

SUMMARY MINUTES



Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Government Center East, Room 430
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, August 14, 2019 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair	Terrence Davis
David Hasenauer	Seth A. Hyman	Dustin Robinson

Board Members Absent

Jay Work	Todd Holt	Abby M. Freedman
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County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD	Albert E. Cummings, Admin. Spec. PDMD
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Attendees

Jeff Greene

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 2:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Mr. Saiphoo. A quorum was met with six (6) members present.

3. Introductions

The Chair welcomed and introduced David Hasenauer and Dustin Robinson to the Board. Mr. Hasenauer, CEO at Greenpoint Research, and Dustin Robinson, Esq. elaborated on their specialties and the kind of work they do.

Each member of the Board then introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of what they do.

4. Discussion of the June 12, 2019 minutes.

Chair Report/Comments

Chairman Arby Barroso read from the previous meeting's minutes to update Board members. A short discussion followed regarding the motions made during the previous meeting. The Chair asked for an extended motion on a date regarding providing a policy or outline that the Board can present to the Commissioners and Mayors that he can add to the future minutes of this Board. The Vice Chair motioned the Dustin summarize a new policy to address the ambiguity in the Florida Statutes relating to employees testing positive for THC. Mr. Saiphoo suggested making a general motion stating the use of medical marijuana in the workplace, and at the following Commissioner's meeting, present a more specific policy or suggestion on the subject. This was accepted by the Chair.

Motion

The Vice Chair moved that Mr. Robinson prepare a memo on this subject and make it due by August 30st. The motion was seconded by Ed Rebholz and unanimously accepted.

5. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2019

The Chair moved to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

6. New Business:

Discussion of the October 16th, 2019 MMAB 2nd Educational Summit for First Responders and Law Enforcement.

Chair Barroso mentioned he's been talking to first responders and law enforcement Officers. This is a big topic for the Chief of Police, Broward County and Ft. Lauderdale as well as certain Officers in Orlando for K-9. Every Officer he has spoken with have opinions but need guidance. The Chair plans to let Jeff Greene talk about it to determine which direction they will go.

Member Rebholz brought up that what came out of the previous meeting 3 weeks ago with Cyril, Arby, and Terrance, was an impetus to leave this meeting with some form of policy. He did some research and found that the Police Foundation and the Colorado Chief of Police did an overview guidebook last year on the legalization of Marijuana and the impact to public safety, a practical guide for law enforcement. He reached out to the Police Foundation contact of that policy to come to the October 16th meeting for the purpose of presenting to Broward County legal environment and hopefully get a similar policy in Florida. His is now awaiting their response. Hopefully their will be a presentation on what kind of tests can differentiate THC and Hemp. They would also speak on the transport and use and medical marijuana from the seller's perspective.

Mr. Saiphoo mentioned this is specifically for Broward County since it is addressing the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and suggested others from outside of Broward County should not be invited. He then suggested Mr. Robinson be one of the speakers.

The Chair suggested Evio, Terrance, David and Mr. Robinson could serve as speakers. Mr. Saiphoo suggested combining the overview of transportation with the report on roadside procedures as one item and make that a panel. Member Hyman suggested personal stories be included. The format of the October 16th meeting was further discussed.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

Vice Chair Rebholz asked where we are in decriminalizing THC in this County. He pointed out that last week, Dade County made it official they were going to decriminalize a certain level of THC or marijuana. The Chair pointed out he heard it was 20 grams or less in Miami Dade. Mr. Davis said to his knowledge, the matter was not discussed by Broward County. The Vice Chair suggested addressing the Board about the consideration of decriminalizing marijuana in similar fashion. The Chair suggested adding this to the memo.

Mr. Saiphoo pointed out that is not addressing medical marijuana which would be out of the preview of this Board. This Board, he continued, is not lobbying for recreational marijuana. This matter was further discussed.

10. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

None.

11. Adjournment

Chair Barroso moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ed Rebholz.

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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