



SUMMARY MINUTES

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Government Center East, Room 430
115 S Andrews Avenue, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Joshua Davis	Terrence Davis
Abby M. Freedman	Nicole H. Fried	Seth A. Hyman
Ed Rebholz		

Board Members Absent

Anthony Farbizio	Jay Work
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD	Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, PDMD
Maite Azcoitia, CAO	Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD
Monique Davis, Admin Coordinator, PDMD	

Attendees

Jeff Greene, Weston	Don Moxley, North Palm Beach
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Staff Coordinator Cyril Saiphoo. A quorum was available with seven (7) members present.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2018

MOTION: Member Fried moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting as written. Member Hyman seconded. All in favor.

4. Chair Report/Comments

Chair Barroso summarized the agenda items to be reviewed during the meeting.

5. New Business

a. MOTION – Recommendation to amend Article XVI. – Medical Marijuana Advisory Board, Broward County Code of Ordinances

As advised by Ms. Azcoitia, Chair Barroso moved to direct staff to draft an amendment to the ordinance, changing the requirement to meet quorum from “total appointment” members to “appointed” board members. Member Fried clarified that the quorum will be met by a majority of the appointed members instead of the total appointed positions (including vacant positions). Seconded by Member T. Davis. All in favor. Ms. Azcoitia

commented that motion to direct will be placed on the Commission agenda.

b. MOTION – Approving Date, Time, Location, and Format for the “Medical Marijuana Educational Summit”

i. Discussion

There was discussion about who will be invited and what assistance the County will be able to provide. Invitees will include elected officials, first responders, and other community leaders throughout Broward County and surrounding areas. However, the event will be open for anyone to attend. There was further discussion regarding extending the invitation to medical school students and staff. Chair Barroso responded that a second event can be planned for a broader audience. County staff offered assistance with contacting elected officials.

ii. Public Comments

Jeff Greene commented that he agrees with inviting only elected officials to the event and welcoming them to send a surrogate if desired. Regarding funding for a larger, subsequent event, Mr. Greene stated that he has been in contact with several medical marijuana treatment centers that would be willing to provide funding support. He also agreed to act as a non-Board point person for the upcoming educational summit and to assist with contacting elected officials.

iii. Motions

MOTION: Member Hyman moved that the Educational Summit be scheduled for a date to be announced in January 2019. Chair Barroso seconded. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Fried moved to create a subcommittee of no less than three (3) members to plan and organize the educational summit to be scheduled in January 2019. Chair Barroso seconded. All in favor. Members of the subcommittee are: Ed Rebholz, Nikki Fried, Seth Hyman, Arby Barroso, and Terrence Davis. The first meeting of the subcommittee was scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The location is to be determined. County staff will provide a call-in number for the September 27th subcommittee meeting.

6. Old Business

a. MOTION – Selection of MMAB Vice Chair

i. Nominations for Vice Chair

Chair Barroso requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. No discussion.

7. Public Comments

No public comments.

8. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

No board comments.

9. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

Next meeting dates are scheduled for October 10, November 14, and December 12, 2018.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair Barroso moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Fried seconded. Meeting

adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board (MMAB):

- Advise and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for improving operations and services for growing, processing, and selling medical marijuana for qualified patients and users
- Obtain information concerning medical marijuana and related matters within Broward County
- Provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding regulations and fees related to medical marijuana treatment centers
- Develop programs to educate the citizens of Broward County as to the benefits and disadvantages of the use of medical marijuana

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