

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

June 12, 2025

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met virtually on June 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 1:01 P.M.

Dr. Sam Blakemore 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, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jimmie Harvey, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Dr. William Saliski, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, and Dr. Mac Barnes were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the May 15, 2025, 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 approval from the Commission. Ms. Skelton abstained.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss the one decision item for this meeting – the final approval of Rule 538-X-3-.21 (Effect of Final Order Following Evidentiary Hearing). Mr. Justin Aday briefed the Commission on the decision item. This rule was approved by the Commission for publication and public comment on April 10, 2025. The Commission received no public comments on the proposed rule during the comment period. A motion for final approval of Rule 538-X-3-.21 was made by Dr. Blakemore and seconded by Judge Price. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval by the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn introduced the next agenda item – 2025 State Testing Laboratory License Offering presentation. The presentation was by State Testing Laboratory applicant Green Health Laboratories, LLC. The applicant's presentation was made by Brandon Biles, President and Natalie Siracusa, Laboratory Director. The presenters answered several questions from members of the Commission, including Dr. Blakemore and Dr. Jensen. Upon completion of the presentation by Green Health Laboratories, LLC, Chairman Vaughn reminded Commissioners that the Commission will meet on June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to consider whether to award or deny a license to applicant Green Health Laboratories, LLC.

Chairman Vaughn recognized Mr. Justin Aday to provide a legal update. Mr. Aday introduced Ms. Caroline Parkman, upcoming second year law student interning with the Commission during the summer. Next, Mr. Aday briefly summarized recent court action. The Montgomery County Circuit Court issued an order regarding the Commission's

Emergency Rule 538-X-3-.20ER and found that it was invalid and issued a permanent injunction. The Commission appealed the Circuit Court's order to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals where the Court of Appeals ordered a stay of the Circuit Court's order and ordered briefing by the parties. Additionally, Mr. Aday discussed a lawsuit regarding the Commission's patient registry. The Commission is seeking to dismiss that action and a hearing is scheduled for June 17, 2025.

There was no old or new business. Chairman Vaughn asked Commissioners if there were further items to discuss. There being no further items to discuss, Chairman Vaughn reminded the Commission that the next noticed meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Skelton, seconded by Judge Price, and approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.