



State of Rhode Island  
**CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION**  
560 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

**Cannabis Control Commission**  
**Open Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, September 15, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 PM  
**Place:** Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02886

**Members Present:** Chair Kimberly R. Ahern, Esq.  
Commissioner Robert B. Jacquard, Esq.  
Commissioner Olayiwola Oduyingbo, Esq.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Meredith Cotta, DBR Confidential Secretary

Chairperson Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

The first order of business was:

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on August 18, 2023.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Open Session Minutes from August 18, 2023.

The next order of business was:

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on August 24, 2023.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jacquard and duly seconded by Commissioner Oduyingbo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Open Session Minutes from August 24, 2023.

The next order of business was:

Discussion to appoint the non-voting representative from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy to serve on the Cannabis Advisory Board, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-6(b)(1)

Review of meeting with the Dean of College of Pharmacy and subsequent meeting with the candidate. Chairperson Ahern provided Ms. Stephanie Forschner-Dancause's resume and copies of the course syllabus for the URI Cannabis Studies program. Ms. Forschner-Dancause will be

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invited to a future meeting to provide CCC with a presentation from the URI Cannabis Studies program.

Discussion ensued.

### **Motion to appoint Stephanie Forschner-Dancause to the Cannabis Advisory Board.**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Oduyingbo and duly seconded by Commissioner Jacquard, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Stephanie Forschner-Dancause to the Cannabis Advisory Board.

The next order of business was:

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Commission noted that there will be presentations by Office of Cannabis Regulation and the RI Attorney General's Office at the 9/22/23 meeting. The Cannabis Advisory Board will be invited to the next meeting.

The next meeting date is 22 September 2023.

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The final order of business was:

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Oduyingbo and duly seconded Commissioner Jacquard, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

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