

SUMMARY MINUTES



Medical Marijuana Advisory Board Webex Online Meeting Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Ed Rebholz, Vice Chair	Josh Davis
Abby M. Freedman	Seth A. Hyman	Scheril Murray Powell

Board Members Absent

Dustin Robinson	Jay Work
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County Staff

Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD	Kristin Carter, CAO
Monique Davis, PDMD	

Attendees

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barroso at 1:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2020 and September 23, 2020

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 and September 23, 2020 meetings. Seconded by Member Murray Powell. All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Chair Comments/Comments

Chair Barroso ask for a report from Member Murray Powell in Member Robinson's absence. Member Murray Powell reported that legislation is being considered with separated components, including equity regarding wrongful incarceration, age limit on Delta 8 hemp products, and adding expungement to adult use bills. Chair Barroso gave additional comments about the issue of Delta 8 products, and there was some discussion regarding a limit on THC products and low activity for advocacy in Tallahassee due to COVID fears.

5. New Business

a. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Member Murray Powell moved to select Arby Barroso for Chair of the Advisory Board, seconded by Member Rebholz. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Member Hyman moved to select Member Rebholz for Vice Chair of the

Advisory Board, seconded by Member Davis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Approval of MMAB meeting dates 2021

The proposed dates for the remaining of 2021 are May 26, July 28, and October 27. Member Murray Powell suggested that July 28 be designated as a Virtual Summit. Mr. Saiphoo mentioned that he would add discussion of the Virtual Summit program as an agenda item for the next meeting and contact Jeff Greene for assistance.

MOTION: Member Rebholz moved to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2021, seconded by member Murray Powell. All in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Old Business

Mr. Saiphoo mentioned that Member Robinson wrote an article that stated the most recent sale of a medical marijuana dispensary license costed \$60 million. Initially, only five licenses were made available, and that has now expanded to 22 licenses due to lawsuits. There is no chance for additional members of the public to apply for license unless they were one of the first pool of applicants from 2015. Chair Barroso asked if there will be opportunities for further expansion of dispensaries by the end of 2022. Member Murray Powell responded that there will be opportunities, as there is a lot of support, legislation has been proposed, and Florida is falling behind other states.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. MMAB MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Barroso thanked Member Robinson for his comments and efforts.

9. STAFF COORDINATOR REPORT/COMMENTS

Mr. Saiphoo mentioned Terrance Davis resigned from the Advisory Board and the position is now open. There are 8 out of 11 members currently seated. Send any recommendations to Mr. Saiphoo to forward to County Commissioners.

Member Murray Powell inquired about the declaration that was drafted regarding acknowledgement of the cannabis industry and medical marijuana dispensaries as essential during COVID-19. Mr. Saiphoo answered that the draft was transmitted to County Administration for County Commissioners respond. Chair Barroso also mentioned that he submitted the draft to Commissioner Holness specifically, but they have more pressing issues at this time. So, there is currently no update available.

10. Adjournment

Chair Barroso moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Hyman. Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 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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