

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

May 9, 2024

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on May 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 1:00 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, Dr. William Saliski, Mr. Dwight Gamble, Dr. Angela Martin, Dr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Loree Skelton, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Dr. Jimmie Harvey was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the April 11, 2024, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Harwell and seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday to provide a legal and legislative update. Mr. Aday discussed the recent ruling by the Alabama Court of Civil appeals which affirmed the dismissal of the action brought by Verano Alabama, LLC. He also discussed pending motions before the Montgomery Circuit Court. Mr. Aday updated members regarding legislation introduced by the Alabama Legislature. He noted that House Bill 390, sponsored by Representative Crawford, received final passage and was sent to the Governor for signature.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss decision items before the Commission. He noted that the Commission had not received any requests from licensees, therefore he moved to discuss final adoption of the proposed revisions to Chapter 2 of AMCC's rules.

Chairman Vaughn reminded members that the Commission revised 538-X-2 to strike the definition of "professional caregiver" to correct a conflict between statutory and rule qualifications for a caregiver. He explained that the rule was published for comment and that the Commission received no written comments. A motion to approve the revisions to 538-X-2 was made by Judge Price and seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received unanimous approval from the Commission.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Harwell and seconded by Judge Price. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.