Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2024

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on January 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 1:02 P.M.

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

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the December 28, 2023, Commission meetings. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Harwell, seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Mark Wilkerson to provide a legal update and discuss recent Court proceedings. Mr. Wilkerson discussed pending motions before the Court, which included requests for preliminary injunction and requests for discovery. He also discussed recent hearings and orders entered by the Court. Mr. Wilkerson concluded his remarks by taking questions from Commissioners.

Chairman Vaughn recognized Ms. Brittany Peters and Mr. Justin Aday for a licensing and regulatory update. Ms. Peters explained that licenses were issued on December 29, 2023, to the cultivator, processor, secure transporter, and state testing laboratory awardees. She noted that those licensees had previously undergone a pre-issuance inspection but were still subject to a pre-commencement inspection. Ms. Peters concluded her remarks by noting that the regulatory software systems were operational and that Metrc would be hosting a training session for licensees. Mr. Aday discussed licensees' ongoing duty to maintain standards, policies, procedures, and operations in accordance with their application and the AMCC regulatory framework. He reviewed the process set forth by AMCC's administrative rules to request changes and the type of requests that can be made. Mr. Aday explained that the Commission would likely receive requests from licensees as they work toward becoming operational and once their operations have commenced.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss decision items before the Commission. He recognized Mr. Aday to review the requests received from licensees. Mr. Aday noted that all three requests being considered by the Commission related to facility relocations and were made pursuant to 538-X-4-.18.

The Commission considered Twisted Herb Cultivation's facility relocation request, which was provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Mr. Aday reviewed the request with Commissioners and noted that if the request was approved the licensee would still be required to demonstrate the ability to commence cultivation within 60 days of license issuance. Chairman

Vaughn opened the floor for questions and motions. A motion to approve the facility relocation request made by Twisted Herb Cultivation was made by Judge Price, seconded by Mr. Harwell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval of the Commission.

The Commission considered CRC of Alabama's facility relocation request, which was provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Mr. Aday reviewed the request with Commissioners. Chairman Vaughn opened the floor for questions and motions. A motion to approve the facility relocation request made by CRC of Alabama was made by Mr. Gamble, seconded by Dr. Blakemore. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval of the Commission.

The Commission considered Coosa Medical Manufacturing's facility relocation request, which was provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Mr. Aday reviewed the request with Commissioners. Chairman Vaughn opened the floor for questions and motions. A motion to approve the facility relocation request made by Coosa Medical Manufacturing was made by Dr. Blakemore, seconded by Dr. Harvey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval of the Commission.

Following the decision items, Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Scott Absher for an update on the inspection process. Mr. Absher noted that the Commission had completed half of the integrated facility pre-issuance inspections prior to the Temporary Restraining Order entered by the Court. He concluded his remarks by stating that the Commission was prepared to complete the remaining inspections once the Order is lifted.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Skelton and seconded by Mr. Gamble. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval of the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Approved on:

Secretary: _____