

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Meeting

Minutes

December 11, 2025

The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission met on December 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vaughn at 10:03 A.M.

Ms. Taylor Hatchett 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. Angela Martin, Dr. Eric Jensen, Judge Charles Price, Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Mr. James Harwell, Dr. Jimmie Harvey, and Mr. Dion Robinson. Ms. Lori Skelton and Dr. Mac Barnes were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn presented the minutes from the October 9, 2025, Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission meeting. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Vice Chairman Blakemore and seconded by Dr. Saliski. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion received approval from the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss the first decision item for this meeting ---- to consider the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Recommended Order and exceptions/briefs for final decision on award and denial of Dispensary licenses.

Chairman Vaughn called on Mr. Justin Aday to summarize the process that has led to this decision item. Mr. Aday stated that following the engagement of an Administrative Law Judge, the consolidated contested case hearings for Dispensary licenses were held on September 8-9, 2025. The ALJ issued a Recommended Order on November 13, 2025. The Recommended Order includes a summary of the procedural history of the hearing. Mr. Aday stated that the parties to the consolidated hearings were provided a copy of the Recommended Order and were given an opportunity to file exceptions and/or briefs in response to the Recommended Order. The Commission was provided a copy of the complete record in the Dispensary license category on November 25, 2025. Mr. Aday reminded Commission members that the final decision made regarding the Recommended Order and the award and denial of dispensary licenses would result in a Final Order issued by the Commission and that the final decision and order must be supported by the complete record as provided to Commission members.

After the Commission received the summary, Mr. Harwell made a motion to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order in its entirety as the final order, awarding licenses to the four most suitable applicants referred to in the recommended order and with such order superseding and replacing all prior licenses awarded and denied decisions involving such applicants. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jensen. A roll call vote was

taken, and the motion received approval from the Commission. Following the Commission's approval of this item, Chairman Vaughn added that a Final Order reflecting the Commission's action – awarding licenses to CCS of Alabama, LLC, RJK Holdings AL, LLC, GP6 Wellness, LLC, and Yellowhammer Medical Dispensaries, LLC and denying all other dispensary license applications - would be prepared and certified as the action taken by the Commission at this Commission meeting.

Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Aday to summarize for Commission members the obligations of those applicants who were awarded a license. Mr. Aday stated that the applicants awarded licenses are responsible for paying their license fee within the next 14 days and that 14 days following that, the four licenses will issue unless those licenses are stayed by the commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss the second decision item for this meeting - whether the issuance of licenses should be stayed by the Commission. Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Aday to provide an explanation regarding the Commission's options for staying the issuance of licenses.

As noted previously, Mr. Aday stated that the dispensary licenses awarded at this meeting will issue 28 days from the date of this meeting unless issuance of the licenses is stayed by the Commission or the Court. Mr. Aday discussed the status of the stay that was issued by the Commission on April 11, 2024, and clarified on July 11, 2024. Mr. Aday reminded the commission that pursuant to the terms of that stay, those dispensary licenses awarded on December 1, 2023, would not issue until such time that a final order had been entered following contested case hearings in the dispensary license category and that the previous stay is set to self-expire with the entry of the Commission's final order after the action taken in this meeting. Mr. Aday also discussed the parameters of any new stay the Commission might enter at today's Commission meeting. Following a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Blakemore made a motion to stay the issuance of the license awarded to Yellowhammer Medical Dispensaries, LLC until January 26, 2026, at which time a Commission meeting would be held to reconsider the status of the stay. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gamble. A roll call vote was taken, and the amended motion received approval from the Commission.

Chairman Vaughn moved to discuss and consider any old or new business to be brought before the Commission. Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Aday to discuss one item of new business included on the agenda. Mr. Aday discussed a request by the licensed testing laboratory for a temporary variance. Under AMCC's rules, a testing laboratory may transport test samples from a licensee's facility to the lab without the use of a secure transporter. If a testing laboratory transports test samples themselves, they must comply with most of the requirements of a secure transporter licensee. The licensed state testing laboratory – Green Health Laboratories, LLC – requested a temporary variance from some of the rules pertaining to transporting test samples. By rule, temporary variance requests are decided initially by Commission staff. Mr. Aday stated that the temporary variance

requested by Green Health Laboratories, LLC was granted in part and denied in part for six months and that a proposed rule change, consistent with the variance, will be prepared for the Commission's consideration.

Chairman Vaughn briefly discussed a request the Commission received on December 10, 2025, to consider a license fee reduction. The Commission took no action on this request.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Blakemore, seconded by Dr. Jensen, and approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 P.M.