

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 11, 2024

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on April 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 1:03 P.M.

Mr. James Harwell 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, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Dr. William Saliski, Ms. Loree Skelton, and Dr. Jerzy P. Szaflarski were absent from the meeting. Dr. Jimmie Harvey was not present for the roll call at the opening of the meeting; however, he arrived prior to the consideration of decision items and was present from that point forward.

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the March 14, 2024, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Harwell and seconded by Judge Price. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn discussed the resignation of Dr. Szaflarski and noted his contributions to the establishment of the program and Commission. Dr. Blakemore also expressed his appreciation for Dr. Szaflarski's work at the Commission and at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday to provide a legislative update. Mr. Aday discussed three bills that were recently introduced in the Alabama Legislature. The three bills included House Bill 390 by Representative Crawford, Senate Bill 276 by Senators Sessions and Melson, and Senate Bill 306 by Senator Melson.

Chairman Vaughn then recognized Mr. Mark Wilkerson to provide a legal update. Mr. Wilkerson discussed the dismissal of Redbud Remedies, LLC's appeal and reviewed other motions pending before the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals. He also discussed pending motions and orders entered by the Montgomery Circuit Court.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss decision items before the Commission. He recognized Mr. Aday to review the requests received from licensees.

The Commission considered Pick Up My Things' 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 Pick Up My Things was made by Mr. Harwell and seconded by Mr. Gamble. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn then asked if there was a motion that the previous consideration of administrative stays be removed from the table. A motion to remove those items from the table

was made by Dr. Blakemore and seconded by Mr. Gamble. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission. Judge Price voted against the motion.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss the consideration of imposing an administrative stay on the issuance of dispensary and integrated facility licenses.

A motion to impose an administrative stay on the issuance of dispensary licenses was made by Mr. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Harwell. Judge Price inquired about the necessity of the stay and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission. Dr. Martin abstained from the vote and Judge Price voted against the motion.

A motion to impose an administrative stay on the issuance of integrated facility licenses was made by Dr. Jensen and seconded by Mr. Harwell. Judge Price inquired about the advantages to issuing a stay and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission. Dr. Martin abstained from the vote.

Chairman Vaughn thanked members for their comments and participation in the meeting. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Blakemore and seconded by Mr. Harwell. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 P.M.

Approved on: _____

Secretary: _____