

SUMMARY MINUTES



Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Government Center East, Room 430
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair	Terrence Davis
Abby M. Freedman	Seth A. Hyman	Jay Work

Board Members Absent

Anthony Fabrizio	Todd Holt	David Hasenauer
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County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD	Monique Davis, Admin Coordinator, PDMD
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Attendees

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:46 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2019

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Member Freedman. All in favor.

4. Chair Report/Comments

a. Update of the April 17, 2019 Educational Summit

Chair Barroso thanked everyone who helped to execute the April 17th event. He also reported that some of the city officials participated in a walk-through with Jeff Green at medical marijuana dispensaries. More information will be presented at a future meeting. Mr. Saiphoo reported that 104 attendees signed in at the event and that the video recording of the event is posted online and accessible through the Advisory Board's webpage.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Senate Bill No. 182

Member Rebholz presented a summary of Senate Bill No. 182 to the Board.

b. Broward County State Legislative Program 2020

Member Hyman commented that there may be issues with patients smoking medical marijuana in open air spaces where smoke could affect others nearby, suggesting that the Board give input and/or proposing legislation on these issues. Member Hyman also mentioned that employment contracts for first responders include adverse actions when testing positive for THC and cannabinoid. Chair Barroso commented that West Palm Beach has passed legislation allowing consumption/smoking of cannabis in private and public schools. More information is needed regarding policies surrounding this issue to educate Broward's elected officials. Mr. Saiphoo suggested that the Board transmit the summary and a memo regarding the discussion on this topic, offering advice on policies and legislation.

Member Freedman suggested that the Board discuss ideas for policies and legislation in this meeting and decide on recommendations to the County Commission at the next meeting. Member Hyman also mentioned that there could be questions about senior patients smoking in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Member Rebholz suggested presenting all the potential issues and allowing the County Commission to direct to Board on which issues are of greatest importance. Chair Barroso suggested that the Board choose the issues, research what other municipalities have done, and present to the County Commission. Member Freedman suggested looking into established regulations of smoking when making recommendations on smoking of medical marijuana. Mr. Saiphoo suggested categorizing recommended policies into issues affecting employees and issues affecting residents of Broward County. Member Freedman suggested that the Board refrain from recommending policies regarding schools, as the County Commission and the School Board of Broward County are separate and apart.

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved that the Board submit a list of potential policies to Mr. Saiphoo that should be considered by the County Commission and the School Board by July 8. Seconded by Member Work. All in favor.

c. Future Summits/Events and Dates for 2019

Chair Barroso suggested inviting schools and first responders to the next summit. Mr. Saiphoo commented that the venue would be Anne Kolb Nature Center, Mangrove Hall.

MOTION: Chair Barroso moved to have Jeff Green coordinate the event. Member Hyman seconded. All in favor.

The Board choose October 16 as the date for the next summit. Member Freedman suggested inviting School Board members, PTA to represent parents, BPAA to represent principals, and Teachers Union to represent teachers. Member Hyman suggested inviting Assisted Living Facilities. Chair Barroso recommended that the Board members email their suggestions for invitees and the program agenda to Mr. Saiphoo by July 8,

to be discussed at the August Board meeting. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for October to finalize event details. Member Rebholz and Chair Barroso volunteered to attend the subcommittee meeting and invite Jeff Green.

MOTION: Chair Barroso moved to invite first responders, law enforcement, elected officials, and medical marijuana treatment centers to be invited to the next educational summit and for Board members to send a draft program to Mr. Saiphoo by July 8. Seconded by Member Davis. All in favor.

MOTION: Member Freedman moved create a subcommittee for the October 16th Educational Summit. Seconded by Chair Barroso. All in favor.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

Member Hyman thanked everyone for their work on the April summit, particularly Chair Barroso and Jeff Green. Member Rebholz thanked Member Hyman for sharing his personal story at the April summit as well.

9. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

Chair Barroso moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 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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