

# SUMMARY MINUTES



## Medical Marijuana Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 | 1:30 pm

### Broward County Governmental Center East

115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 430 (4<sup>th</sup> FL), Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

#### Board Members Present

Scheril Murray Powell, Chair      Josh Davis      Seth Hyman  
Dustin Robinson      Abby Freedman

#### Board Members Absent

Ed Rebholz (resigned)      Jay Work

#### County Staff

Darby Delsalle, UPD      Sara Forelle, UPD      Monique Davis, UPD  
Kristen Carter, County Attorney

#### Attendees

No attendees from the public present.

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scheril Murray Powell called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Quorum was met with 5 members present.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from February 9, 2022, Regular Meeting

Josh Davis moved, Abby Freedman seconded, passed unanimously.

#### 4. CHAIR REPORT/COMMENTS

- a. Introductions - The Chair asked that everyone re-introduce themselves since it was the first in-person meeting since the pandemic, including the new Medical Marijuana Advisory Board (MMAB) staff coordinator, Sara Forelle introduced
- b. Review of previous Alternative Products Expo and MMAB Panel Participation - The first outreach event in 2 years. The event team was very accommodating, and it was beneficial that they chose Broward County to host. Members

#### DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD (Section 1-312 BCCO):

- 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; and
- Such other tasks as may be assigned by the Board.

Robinson and Hyman gave their comments and agreed that it was a good opportunity for the Board to educate the community and increase exposure.

## **5. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. ELECTION of MMAB Vice-Chair – Member Robinson nominated member Hyman. Motion: made by Member Davis; seconded by Member Freedman. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- a. PRESENTATION of MAP/Surtax Program by Gretchen Cassini, MAP Municipal Surtax Administration (CANCELLED)  
Member Hyman and Chair Murray Powell inquired about how items are approved to be listed on the agenda. Ms. Carter explained that, although the MMAB has not adopted bylaws that govern the approval of agenda items; the Chair has discretion in the matter.

- b. DISCUSSION regarding next Educational Summit(s)  
Member Hyman proposed having a brainstorming session to discuss ideas for the next event. The Chair asked that members also think about priorities for the next legislative session. Member Hyman also expressed interest in the MMAB reaching out to educating the public on alternative products outside of medical marijuana. Ms. Carter offered the opinion that the MMAB should focus on the activities listed in the board's mission. After ongoing discussion, the Chair proposed to transmit a report of the MMAB's accomplishments.

MOTION: To allow the Chair to draft the report, with the support of the Board Coordinator, for the Board of County Commissioners on the MMAB's accomplishments, using the following outline: Federal landscape, Florida landscape, County landscape, view from the members of the MMAB, and recommendations, and Appendix; and hold a workshop to discuss the draft report as a group. Moved by Member Freedman, seconded by Member Robinson, passed unanimously.

- c. UPDATES on House Bills 467, 549 & Senate Bill 768  
Senate HB768 passed. Member Robinson proposed presenting a workshop for the public on applying for marijuana-related business license. After further discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting and Ms. Forelle was asked to get additional information on the matter.
- d. DISCUSSION – Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on Medical Marijuana related policies for 2023 Legislative Session. This item will be discussed at the next MMAB meeting with recommendations made by the members.

## **7. PREVIOUS ITEMS**

- a. RESOLUTION – Cannabis Essential Workers Day – scheduling it for the next available Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments. Ms. Carter advised MMAB that all items up for a vote are open for public comments. However, when listing Public Comments as a separate agenda item, the item is open for the public to speak on any topic they desire.

## **STAFF REPORT**

- a. Update on request for inviting gubernatorial candidates to discuss future of medical marijuana – Ms. Carter advised MMAB that allowing candidates to speak would be beyond the scope of the board.
  
- b. Board Vacancies – The MMAB has several vacancies. Members should direct any potential applicants to contact the board coordinator. The applicant should contact their Commissioner to get support for appointment to the board. The Commissioner would then give their recommendation at the commission meeting and the Board of County Commissioners would vote to appoint the applicant. Member Hyman commented that the objectives of the board are not clear nor being addressed. After further discussion, it was determined that some of the board's objectives are either not currently under the County's jurisdiction and/or not applicable.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Member Freedman moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m. Seconded by Member Davis.