by Dr. Blakemore, seconded by Dr. Jensen, and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting recessed at 11:58 A.M.

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

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