

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

November 14, 2024

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met on November 14, 2024, at the Alabama State House, room 206. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Sam Blakemore 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 Chairman Rex Vaughn, Vice Chairman Sam Blakemore, Dr. William Saliski, Mr. Dwight Gamble, Dr. Eric Jensen, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jimmie Harvey, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Dr. Angela Martin, Ms. Loree Skelton, and Dr. Mac Barnes were absent from the meeting.

Vice Chairman Blakemore presented the minutes from the October 10, 2024, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Saliski, seconded by Chairman Vaughn, and received approval from the Commission.

Vice Chairman Blakemore and other Commissioners offered encouragement and support to Chairman Vaughn and his family regarding his wife's sickness.

Mr. Mark Wilkerson was recognized by Vice Chairman Blakemore to provide a legal update. Mr. Wilkerson discussed pending litigation, including ongoing proceedings in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals and Montgomery Circuit Court. Mr. Wilkerson also addressed questions concerning the upcoming mediation ordered by Judge James Anderson.

Vice Chairman Blakemore moved to discuss decision items before the Commission. He noted that the Commission received a request from several cultivator licensees that application and related fees be deferred or pro-rated. Vice Chairman Blakemore recognized Mr. Justin Aday to brief the Commission on the request and review statutory requirements. Mr. John Reeves, a representative of CRC of Alabama, a signatory of the request, addressed questions from the Commission. Following lengthy discussion, a motion to table the request was made by Dr. Saliski and seconded by Mr. Harwell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to table received unanimous approval by the Commission.

Vice Chairman Blakemore moved to discuss the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Recommended Order from the consolidated investigative hearing in the Processor license category. He reviewed the procedural history of the investigative hearing and noted that no exceptions or briefs were filed in response to the Recommended Order.

Vice Chairman Blakemore presented the ALJ's recommendations to the Commission. A motion to accept the Recommended Order was made by Mr. Harwell and seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval from the Commission.

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 2:00 P.M.