



SUMMARY MINUTES

Medical Marijuana Advisory Board
Government Center East, Room 430
115 S Andrews Avenue, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Arby Barroso, Chair	Terrence Davis	Anthony Fabrizio
Abby M. Freedman	Nicole H. Fried	Seth A. Hyman
Ed Rebholz	Jay Work	

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD	Maite Azcoitia, CAO
Chris Flynn, Admin, PDMD	Cyril Saiphoo, Staff Coordinator, PDMD

Attendees

Dejon Benjamin, Ft Lauderdale	David Cairns, Ft Lauderdale
Caittin Damone, Ft Lauderdale	Cristina Escalante, Boca
Mike Ferguson, Ft Lauderdale	Dadly Filius, N Lauderdale
Jessica Garcia-Iniguez, Miami	Jeff Greene, Weston
Tearony Hardaway, Ft Lauderdale	Dr. Michael J. McKenzie, Hollywood
Dr. Jeffrey Postal, Ft Lauderdale	Troy Postal, Ft Lauderdale
Scheril Murray Powell, Ft Lauderdale	Dr. Steven Siegel, Ft Lauderdale
Daniel Sparks, Oakland Park	Stephanie Sparks, Ft Lauderdale
Eric Stevens, Miami Beach	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arby Barroso at 1:48 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Staff Coordinator Cyril Saiphoo. A quorum was available with all members present.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 25th, 2018

MOTION: Abby Freedman moved to approve April 25 Board Minutes, as is. Anthony Fabrizio seconded. All in favor.

4. Chair Report/Comments

No Chair report or comments.

5. New Business

a. Presentation – Legal Update on Medical Marijuana Industry (Nikki Fried, Esq.)

Nikki Fried briefed legal updates since Compassionate Use Act of 2014, following 3-page

handout given to the Board members and public.

b. Presentation – Medical Marijuana Educational Summit (Jeff Greene)

Jeff Greene, registered lobbyist, spoke about and recommended an open education summit, following the one-page handout given to the Board members and public.

c. Motion – Approving a recommendation to the County Commission endorse and commit resources to hold Broward County’s first “Medical Marijuana Educational Summit”

i. Discussion

Board members individually spoke and each gave their support for an education summit.

ii. Public Comments

No public comments.

iii. Motion

MOTION: Nikki Fried moved to adopt the proposal of holding a Medical Marijuana Educational Summit to submit to the County Commission, with the date proposed, September 20, 2018. If proposal fails before the County Commission, recommend new date to meet the approval of the County Commissioners. Abby Freedman seconded. Amended to provide to the County Commissioners a list of guest speakers and that the MMAB maintains the responsibility of choosing those speakers.

iv. Vote

Unanimous vote, all members in favor.

6. Old Business

a. MOTION – Selection of MMAB Vice Chair

i. Nominations for Vice Chair

MOTION: Ed Rebholz moved to postpone nominations and vote until next meeting. Nikki Fried seconded. All in favor.

ii. Vote

No nominations, no votes, no comments.

b. MOTION – Setting MMAB meeting dates, times, and locations

i. Discussion

Dates presented: July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12. Government Center East, room 430, 1:30pm. Nikki Fried noted only conflicting date was December 12. All other members no conflicts with proposed dates.

ii. Motion to approve dates and times

MOTION: Ed Rebholz moved to approve proposed meeting dates, times, and location. No changes. Nikki Fried seconded. All in favor.

iii. Vote

Unanimous vote, all in favor.

7. Public Comments

Jessica Garcia-Iniguez introduces herself as community outreach resource to the Board, on behalf of Surterra.

Cristina Escalante provides community education on medical marijuana uses, publicly speaks at

local commission meetings to provide information.

Dr. Jeff Postal, owner of an MMTC in southeast Florida. Would like to see more consistent application of zoning rules within the municipalities of Broward County.

Scheril Murray Powell, an agricultural and cannabis attorney, spoke at the last Board meeting. Congratulated the Board on the focus of education and the increased presence of attendees from the last meeting. Noted increased need of support to pediatric patients and diversity emphasis in community involvement.

Dr. Michael McKenzie, board certified family physician, certified to evaluate and recommend patients for cannabinoids. Spoke about his experience dealing with families and children in need of cannabis treatments.

Dadly Filius, thanked the committee for the efforts of educating the community. Question, how do millennials 35 and under get involved with this type of Board or effort to help educate the younger demographic?

Eric Stevens involved in United for Care, Florida for Care, works on educating the public on medical marijuana. Interested in researching employee protections of positions that are not key safety positions.

8. MMAB Member Reports/Comments

No board comments.

9. Staff Coordinator Report/Comments

No staff coordinator report.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Ed Rebholz moved to adjourn meeting. Nikki Fried seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.

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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