

**State of Rhode Island  
CANNABIS ADVISORY BOARD  
560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

**Cannabis Advisory Board  
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Department of Administration – Conference Room 2A  
1 Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

**OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Welcome and introductory remarks from Chairperson Ronald Crosson.**
- 3. Review and approve the minutes of the Open Meeting held on August 8, 2024.**
- 4. Review, discussion, and potential vote on the following topics related to the Social Equity Assistance Program and Fund, including a follow-up discussion from the August 29, 2024 Social Equity and Market Participation Subcommittees' recommendations:**
  - a. How many criteria should be required for an area to be considered a “disproportionately impacted area” based on the July 11, 2024 Cannabis Advisory Board meeting presentation on the data analysis conducted by the Office of Health and Human Services.
  - b. What additional factors and/or considerations should be evaluated when certifying applicants as social equity applicants.
  - c. Recommendations as to the distribution of funds from the Social Equity Assistance Fund, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-31.
- 5. Public Comment.**
  - a. If you wish to speak, please sign up on the sign-in sheet so the Chairperson will know to call your name. The Chairperson will explain public comment procedures during the meeting and may limit the amount of time for each person to speak.
- 6. Next Meeting Date:** October 10, 2024
- 7. Adjournment.**

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6(b), additional items may be added to the agenda by a majority vote of the members and shall be for “informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.” Any additional item so added may be considered in Executive Session provided that it complies with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-4(a) & 42-46-5(a).

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