

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

October 10, 2024

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on October 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 1:01 P.M.

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

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the September 12, 2024, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Harwell, and received approval from the Commission.

Mr. Mark Wilkerson was recognized by Chairman Vaughn to provide a legal update. Mr. Wilkerson broadly discussed pending litigation, including ongoing proceedings in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals and Montgomery Circuit Court.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss decision items before the Commission. The Commission considered Blackberry Farms' facility relocation request, which was provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday to brief the Commission on the request. Mr. Daniel Word, a representative of Blackberry Farms, answered questions from the Commission. Following discussion, Chairman Vaughn opened the floor for motions. A motion to approve the facility relocation request made by Blackberry Farms was made by Judge Price and seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval of the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss new business and recognized Dr. Harvey to discuss the Clinical Practice Guidelines published by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. Dr. Harvey discussed the posttraumatic stress disorder and acute stress disorder guidelines, which recommend against the use of cannabis to treat those conditions. The Commission discussed the guidelines and agreed to research the subject further.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Harwell, seconded by Judge Price, and approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.