



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

Cannabis Control Commission

Open Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 22, 2023
Time: 1:00 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
Megan Mihara, DBR Principal Program Manager
Pamela Toro, DBR Administrator & Legal Support Services
Administrator
Erica Ferrelli, DBR, Chief of the Office of Cannabis Regulation
Ronald Crosson, Chair, Cannabis Advisory Board
Katherine Connolly Sadeck, Esq., Assistant Attorney General
Adam Roach, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Ahern called the meeting to order at 1:12pm.

The first order of business was:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on September 15, 2023.

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

VOTED: To approve the Open Session Minutes from September 15, 2023.

The next order of business was:

Introductory remarks from Ron Crosson, Chair of the Cannabis Advisory Board

Chair Crosson introduced himself and discussed the future work of the Cannabis Advisory Board. He looks forward to working on the goals laid out in the statute and that he hopes to convene their first meeting toward the end of October.

The next order of business was:

A presentation by the Office of Cannabis Regulation: Department of Business Regulation Deputy Director Matt Santacroce and Chief of the Office of Cannabis Regulation Erica Ferrelli

Erica Ferrelli provided a presentation regarding the history of cannabis in Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, present recent trends in market conditions, the Office of Cannabis Regulation operations and financial summary, emergent policy considerations and compliance. She noted that Matt Santacroce was unavailable today, but Pamela Toro, Esq., was also available to answer questions. During the presentation the Commission asked a few questions of Ms. Ferrelli and Ms. Toro.

[Reporter's note: Due to some technical difficulties with zoom/livestream, this portion of the meeting was not recorded. Ms. Ferrelli's presentation is available by request by emailing the cccinquiry@ccc.ri.gov.]

The Commission took a brief break at 2:04 pm. The Commission meeting resumed at 2:13 pm.

The next order of business was:

A presentation by the Attorney General's Office Open Government Unit: Assistant Attorney General Katherine Connolly Sadeck and Special Assistant Attorney General Adam Roach

Attorneys Sadeck and Roach provided the Commission with an overview of the Access to Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act as they relate to members of boards and commissions. During the presentation the Commission asked a few questions of Ms. Sadeck and Mr. Roach.

The next order of business was:

Public Comment (in person only)

1 person provided public comments on the following topics:

- Request for more retail stores as soon as possible

- More robust advertising
- Better access to metric data

There were no other comments.

The next order of business was:

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 29, 2023, 2 pm at the
Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888.